

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday July 19, 2010

Members Present: Fred Goodrich, Chair,
Bill Trotta, Vice Chair
Peter Bogren, Jr., Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (WT) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**

Trash Collection Request to Reinstate – 7 Hemlock St

- Omar Soffan, requesting that Trash Collection be reinstated at his address.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to reinstate trash collection at 7 Hemlock Street. Unanimous all in favor.**

Centennial Committee

- (FG) Anita Fenton will meet with the Masterplan Implementation Committee to discuss the Centennial event due 5 years from now.
- (FG) will need to create an account to defray the cost, members should comprise of individuals from committees, public and social groups.
- (CB) has provided (FG) with the list of duties associated with this under Chapter 40.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to create a Centennial Committee and notify the Treasurer to create a special account.**

Pan Mass Challenge Fundraiser-Brian Thamel

- Brian Thamel requested permission to hold a toll road on August 7, 2010 between the hours of 8:30am and Noon.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to give permission to hold toll road on August 7, 2010 between the hours of 8:30am and Noon. Unanimous all in favor.**

Sunday Sales – Section 12 Licenses

- Memo received from ABCC advising that effective July 1, 2010 the legislature passed a new law authorizing Local Liquor Licensing Authorities to allow MGL c.138 §12 licensees to sell alcoholic beverages from 10am on Sundays.
- Licensees would be required to request this from the LLA.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (FG) to opt in to this law, pending confirmation from Town Counsel that he does not see any consequences. Unanimous all in favor.**

Town Administrator Update

RFP Senior Affordable Housing

- RFP for Senior Affordable Housing will be advertised on July 21st. Briefing session is August 25th and bids opened September 22.

Municipal Relief

- Conference Committee on Municipal Relief has issued a Summary of their recommendations for final approval. There are 36 items on the report.

Electrical Fees

- The Electrical Permit fees have been reviewed with surrounding communities and fee list dated July 20, 2010 shows requested adjustments for the Town.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to adopt the new fee schedule. (PB) opposed, believes in economic times should not be increasing these fees.**

Other Business

C90 Funds

- (CB) Mike Putnam DPW Superintendent requesting that C90 forms be signed by the BOS for resurfacing of Crocker Hill Road and Mount View Drive.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to approve resurfacing and sign C90 forms.**

New Access Road

- (FG) stated that he had spoke with the Police Chief regarding the new road, there has been a need for the police to make more frequent visits to the Recreational fields since the road was laid. (FG) had a concern with parking on the grass and asked the Chief to observe this.
- (WT) should have no parking on the grass, parking should be in the parking lot only. Should send a letter to Recreation telling them this.
- (CB) in light of the fact that the fields come under the Recreation, do you think that you should ask them first.
- (WT) asked who has the final authority (FG) responded BOS.

- (FG) we will publish memo that no parking should take place on the grass.
- (WT) also need proper signage.

Town Administrators Position

- (FG) opened the conversation that it was time to review the position, not the person in the position, have the recommendations from the DOR 2006 report.
- (PB) stated that he had reviewed the report and is currently talking to the people who were part of the Town Government Study Committee.
- (FG) stated that he wanted a clean look, not what the committee thought.
- (PB) stated that he wanted to formulate his own opinion, but the committee had put through a piece of legislation and wanted to know the process.
- (WT) said that he would also like more time.
- (FG) also stated that they should be looking at the current elected positions to be appointed rather than elected. Other towns are seeing benefits from changing.
- (CB) the Town Administrators position exists by a job description not a bylaw and could be at risk if there is a change in personnel of the BOS of Town Administrator.
- (FG) stated that he believes that they have come along way in the financial management of the Town mainly due to the actions of the Town Administrator.

Other Business

Public Safety Complex

- (WT) stated that he had read some of the minutes from the Public Safety Complex Committee and saw that business cards for officers were approved for \$658, but the Emergency Manager was turned down for \$600 for cots and said that it was scandalous.
- (FG) responded that it was the responsibility of the committee to bring the building forward not the budget of the Emergency Manager.
- Ray Charette, resident added that there were other items like carpeting, shelving, paper and photocopiers that were paid for from the money borrowed for the building, and believes this is a waste of money
- (PB) responded that all these things are part of the initial building project.
- (WT) was critical of the builder and architect as it appears that so many things have gone wrong with the building, and as the complex has been turned over to the Town, would like to know when the committee would be done.
- (FG) responded that as there were still issues to resolve, would expect the committee to

be finished in September.

- (PB) did not want to comment on the building without committee members being present, but would review the minutes and Change order.
- Ray Charette brought up the details of the borrowing on the project and the fact that it was only for 20 years when it could have been 40 years.
- (CB) corrected Mr. Charette and said that the Town did not have the opportunity to go to 40 years.
- (CB) told the Board that he had provided a summary of the borrowing to them, following the last time it was brought up. (FG) asked that (CB) provide the BOS with the information again.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant