

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 27, 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 7:30 pm.

### Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to accept the Executive Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**

### **Tax Taking – Tax Collector**

- Deirdre Malone, Tax Collector as requested provided the BOS with an update on outstanding taxes:
- 250 Marshall St, has a buyer, taxes owed will be collected at closing of the property.
- \$126123 in outstanding taxes for FY2010, of which are subsequent tax takings.
- BOS thanked the Tax Collector for the update and efforts being made.

### **Town 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to appoint, Joan Bedard, Scott Farrar, Anita Fenton, Eric & Sarah Howe, Paul Mathieu, Beverly Mulcahy, Meaghan Puglisi, Christopher Stone and Robert Wilby to the Town 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (FG) added that these people bring together people from the Women's Club, Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Historical Committee, Library, Master Planning, 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and Festival Committee.
- (FG) will arrange a meeting of these new members.

### **Trash Fee Abatement Request - 21 Asnebumskit Road**

- Peter Howard recently purchased 21 Asnebumskit to renovate, and will not be generating any household trash and has therefore requested an abatement of the Trash Fee. The property has been vacant for many years, and the Light Dept. has confirmed that there has

been no electric or water usage for many year.

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to give a temporary abatement of 6 months and request that homeowner comes back to the BOS after that time for a further abatement. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **Anna Maria Site Plan Review for New Dormitory**

- (FG) stated that the Fire Chief and DPW Superintendent did not have any problems with the plan.
- (WT) stated that he had a problem with the plan, because AMC was looking for a variance for 3 stories, when the Town only allows 2½.
- (PB) asked (FG) for information regarding PILOT talks that he has been having with AMC.
- (FG) responded that he is currently talking with the Chief Financial Officer at AMC along with our Police and Fire Departments to establish what they can project for call out with the increased population resulting from AMC's growth. He will then send along to AMC.
- (PB) stated that the Town is currently receiving no PILOT from AMC but they continue to make improvements and their assessed value is going up, feels that AMC need to step up and pay PILOT.
- (FG) stated that it must be an agreement.
- (WT) stated that he had spoke with the Police Chief regarding call outs to the campus, and (WT) believes that they need an additional 1.5 Police Officers to adequately police the campus.
- (CB) stated that as part of the Dormitory project, AMC are making water main improvements of a half million.

#### **Town Administrators Update**

##### **Grant Application**

- Water Commissioners have applied for a Public Drinking Water Systems Capital Improvement Plan Grant in the amount of \$7,500 to assist in the planning of an annual water main replacement program.
- (WT) asked how the Water Department was planning on making improvements, if they did not have the money.
- Jack Malone, Water Commissioner stated that they would have to borrow.
- (FG) stated that the Town has never received any income for the tree clearing that took place on Pleasant Street and around the Reservoir, should be entitled to 8% of income derived from the clearing.
- (FG) Worcester Water should also be paying PILOT, land assessed at \$ 2.1 million, but they have it valued at \$800,000. In 2004 the Assessors charged them PILOT but it went to Land Court and the Assessors lost.

#### **Water Revenue Projection**

- Water Commissioners have established the revenue projection for the Enterprise Fund for

FY11, spreadsheet supplied.

### **Housing Partnership**

- The PHP Committee has received four proposals for the Senior Housing on the Klingele property from:
  - Botany Bay Construction Company
  - JKS Paxton LLC
  - Planning Office for Urban Affairs
  - Stratford Capital Group.

### **Council on Aging Ramp**

- The Bay Path students are making excellent progress with the new handicap ramp at the White Building.

### **Other Correspondence**

- Free Cash Certified by DOR of \$324,428 for the Town and \$22,281 for the Water Enterprise Fund.
- (CB) provided a letter to the BOS informing them of his resignation for family reasons, effective December 31, 2010.
- Next meeting the BOS would decide on a Search Committee consisting of one Selectman, one Finance member, one Department Manager and two public at large.

**Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to adjourn meeting at 8:40pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant

Documents from the Meeting:  
Free Cash Approval with minutes

Town Collector memo - Town Collector file  
Town Administrator's resignation – personnel file