

**Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2011**

Members Present: William A. Trotta, Vice Chair
Peter Bogren, Jr., Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept the March 28, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Bottle Bill

- The Town of Paxton was presented with a request as to whether or not they support the Massachusetts Beverage Container Recovery Law of 1982, Massachusetts General Law c.94, and s321-327. **Motioned (WT) second (PB) not to support the Massachusetts Beverage Container Recovery Law. All in favor. Unanimous.**

Trash op out – 35 Forestdale Rd

- **Motioned (WT) second (PB) in favor of allowing Julie Przypek of 35 Forestdale Rd to opt out of the towns trash removal services, do to private contract. All in favor. Unanimous.**

Julie Jacobson

- **Motioned (WT) second (PB) to accept the resignation of Julie Jacobson from the Planning Board as stated in her letter and notice from the Town Clerk. All in favor. Unanimous.**

PHP letter of support

- **Motioned (WT) second (PB) to sign a letter of support for the Senior Housing Project's application for low-income housing tax credits. All in favor. Unanimous.**

Town Administrators Update

- The Town Hall Renovation Committee is holding two informational forums at the Paxton Center School on April 14th and 28th at 7:30pm to 8:30pm to provide information and answers on the project. As the Annual Town Meeting Warrant includes a petition article of \$270,000 to prepare plans for the renovation of the Town Hall, it would be worthwhile for the Board to attend one of these meetings to fully understand what the committee is proposing.
- Anna Maria College will be celebrating Earth Day on Tuesday April 19th and would like to include the Town by cleaning up around the White Building. A team of eight supervised students will clear the grounds of tree limbs and debris, trim and prune hedges, rake and seed the lawn and paint the sign and seal coat the ramp if time allows.
- On March 23, 2011 we had an arranged visit from the USDA Area Director to conduct a compliance review for the Public Safety Complex. Following which we received the enclosed letter dated March 30, 2011 informing us that we are in compliance. (PB) commented that he would like to see the form that is referred to in the three of the letter that the town received from the USDA.
- The Town Clerk has asked that you appoint someone as the Liaison to the Ethics Commission: this position was formally held by Charlie Blanchard who retired last December. **Motioned (WT) second (PB) to appoint Carol Riches as the Liaison to the Ethics Commission. All in favor. Unanimous.**
- One of the Town Administrators goals drawn up by the Board of Selectmen was to update the Employee Handbook. I have now completed this project and I will provide you with a copy: once the Personnel Board has reviewed this document.

AMC water line project

- (CR) starting April 19th the DPW will be working on Grove Street to run temporary water lines. This project has been coordinated with the Fire and Police departments. The work will be done to the town's specifications and there will be an agreement done with Anna Maria to ensure that all the proper insurance and bonds etc. that are needed are all in place. The project will begin at 50 Sunset Lane and proceed down to the intersection of Grove Street and Route 31. The project should be completed some time in July of 2012. There will be ground and resurfacing work done after the project will be paid for by Anna Maria College.

Chapter 90

- An additional \$40,000 has been received for Chapter 90

Paxton Housing Partnership

- The developer wishes to know whether the proposed ten acres chosen to be used for the project can be moved. The board would like to have the opportunity to look over the plans and review them further prior to making a decision.

Letter from City of Melrose

- The City of Melrose is looking to other communities to see if anyone would be interested in regionalizing an IT position with them. The Select Board would like to look into this to see what type of potential savings there might be in doing this.

Annual Town Meeting

Article 1.

Budget

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to recommend approval. All in favor

Article 2.

Money from Free Cash

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to recommend approval. All in favor

Article 3.

PCS window and roof repair

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (PB) seconded (WT) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. All in favor

Article 4.

Town Hall Renovations

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (PB) seconded (WT) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. All in favor

Article 5.

DPW Front end Loader

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. All in favor

Article 6.

Fire Dept - SCBA

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. All in favor

Article 7.

Police Cruiser

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to recommend approval. All in favor

Article 8.

Repaint White Building

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. All in favor

Article 9.

COA van

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to recommend approval. All in favor

Article 10.

Chapter 90

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to recommend approval. All in favor

Article 11.

Revolving accounts

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (PB) seconded (WT) to recommend approval. All in favor

Article 12.

Money from available funds to reduce tax levy

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (PB) seconded (WT) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. All in favor

Article 13.

Money into Stabilization

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (PB) seconded (WT) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. All in favor.

Article 14.

Money from Stabilization

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. All in favor.

Article 15

Flood Plain District

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (PB) seconded (WT) to recommend approval. All in favor

Article 16.

Open Government

Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept and place the article on the warrant. All in favor.

Motion (PB) seconded (WT) to recommend approval. All in favor

- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to delete article from warrant in regards to Solar By-law. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (PB) seconded (WT) to sign the warrant with changes when ready. Unanimous all in favor**

Town Warrant

- A request from Jack Malone was made to see if the Town Warrant could be place in other locations throughout the town rather than just the Town Hall.

Recreation request

- Recreation would like to paint bunny tracks from the egg hunt at the baseball fields to the library where pictures will be taken with the Easter Bunny. **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to allow Recreation to paint bunny tracks, with the understanding that it will be cleaned up and put back to its original status. Unanimous all in favor.**

Parking for baseball fields

- (PB) people are parking near the fields on the grassy area. (CR) They are looking to put boulders along there to stop people from parking in this area. They will also be putting signs up but have not ordered them yet. (WT) There should be a sing on the barrel that says "DO NOT ENTER"

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7:00pm

Adjourned Meeting at 8:05pm, Unanimous, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant

Documents from the Meeting:

Town Administrator's Update – File in Town Administrator's Update Folder

MASSPIRG – Bottle Bill file with meeting minutes

Trash Opt out – 35 Forestdale - filed in office

Resignation – Julie Jacobson – filed in office

PHP – letter of support – filed in office under JK Scanlan

PHP – request for site change – filed in office with PHP