

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Members Present: Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman,
Michael Quinlivan, Vice Chair John F. Malone, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The meeting was called to order at 7:02.p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2006. Unanimous.

Paxton Housing Partnership

- Martha Akstin, stated that \$20,125 remaining in FY06 budget.
- RFP advertised November 2005, no response.
- FY07 budget request \$39,000, for site preparation and consultant.
- David Ross suggested a soil test to ensure the site could support 20 units.
- Martha Akstin expects to expend the entire FY06 budget.
- (CB) believed that soil study and consultation work enough work for one year and cautioned a FY07 budget of \$39,000.
- (FG) would not like to see any progress hindered by insufficient budget amount.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept FY07 budget of \$39,000 with proviso that a finalized request received by April. Unanimous.

Historic Study Committee Report

- (FG) at the request of the Historic Study Commission discuss at the next regular meeting when committee is available.

Appointment

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to appoint Dory Huard to the Council of Aging Board. Unanimous.

NIMS (National Incident Management System)

- (CB) the Town has followed the NIMS procedure and (CB), Chief Desrosiers, Chief Conte and Chris Brunelle have taken tests to complete IC100 level.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept resolution and sign. Unanimous.

Town Administrators Update

Police Appointment

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept the recommendation of Chief Desrosiers and (CB) to accept the appointment of Sean Cooney as a part-time patrolman. Unanimous.

Building Report

- Monthly building activity report for the month of January. No action necessary.

Regional School Funding

- Letter from Holden encouraging the Town to send a letter to the Regional School Caucus regarding the way the present funding formula is applied.
- (FG) sent a letter to local senators and representatives.

Lottery Diversion

- MMA requesting the Board send a letter of support to end the diversion of lottery funds.
- (FG) sent a letter to senator and representative.

GASB 43/45 Other Post Employment Benefits

- (CB) supplied information from a seminar attended presented by Worcester County Retirement, would cost the Town approximately \$20,000 for an actuarial analysis.

FY06 Budget**1141 Assessors**

- Response from the Assessors that they plan to eliminate the Administrators Assessors position and add to the Assessors position; this would be filled with the present Administrators Assessor.
- BOS concerned that a position would be eliminated, may lead to problems later.
- After a discussion (FG) requested that the position be sent to the PAB for review and analysis.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to retain the Administrator Assessor and have zero funding FY07. (JM) opposed.

1145 Treasurers 1146 Town Collector

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the Treasurers FY07 budget request of \$34,507. (JM) recused.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the Collectors FY07 budget request of \$35,398. (JM) recused.

1175 Planning Board

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept Planning Board FY07 budget request of \$2200. Unanimous

1176 Zoning Board of Appeals

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the ZBA FY07 budget request of \$1770. Unanimous

Public Building Property

- (FG) increase the repairs by \$2000 to pay for any renovations needed to Town Hall offices.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the FY07 budget request of \$41150. Unanimous.

Building Inspector

- (CB) Assistant Inspector has been ill, but Building Inspector would like to keep \$2000 in FY07 budget for this assistance.

Other Business**Town Clerk**

- Town Clerk has made a presentation to Finance for an increase in salary due to the hours that this position involves.

Town Accountant

- (JM) asked whether sufficient hours had been allowed for this position.
- (CB) Town Accountant has made progress and she believes that when all information in the system and running smoothly that there should be sufficient hours.
- (JM) Believes a study be needed for both these positions.
- (FG) request PAB do a study of the Town Clerks position.

Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to adjourn meeting at 8:35pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
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