

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2011

Members Present:

William A. Trotta, Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees:

Planning board members: Neil Bagdis
Henry Stidsen, Pamela Vasil –Sagarian and Warren Bock

Attendee List

At 6:30pm the Board of Selectmen attended a PHP meeting to discuss the latest updates on the Senior Housing Project.

The Vice Chairman called the regular Select Board Meeting to order at 7:35pm

Planning Board

- There are two candidates that are running for the open position on the Planning Board. Mr. Ronald Johnson and Mr. Rob Jacobson. Mr. Jacobson was present at the meeting and provided the following information in regards to why he would like to fill the open position.
- Mr. Jacobson has been a resident of Paxton for 18 years. He was a member of the Finance Committee for ten years. He has a vested interest in the town and would like to help out the best way he can.
- Neil Bagdis spoke to clarify that the position is a one-year appoint till the next election. At the time of the election the position will be for another 1 year term, which will make a total of two years for this particular seat. Mr. Bagdis asked Mr. Jacobson if he felt that there would be anything that could create a conflict between him and the work done on the Planning Board. Mr. Jacobson replied no he did not. Mr. Bagdis proceeded to ask if Mr. Jacobson would have any problem attending the meeting, which are normally scheduled for Monday nights. Mr. Jacobson replied no, and that he would be willing to work around the planning board schedule. Mr. Malone asked if Mr. Jacobson had anything further to add beside what was provided in his letter of interest. Mr. Jacobson replied that he had expressed everything.
- (CR) stated that each member of both boards should provide an individual vote. Mr. Henry Stidsen made a motion that he would still like to have Mr. Johnson's name be considered for the position even though he was not present at the meeting. Pamela Vasil-Sagarian seconded the motion.

- (JM) consideration for both Ron Johnson and Rob Jacobson will be made. A vote was taken as follows: Mr. Johnson 2 votes and Mr. Jacobson with 4 votes. Mr. Jacobson is the new appointed member of the Planning Board.
- Mr. Bagdis informed Mr. Jacobson to go into the town clerk to be officially sworn in as a member of the Planning Board.

Solar By-law

- Mr. Bagdis informed the Board that there has been some rewriting of the solar by-laws. The original by-law stated that it should be an overlay district. The building inspector has come back and cleaned up the wording so that this can be handled by a special permit.
- (WT) when you are ready to present it to the Select Board we will review it and then it could go to town meeting.

Reorganization

- **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to make Mr. Trotta the new Chairman, Mr. Bogren the new Vice Chair and Mr. Malone the Clerk. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) not to approve the minutes do to (PB) being absent from the meeting, and this being Mr. Malone's first meeting as a new member. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Charles Bolster

- **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to accept the resignation that was received by the Town Clerk that Charles Bolster is resigning his position with the Water Board effective June 1, 2011 as well as his position as the Emergency Manager effective June 30, 2011. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Year-end transfers

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to approve the following end of year transfers as presented. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Transfer from	Transfer to	Amount
0100-1250-5200-0000	0100-1421-5200-0000	\$5,000.00
0100-1193-5200-0000	0100-1421-5200-0000	\$3,000.00
0100-1122-5103-0000	0100-1155-5800-0000	\$800.00
0100-1151-5201-0000	0100-1151-5200-0000	\$3,500.00
0100-1915-5813-0000	0100-1155-5200-0000	\$1,000.00
0100-1915-5814-0000	0100-1155-5200-0000	\$1,000.00
0100-1192-5200-0000	0100-1915-5812-0000	\$2,000.00
0100-1193-5200-0000	0100-1915-5812-0000	\$2,000.00

Meeting schedule

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to accept the proposed meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Shawn Mead

- **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to appoint Shawn Mead as a part time Dispatcher. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators update

- The Personnel Advisory Board met on April 29, and accepted the revised Employee Handbook. Please provide any comments or acceptance and then we will distribute to all employees. (JM) On page 3-1 under the vacation schedule it should read 0-5 years, 5-10 year and so on. This will be corrected. The board will wait till Peter returns to further review and accept the handbook.
- The Earthday site team met on May 3rd. We were provided with a quarterly recap. Wachusett Earthday will be going ahead with pouring the foundation for the new recycling building and will aggressively seek grants and donations to offset the cost of construction. Later this year we will look at the amount that the member towns will need to contribute for this project for FY2013. (WT) concerned over the lack of town participation. (CR) – upcoming hazardous day to try and get the word out. The electronic board will be used for update.
- The Recreation Commission was forced to close the new access road as people were parking in front of the Basketball Courts and along the access road in front of the Tivnan Field. The road will now only be available to emergency vehicles. (WT) The embanking was turning into mud, and now that the road is closed they may want to do some backfilled to level it out.
- We had initially invited Tom Cohen of Charter Communications to attend our meeting next week, but with the chance that Peter would not be present and Jack being newly elected we have put this meeting off till June. Please review the current contract and the information enclosed that I previously provided for your information..
- Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent is requesting that his department start their summer hour's from May 16, 2011 through September 16, 2011. The DPW's hours will be Monday through Thursday from 6am to 3:30pm and Friday 6am to 10am. **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to approve summer hours. Unanimous, all in favor. Motion (JM) seconded (WT) from this point forward could the request go to the Town Administrator, so that it does not have to come before the board every year. Unanimous, all in favor.**

(WT) The dog complaint for 1 Wildewood Drive had papers served. Check to see if the fines have been collected.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:00pm

Adjourned Meeting at 8:02pm, 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