

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 6, 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 7:05 pm.

Historic Study Committee Report

- Historic Study Committee presented their report which included six Town-owned properties to be included in the proposed Historic District: Town Hall, White Building, Records Building, Center Cemetery, RML and the Common.
- Committee planning a Public Hearing for April 3, 2006, and propose putting an article forward for the ATM warrant. Also looking to apply to have placed on the State Registry.
- Grants are available to towns and these could help towards maintaining buildings.
- Being a Historic District would give some protection from expansion, any road improvements must be first approved by the Mass Historical Commission.

Wachusett Regional School District Representatives (WRSDC)

- Alice Livdahl, (WRSDC).
- Proposed WRSD FY07 budget \$64.3million, \$2.9million increase from FY06; this is \$2.6 million more than the towns can afford to pay.
- Alice Livdahl stated that Louis Evangelidis is sponsoring a bill to request more C70 for the schools.
- Alice Livdahl stated that the new Rutland school would need staffing this year, this and the teacher negotiations will need additional funding in the budget.
- (JM) concerned that WRSDC use town numbers in their FY07 proposed budget that the towns have not voted on and that they have transferred FY06 budget monies from one account to another when the towns have voted on the amounts as line items in the accounts at the ATM.
- (FG) stated that they will send a letter to WRSD informing them what they can pay, and will ask that they meet again with the WRSDC and the Superintendent.

Recreation Commission

- Andy Serrato, Recreation Commission, stated that after meeting with Finance they had decided to eliminate the new line item "Capital Improvements" and split the \$10,000 requested between the Purchased Services and Supplies Accounts.
- Several improvements needed next year including a fence around Grove Street parking area and repairing of a wall at the Tivnan fields both to address safety concerns.
- Would also like to improve the drainage in the Grove Street parking lot and purchase picnic tables.

- Commission will look into putting the unused Water Cannon on eBay.

Town Administrators Update

FY07 Budget

- Updated FY07 Budget Request and WRSD budget numbers.

Special Town Meeting Votes

- Need to establish a Master Plan committee of between seven and thirteen members. Paul Robinson and Chris Baehrecke have shown interest.
- Due to lack of support for the sewer article, Rural Development has been informed that an income census is not necessary.
- Reinhart Associates has been asked to draw up a proposed contract to proceed with the feasibly phase of the Public Safety design.
- Town Counsel has been asked to prepare an RFP for evaluation of the Town Hall physical condition.

John Bauer Senior Center

- A leak has occurred in the boiler at the J. Bauer Senior Center, obtaining proposals.

Low Impact Development By-Law Study Committee

- BOS provided with copies of the current bylaw and an Executive Summary. Public hearing planned for March 30, 2006.

Correspondence

- New Victuallers license and Ice Cream on Lords Day licenses approved for the new owners of Coffee on the Common.
- Letter from a resident commending Police Office Keller.
- Resigned part-time officer David Ahlin note of thank you to the Paxton Police Dept for the opportunity to have worked with them.
- Conservation Commission enforcement order.
- Letter of thanks from Annette Aubertin for having the opportunity to take part in the Senior Municipal Program.
- Letters from Sen. Harriette Chandler in response to the BOS letters regarding support for C70 and transportation costs.
- Letter from resident Susan Wolfenden objecting to property photographs appearing on the Town's web site through Vision Appraisal.
- Letter from Commonwealth Development informing the Town that the Capital Application had been received and a score of 50 points.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2006.

Unanimous.

Public Session

- Chris de. Marcken commented that he had averaged the WRSD budget requests for the last nine years and the average increase was 9.25% the same as they are asking for FY07.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 9:02pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

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