

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## ***Regular Meeting Minutes***

**Monday, March 13, 2006**

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members of the Planning Board and Water Commissioners were present to receive copies of the Tata & Howard Water Distribution Study dated December, 2005, and listen to a summary of the report's findings presented by J. Malone, Chair of the Water Commission.

### **Town Administrator's Update**

- A resolution on PILOT money from STAR was reviewed by the Board.
- Dean Osgood was appointed a Part time Dispatcher at the starting rate of \$10.19 per hour. Motion (JM), second (MQ) All in favor.
- CB discussed the BOH recommendation that the Town go with the 20 year contract offer from Wheelabrator Millbury. He said the paperwork is at Mirick O'Connell for review. The agreement will have to be accepted at this year's Annual town Meeting.
- The Building Department's report for February was reviewed by the Board. FG expressed his continuing concern that building activity seems to be down and our revenues may be less than projected for FY06.

### **Review of the FY07 Budgets - Continued**

- The revised Library budget was reviewed and the requested salary and wage increases were discussed in detail. FG asked CB to make a spreadsheet showing the Grade each position was in and where they are currently positioned along the range of the Grade. JM requested that this also be done for other town departments. The Board will review the Library's request further at their next meeting.
- The Board accepted the Historical Commission's requested Budget.
- The Tree Warden's budget was accepted as requested.
- The Recreation Commission's requested budget was accepted (as revised with the additional \$10,000 going into purchased services (\$2000) and Supplies (\$8000).
- A discussion was held on the Memorial Day budget and the reason it was placed under Recreation. Chris de Marcken said that when Recreation came before the Finance Committee they had explained that they really don't purchased the flowers and spent little of the money so they recommended it be reduced to \$100. He went on to say that this should be in a budget that would be able to give it more oversight such as the Board of Selectmen. Motion (JM) second (FG) to place this budget under the Board of Selectmen and make it \$400.00. All in favor
- CB mentioned the request by Christina Meriah, Recreation Director, to have Borelli's Band play at the Memorial Day Parade at a cost of approximately \$400.00. Motion (JM) second (MQ) to pay for this out of Selectmen's Contingency Fund. All in Favor.
- Motion (FG) Second (JM) to increase the FY07 Memorial Day budget to \$800.00 so the band

- could play that year as well. All in favor.
- A discussion was held on the Town Clerk's request for additional help and the need for clerical support for the Town Accountant as well as the Treasurer – Collector during busy periods. Motion (FG) second (MQ) to take the temporary help line item of \$6,138 from the Selectmen's Budget and place it in the Town Administrators' budget, adding \$7,000 to it for 10 hours per week support for the Town Clerk and 5 hours per week for the Town Accountant as well as some additional hours for the Treasurer – Collector during peak activity periods. Assignment of these hours to be determined by the Town Administrator. Two in favor, (JM) abstained.
- A discussion was held on the need to have the recommendations from the Capital Planning Committee in the very near future. (MQ) indicated he hoped to have another Capital Planning Meeting on March 23.
- The overall budget was discussed with a motion (JM) second MQ) to recommend the amount of \$4,497,771 for the total Wachusett Budget, including a Min Required Contribution of \$3,687,988; Long Term debt of \$314,457; Transportation of \$151,312; and RASA of \$344,014. All in favor.

#### **Other Business**

- The Board reviewed correspondence including the Fire Department's monthly report.
- (FG) discussed the situation with Cutler Road and how the acceptance of the road had not been recorded. He expressed concern that other roads may be in the same situation. (CB) said that he would provide a list of the accepted roads along with their dates of acceptance and discuss with Peter Dawson the most cost effective way to do a title search to see if they have been recorded.
- (FG) also expressed concern that the Committee to re-negotiate water rates with Worcester has not been very active, and also wondered if the Asnebumskit pump station was being maintained per the Worcester agreement.

**Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to adjourn Regular Meeting at 9:20pm. Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Charles T. Blanchard Town Administrator