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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Members Present: William A. Trotta, Chairman
Peter Bogren, Jr., Vice Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

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

Paul Robinson

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to appoint Paul Robinson to the Paxton Historic District Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Jeffrey Kent

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to appoint Jeffrey Kent to the Capital Improvement Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Bay Path Vocational High School

- Superintendent Papagni was present along with the schools Finance Manager, Mr. LeFleche, Mark Liden, the Project Manager, and Mike McKeon the Architect on the project. They presented a project in which 2/3 of the school would be remodeled and 1/3 of the project would be a new addition.
- Superintendent Papagni explained that the cost of the project has been estimated at \$73,800,000. They are to receive a state reimbursement of \$46,494,000, which will leave the final cost of the project to be \$27,306,000. Paxton is one of ten towns that has students at Bay Path, and our net estimated cost for the project would be \$1,085,846. FY 2014 would be the first year that this cost would be reflected on the real estate taxes, at about \$14.18 with a maximum annual cost of

\$43.58. Our student capacity is 850 and we are currently at 1,100. We have taken over shop space to accommodate for more academic classrooms.

- Mr. McKeon the architect explained some of the items that were being done with this project. A two story wing in front of the current entrance will be added on. This is a very simple design and we have only done what we need to do. We will be doing a new roof, and we have discovered some areas that have had water damage over the years that need repairing.
- Mr. Liden is the project manager from MSBA and he spoke in terms that this project is strictly bare bones and being done in the most cost effective manner possible. With participation from the state this is the time to bring an old building up to date.
- Mr. LaFleche is Bay Path's Financial Manager. This is a meat and potatoes project. We are not touching the fields. There will be no renovation done to the gym or auditorium, because these are not reimbursable areas with the MSBA. 64% of this project is being reimbursed from the state. UniBank has put together an estimated borrowing cost of 3.98% to be Paxton's share of the participation of this project. Every year they will recalculate the town's percentage of population towards payment of the project. First the School Committee will have to vote on this project and then the towns will vote. If all towns do not pass this project unanimously, then Bay Path can look to a district wide vote.
- (PB) How confident are we in the estimated cost of this project?
- Mr. Papagni replied that with MSBA overseeing this I am very confident that we are in a good situation.
- (PB) What percentage of your students go onto college?
- Mr. Papagni replied that about 50% go onto college.
- (PB) Will the new entrance add to the security of the building?
- Mr. McKeon replied that yes that was a specific area in the design that we did not compromise on security.
- (JM) Does the school have Wi-Fi?
- Mr. Papagni replied that we are already wired due to the fact that we have over 1000 computers in the school.
- (JM) Is there something in place that states if you ask for \$73,000,000 we don't end up at \$83,000,000?
- Mr. LeFleche commented that we would not be allowed to spend more than what is voted on.
- (JM) What is start date?
- Mr. Papagni replied that we hope to be shovel ready for the spring of 2013 and have the project complete by the end of 2015.
- (WT) What would a new school cost for Bay Path?
- Mr. Papagni stated well over 100,000,000.
- (JM) How are change orders handled?
- Mr. Liden replied that we identify and log any changes that occur which is then provided to MSBA.
- (WT) With the school committee meeting in March and the Annual Town Meeting in May would you do a presentation prior to these meetings?
- Mr. Papagni stated that they will be putting together a video with information.
- Bob Wilby who is one of Paxton's representative for Bay Path stood up and spoke of how proud he is of what Bay Path does, and that supporting this project is the right thing to do.

Trash Abatement 14 Orchard Drive

- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to approve the trash abatement going forward for the property located at 14 Orchard Drive. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

1. At the MMA meeting last weekend Lt. Gov. Tim Murray outlined a fiscal 2013 state budget proposal that will look like the final budget for the current year.

The plan included the following:

- ❖ All school districts fully funded at the foundation level.
 - ❖ Transportation bond bill to be filed this month that will include \$200 million for Chapter 90 local roads and bridge program (matches the current year dispersal figure).
 - ❖ Unrestricted General Government Aid will be level funded at \$833 million with a provision to provide an additional \$65 million in local aid (as was done this year) if the state has a sufficient surplus at the end of the current fiscal year.
 - ❖ Level fund the special education circuit breaker account, the Payment in lieu of Taxes program for state owned land, regional school transportation and charter school reimbursement.
 - ❖ \$7 million for the Community Innovation grant program and increase of \$3 million over this year.
2. Paxton Center School Project Update: The project is moving along but there have more missed days recently due to bad weather conditions such as wind and ice. The windows are ordered and if at all possible the intention is for these to be installed during April vacation. Attached is the latest project schedule.
 3. Mike Putnam and I met with Aubrey Strauss and Karen Gracey from Tata & Howard Engineering to discuss the Stormwater requirements under the new permit that is expected out this year. Ms. Strauss kindly reviewed our current Stormwater Bylaw and recommended additional wording in regards to Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE), which will be one of the new requirements of the permit. I have provided this new information to the Planning Board for acceptance at the May Annual Town Meeting.

- ❖ It is clear from our meeting that funds will be needed to address this unfunded mandate and Ms. Strauss and Ms. Gracey have offered to meet with the Board of Selectmen and Finance to provide information on the subject.
- 4. The Pilot Committee met with representatives from Anna Maria College last week and is in the process of setting up monthly meeting to discuss this more.
- Frederick Goodrich stated that in restarting these meetings they are working less on financial items and more on other resources for the town. Perhaps a contribution through the library.

Light Commission Opening

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the open position on the Light Commission that has recently been vacated, and to have it placed on the May ballot. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Other Business

- (WT) The emergency Management budget is ready.
- (WT) Still looking for volunteers for the Red Cross sheltering course that would be put into place during emergencies.
- (PB) How many are on the list
- (CR) 6 or 7

Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Police Contract and will only come back into our Regular Session to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous, all in favor.

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 9:00am

Adjourned Meeting at 9:25pm, Unanimous all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant

Documents filed with Meeting Minutes:

Agenda

Attendance list

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Town Administrators Update

William A. Trotta
Chairman

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Vice Chairman

John F. Malone
Clerk