



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 12, 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.

Light Commission Appointment

- Emerson Wheeler from the Light Commission stated that their recommendation to the open position was Mr. John Crowley of 33 Crowningshield Drive in Paxton.
- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to appoint John Crowley to the Light Commission. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Storm water presentation

- Aubrey Strauss from Tata and Howard Engineering was present to discuss the storm water requirements under the new permit that is expected out this year. Aubrey did a power point presentation that coincided with a booklet that she handed out which gave all the details about the USEPA's Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program.
- (WT) What do you have to do as part of the permit?
- Aubrey Strauss relied that there are six minimum control measures that have to be completed.
- (WT) Who is responsible for getting the public information out, and who pays for it?
- Aubrey Strauss stated that typically it is the DPW that is responsible for getting the information out to the public, and this is an unfunded mandate.
- (WT) What are the fines for not complying?

- Aubrey Strauss stated that she has seen them range from \$2,000 to \$50,000.
- (WT) Can the town set regulations for new construction, and if they do not comply can we turn around and fine them, and use that to pay any fine that the town may incur?
- Aubrey Strauss emphasized that yes you can. You can require such items as pre and post development run off plans which can be guided by your town by laws.
- (WT) Will the town need to have two separate sets of pipes for this?
- Aubrey Strauss stated that since Paxton does not have sewer we would not need two separate sets of pipes. The item that seems to be the biggest issue is the requirement of getting wet and dry samples from all of the town's outfalls.
- (JM) Do you know what the cost of that would be for a town the size of Paxton?
- Aubrey Strauss said that Leicester has estimated an annual cost of \$70,000 to get dry and wet samples.

Open Annual Town Warrant

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to open the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and to close it on April 9, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.**

AMC Road Race

- Anna Maria College to have its third annual Run for Haiti road race. The race will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2012. **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to approve the Annual Run for Haiti road race. Unanimous, all in favor.**

WRSD Task Force

- Peter Bogren is the town official that will be part of the task force that will examine revenue sharing for WRSD.

Non-binding referendum question

- **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to retract the vote taken at the last meeting in regards to the non-binding referendum question. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Bay Path

- **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) voted to include the debt exclusion question on the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Election Ballot. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

Paxton Center School Green Project Update

- The Town Accountant has requested the first reimbursement of \$331,443 from MSBA under the Green Repair Project.
- The term for the temporary borrowing ends this month. As the exact cost of the project is not determined, we have decided that it would be more beneficial to roll over the temporary borrowing for a further term of three months. The long term borrowing will then commence at the end of June.
- Work will commence on the windows at the Paxton Center School at the end of April.
- Gerry Ryan has provided information on the upcoming events at the Senior Center. The center continues to be busy with activities and all seniors are welcome to attend these events.
- We have returned a signed contract with FEMA to receive 75% reimbursement of the cost of Hurricane Irene. The Town can expect to receive the sum \$4,064.60 in due course.
- We received a check for \$14,774.54 from Charter as the annual PEG Access Grant. This as you know goes into the Cable Fund.

The Historical Commission is requesting to use part of the upstairs at the COA for storage.

The 250th Committee is requesting an article be put on the Annual Town Warrant for \$2,000 that the committee can put towards the event. **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to approve an article for \$2,000 for the 250th Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Planning Board articles

- Neil Bagdis presented that the Storm Water amendments are done and will be over to the Selectmen soon, and the Solar by-law will be submitted on April 9, 2012.

Boy Scout Troop 105

- Troop 105 will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner at the Congregational Church on March 18, 2012 at 6pm

Motion (JM) seconded (WT) 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 Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00pm

Adjourned Meeting at 9:10pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant
From the notes of Carol Riches

Documents filed with Meeting Minutes:

Agenda
Attendance list

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Town Administrators Update
Tata and Howard presentation

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