



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 23, 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 6:59pm.

Cell Towers on Asnebumskit Rd

- **(JM)** There are some facilities that are obsolete, and we need to put some language into the by-law that will put some teeth into it. Currently there is no monetary value to this if the towers are abandoned.
- **(WT)** Who owns the land?
- **(JM)** Another entity. With the value of scrap metal the town could take the tower down and get the money from the scrap. If it doesn't cover the cost of the removal then charge the rest to the owner. **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to request that the Planning Board review and update the Town By-law 8.9.3 to provide the Town with the ability to charge a fee to the owner until such a time that the non-operating tower is removed. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Election Warrant

- The Town Clerk presented the Board with the Election Warrant to be signed for the Annual Town Election to be held on May 14, 2012.

41 Camp Street

- The Board reviewed the findings of the Paxton Police Department in regards to the traffic on Camp St. **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to have a "GO SLOW CHILDREN" sign erected in this location. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.
- Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.
- Minutes from April 9, 2012 to be revised.

Paul Ruane Constables Bond

- (WT) I thought we were going to pay for the bonds for the Constables?
- (CR) We looked into what other towns do and they do not pay for the Constables Bond, so we let that matter go.
- Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept the Constable Bond papers for Paul Ruane. Unanimous, all in favor.

Town Administrators Update

1. The Cable Committee recently met to discuss the Cable Contract that is set to expire September 13, 2013. As the process for this renewal can be rather involved they asked that I bring this matter up with Board and ask whether you wish the Cable Committee to take on this task or whether you would prefer to appoint a Cable Renewal Committee. If you would prefer the latter, this should be advertised and appointed as early as possible.
 - The Board agreed to let the Cable Committee work on the Cable contract.
2. Following the acceptance by the Board of the Sale of Town Owned Property policy, please appoint the following to the committee: Carol Riches, Rick Trifero, Mike Putnam, Deirdre Malone and Kathleen Stanley, as an ex-officio non-voting member from the Assessors (as Kathleen is not a Paxton resident).
 - Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to approve and appoint the above mentioned members to a committee established for the Sale of Town Owned Property. Unanimous, all in favor.
3. Robert Wilby is requesting permission to hand out the enclosed informational leaflet at the Annual Town Meeting. I have also passed this along to the Moderator.
 - Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to allow information leaflets to be handed out at the Annual Town Meeting. Unanimous, all in favor.
4. Last Thursday twelve volunteers attended the American Red Cross Emergency Shelter Training at the Public Safety Complex. The course provided valuable information for building community response. Suzanne Billings, the Red Cross Coordinator has suggested that the next step would be to arrange an emergency shelter drill at Anna Maria College.

- (WT) We have received a shipment of our own cots and blankets, and we are looking to get another \$2,000 grant for additional cots and blankets. These will be stored over at Anna Maria College so that they are ready in case of an emergency.
5. Mike Putnam received the enclosed email from the DEP informing him of the potential need to implement demand management measures to address the dry conditions and any prolong drought. As the email states restrictions if necessary will come into effect on May 1, 2012. We will keep you informed on this.
 6. The fiscal year 2011 Audit is now complete and a copy has been distributed to the Board. If the Board wishes we can arrange for the Town Accountant and Treasurer to present information concerning this audit at a future meeting of your choice.
 - **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve to meet with the Town Accountant and the Town Treasurer in regards to the audit, after the Town Election. Unanimous, all in favor.**
 7. The engineering company Coler & Colantoni has submitted Project Need Forms to MassDot for the reconstruction of Richards Avenue and Holden Road on behalf of the Town. These forms have been submitted to MassDOT in an effort to bring attention to the need to improve these roads for mobility, safety, drainage and pedestrian accessibility. Many local projects are submitted to Mass DOT, but we hope to gain their attention for these projects.
 - (WT) We looked at making this intersection into a 4 way with stops.
 - (CR) We are trying to keep our name out there.
 - (PB) MASS DOT stated that this was not a dangerous intersection. There are other ones more dangerous.
 - (JM) At one point we talked about putting a fence along the common side by the church, so that cars can't park there.
 8. I attended a project meeting for the Paxton Center School Green repairs last week and was informed that the windows would not be installed until the week of May 21, 2012. Unfortunately, everything was not in place to start the window replacement during April vacation as initially hoped and with the school conducting MCAS testing the two weeks commencing May 7th, May 21st was determined to be the earliest date to begin the removal of the windows.
 - (PB) Why weren't they ready?
 - (CR) The windows needed to be tested, and the individual that does that was not available.
 9. The Town Accountant has requested a second reimbursement from MSBA and received one reimbursement to date of \$328,812.

In Closing

- Mr. Trotta took a moment for his last meeting to thank the Town Administrator for all her work. Thanked the local press for getting information out to the residents. Thanked Jack Malone for all work on the FY2013 budget. Handed the gavel over to Peter Bogren as incoming Chairman, and thanked him specifically for his work on the White Building. Thanked Frederick Goodrich for mentoring him when he first started. Then encouraged all town residents to come to the Town Meeting and vote at the upcoming Town Election.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00pm

Adjourned Meeting at 7:23pm, 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:

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Chairman

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Vice Chairman

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Clerk