



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 17, 2012

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

Members Present: Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman
John F. Malone, Vice Chair
Frederick G. Goodrich, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Reorganization

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to make Peter Bogren the new Chairman for the Select Board. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (PB) seconded (FG) to make John Malone the new Vice-Chairman for the Select Board. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to make Frederick Goodrich the new Clerk for the Select Board. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Budget Discussion

- (CR) WRSD will be voting on a new budget
- (PB) Our assessment is going down.
- (JM) \$450,000 reduction in the assessment not in the WRSD budget.
- (FG) What is the budget?
- (PB) \$79,300,000
- (CR) We still have an override no matter what happens.
- (FG) Are we still voting on Bay Path?
- (PB) Yes, they have asked us to still vote on it.
- (JM) Rutland turned down the override. They sent the school a note asking them to drop there number.
- (JM) Are we going for an override no matter what? Are we still joined?
- (PB) We need to see what happens with Rutland.
- (CR) We need an override. We cannot cut our operating budget any further.

- Rich Fenton spoke that we need an override. With the fact that Bay Path went down it doesn't seem that any override will pass.
- **(FG)** If the override is rejected with us and Rutland then the school needs to redo their budget.
- **(PB)** We need to look at a number that we need to deal with.
- Rich Fenton stated that WRSD will never lower it to a level that will not hurt our budget.
- **(JM)** I have a number that I think that we need to get to. We need to dig in and make a stand. We have done all the cutting we can do. No override no extra money, this is it, and we need to cc Rutland, and encourage them to do the same.
- **(FG)** I don't have a problem if we know what that figure is. Rutland has a town budget included in that override. This is not a one year problem. We need to take a stand.
- **(PB)** I would be happy to call Rutland, but they have put in there number.
- **(JM)** Whatever we have for an override, take it off the assessment. 3.6 million off of the assessment.
- **(PB)** So it would be 2.15 million more? Is that what you would like me to do?
- **(JM)** Assuming it goes down tonight at the WRSD meeting.
- **(PB)** I will call Rutland.
- **(JM)** Asked the Town Clerk whom was present at the meeting if she was ok with the way everything has been posted
- Sue Stone replied that everything has been posted, and said that if Town Counsel was ok with everything then it was fine.
- **(PB)** It is important that we know that you are all set come Monday.
- Susan Stone replied if Town Counsel said that was correct then I will go with that.
- **(PB)** Are we all set?
- Susan Stone again replied I'm going with Town Counsel.
- **(PB)** Going forward who do I have to talk to makes sure a warrant is posted properly?
- Susan Stone replied that other towns hold a meeting prior to a warrant being posted.
- **(CR)** We always send the warrant to Town Counsel prior to posting.
- **(FG)** The question was the budget not being posted?
- **(PB)** The problem was the afternoon of the Town Meeting the Town Clerk felt that there was a problem with the warrant being posted without the budget.
- Susan Stone replied that it was a bonding issue.
- **(CR)** stated that we don't do bonding on the budget numbers.
- **(PB)** We need a meeting to have this done.
- Susan Stone stated that most towns do it that way and the Moderator makes a lot of calls.
- **(FG)** We do that through Finance, BOS and Town Counsel, and then the Moderator.
- **(PB)** directed to the Town Clerk, do you have any questions as of now? You have looked at the warrant, and it seems correct?
- Susan Stone stated that if Town Counsel approves.
- **(PB)** Town Counsel stated that I would probably pass it over, but I would not have a problem with you voting on the budget.
- **(JM)** Asked the Town Clerk, so you didn't see the article until the day of?

- Susan Stone replied I didn't see those words.
- **(PB)** We are all set for this meeting and in the future we will meet to discuss.

Year-end transfers

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the following end of year transfers. Unanimous, all in favor.**

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MIS	\$2,000.00
Fuel Central Purchasing	\$4,000.00
Historical Commission	\$75.00
Electric Central Purchasing	\$5,000.00
Medicare	\$4500.00
Treasurers payroll	\$800.00
Town Report	\$130.00
MIS	\$3,000.00

- Request for transfer of \$950.00 to Town Clerk supplies was first and seconded, and then a discussion followed.
- **(JM)** \$800.0 was spent on four flag holders and now asking for a transfer in order to purchase a filing cabinet.
- **(PB)** Can this wait? And we need to see if purchase has been made.
- **(JM)** If we don't transfer she will not have the money to encumber and will have to wait until next year.
- **(PB)** a motion was already made and two were in favor, and based on further discussion all those still in favor say Aye. No response. All those opposed say no. The no's have it. All three members voted unanimously to deny the request.

Pasted over approving the minutes until the next meeting on June 4th.

DPW Surplus

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the following bids for the surplus equipment from DPW. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- Warren Auto Wrecking
20 Pryor Road
Leicester, MA 01524
1995 Ford Econoline Van - \$212.00
- Mark Soojian
1640 Main Street
Leicester, MA 01524
1984 International Dump with catch basin cleaner - \$550.00
6 C. Y. steel sander (hydraulic) - \$65.00
Austin Western Grader (parts machine only) - \$565.00

Paxton Housing Partnership

- Meeting May 24, 2012 with Lieutenant Govern for the approval of the funding for the PHP project. Fred will speak on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Fred will also get with Martha about selecting a senior to speak.

Library trustees

- Are looking for approval to speak to Town Counsel in regards to the elevator project. This expense can be paid for by the trustees.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to allow the Library Trustees to speak to Town Counsel, and payment for services should be made by the trustees. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Open Space and Recreation

- The plans have been rewritten and updated. GWLT and Paxton Land Trust are requesting a total of \$17,400. The Conservation Commission has signed this and now needs the Chairman's signature. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) in favor of signing. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Donation of a kiln to the Richards Memorial Library

- (JM) A kiln for firing ceramics was donated to the library, but that building cannot handle it with the temperature that it reaches.
- (FG) This should be the Fire Inspectors responsibility.
- (JM) Perhaps AMC would take the kiln and allow Paxton residents to utilize it.

PILOT

- (FG) Great idea. On June 5th they meet with the library trustees and they could discuss that option.
- (PB) How was this posted?
- (FG) It is not a PILOT meeting.
- (PB) When is the next PILOT meeting?
- (FG) We have not posted one yet.
- I want to make sure that the committee is handling what it needs to.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2012 prior to Town Meeting at 6:30pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:10pm, 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

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Chairman

John F. Malone
Vice Chairman

Frederick G. Goodrich
Clerk