

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 3, 2006

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The meeting was called to order at 7:02.pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2006. Unanimous.

Trash Abatement - 5 Berkshire Drive

- Request for abatement as house is vacant.
- **Motion** MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the abatement subject to confirmation that no electricity and water has been used for period requested by abatement. Unanimous.

Library Trustees and Director

- Discussed procedure for increasing salary within the current range of the grade.
- BOS agreed that the requested raises for FY07 were acceptable as still within the ranges.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the Library FY07 budget as presented in the sum of \$153,885. Unanimous.
- (CB) stated that the trust income of \$6,500 included in the budget as an off-set should be removed and shown as a receipt.
- Debbie Bailey, Director would like to see how this trust income is being utilized each year.

Michael Putnam- DPW Superintendent

Summer Working Schedule

- To commence the second full week in May to the second full week in September, Monday to Thursday 6am to 3pm and Friday 6am to 10am, no over-time will be charged for any burials on Fridays
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the Summer Working Schedule.

Chapter 90

- Superintendent proposed paving 5 streets and would like to complete these before new bid in July for Asphalt, as expecting a significant price increase.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to complete these roads. Unanimous.
- Discussed the possibility for keeping maintained the end of Brigham Road that is not used for traffic.

Regional Selectmen's Meeting Update

(FG) outlined some of the areas covered by the meeting on March 29, 2006.

- Appointments were made to work on several regionalization projects:
- Mutual Aid – Public Works – Charlie Blanchard, Paxton Town Administrator
- Trash Collection and IT – Brian Bullock, Holden Town Manager
- Master code (plumbing, electrical, Building Inspector) Don D'Auteil
- Health Agency – Dennis Rindone, Princeton Town Administrator
- Next Meeting scheduled for September in Rutland.

Appointments

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Donna Graf Parsons to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee as representing the Assessors and Jim Stone to represent the public. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Kevin Hubbard to the Paxton Housing Partnership. Unanimous.

FY07 Budget

Council on Aging

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the request to increase the hours of the Outreach Coordinator from 10 to 18 hours at an increased pay rate of \$11.75 per hour. Unanimous.
- Request for an increase from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for the use of the Handicap van not accepted.
- **Motion** to accept the COA budget. Unanimous.

Compensation Accounts

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to increase the pay scales for employees by 2% and credit a line item in each department budget for 2% merit. Elected and stipend positions to be increased by 3% and the Fire Department by 4%. Unanimous.

Town Clerk

- (FG) would like to respond back to the Finance Committee and ask that they reconsider their action to increase the Town Clerk's salary rather than have a line item for Temporary Help included in the Town Administrator's budget.
- Town Clerk and Town Administrator's budgets not finalized at this point.
- (FG) would like to have an article to put \$200,000 into stabilization, wait until after the Capital Meeting on Thursday, April 6th to confirm this figure can be used.

Town Administrators Update

Historic District Article

- Town Counsel confirmed that the Historic District article is a change in the general bylaw not zoning.

WRSD Lease Agreement

- Proposed changes in plowing and sanding rates as part of the WRSD lease.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to send the proposal to WRSD. Unanimous.

GMC Forest Truck Bid

- Highest bid \$2,025.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept bid.

WRTA

- Paxton unable to join the WRTA.

Capital Improvement Item

- (CB) provided a list of these that will be considered at the Capital Meeting on Thursday.

Low Impact Development

- Public Hearing April 13, 2006.

Public Safety Site Feasibility Study

- Town Counsel has reviewed and returned the contract to Reinhardt Associates for modifications.

Town Hall Evaluation Study

- Lamoureux Pagano Associates will begin the evaluation of the Town Hall in the next three weeks.

Sheriff's Office

- Sheriff's Office has assigned Paxton as high priority for community service work.

Special Town Meeting

- STM will be needed prior to the Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2006 to for any necessary transfers within FY06 accounts.

Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 9:02pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
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