



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2012

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

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

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

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

Chief Conte donation to Fire Department

- Chief Conte provided the Board with a letter that explained the donation that is being provided to the Fire Department by an anonymous party.
- **(PB)** Do you have a vehicle in mind for this?
- Chief Conte replied that there was one but it is gone so now he is looking at another one with low mileage and is not being used as a first out piece.
- **(PB)** You said to refurb ladder 1 would cost about \$100,000, so what are we getting for \$25,000?
- Chief Conte stated that this vehicle has less activity than ours, and that since the town is not in a position to do the refurb, this new vehicle will replace Engine #2, and we would put Engine #2 out for bid. The pump and aerial on this new vehicle are certified as well.
- **(PB)** How long of a stop gap will this be?
- Chief Conte stated that it should give us another 8 to 10 years.
- **(PB)** How much do you think we will get for Engine #2?
- Chief Conte stated that the scrap is worth about \$5,000. We will strip off all the equipment and put it on the used truck we are buying.
- **(JM)** Would this be your first choice of vehicle to replace?
- Chief Conte stated that yes it would be, because the fleet is aging and this would be a helpful piece of apparatus with the new Housing Project.
- **(FG)** You should have brought this to the Capital Improvement Committee first.
- **(CR)** He is following the policy for a Gift Donation.
- Chief Conte replied that the \$100,000 refurb is on his plan to CIC and they have

not been able to do anything.

- (FG) It should have the blessing of the CIC first.
- (PB) We are following the donation policy that was put in place.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to accept the donation. Unanimous, all in favor.**

State Election Warrant

- The State Election Warrant was presented by the Town Clerk, and sign by all three Select Board Members.

Appointment of Election Officials

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to appoint the following Election Officials. Unanimous, all in favor.**

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| Janet Chapman | 1 Village Road |
| Paula Gangai | 8 Indian Hill Road |
| Natalie Siemen | 1 Tanglewood Road |
| Chris Starboard | 50 Sunset Lane |

Mike Pingitore Emergency Manager

- (JM) I have a concern that initially you stated that you felt the Emergency Managers position should go under the Fire Department. It may be difficult for you in an emergency situation to not relinquish responsibility to the Chief.
- Mike Pingitore replied that he understood the concern, and he did originally look to place this under the Fire Department, but I am adaptable.
- (PB) I also agree that we keep it separate.
- (FG) I agree as well. You have to direct all of the departments and they have to respond to you.
- Mike Pingitore replied that I can set aside my two jobs and move forward. We are all in this together.
- (FG) The issue is being prepared.
- (PB) What is your first step as Emergency Manager?
- Mike Pingitore stated that he is looking at inventory. Will work on getting the CERT team up and running, and is looking to get some items from the Town Hall over to the Public Safety Complex.
- (JM) Welcome and congratulations.
- (FG) You have a lot to do and we are behind you.

Temporary Liquor License for Congregational Church

- (PB) I will recuse myself from this discussion because I am a trustee for the Church. **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to approve a Temporary Liquor License to the Congregational Church for their annual auction. Two votes in favor, Jack Malone and Fred Goodrich, and one vote recused, Peter Bogren.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- 1. As you are aware the Special Election for the Bay Path Renovation passed on October 4th. The Board of Selectmen should decide whether they wish to call a special election to exclude the debt associated with the proposed thirty year bond that is to be taken out by the school to pay for these renovations.

In consideration of this please note that the board must give thirty-five days' notice to the Town Clerk (MGL 54 Sec. 42C) to put a question on a ballot and the first year that debt service will be incurred is FY14. Consequently, we need to know whether the debt is excluded prior to the FY14 Budget preparation.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to approve February 26, 2013 for a Special Election to debt exclude the payment for the Bay Path Renovation. Unanimous, all in favor.

(CR) Please be advised that this cost will be outside the budget, and will need to be funded.

(PB) What will hours be for voting?

Town Clerk Susan Stone stated that voting will occur from 10am to 8pm.

- 2. Nick Powlovich has requested appointment to the Cable Committee. The committee currently has four members and is posted as having vacancies.
Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to appoint Nick Powlovich to the Cable Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.
- 3. Senate Bill 2192 an Act Further Regulating Animal control was passed into law in August and will take effect October 31, 2012. A copy of the summary of changes is attached for your information. Two items to note are that the ACO is required to complete training within 24 months of the effective date of the act and that he should have a universal scanner to search any stray animal for microchips. The budget will not allow for compliance this year but we will put it in the FY14 budget. I have a copy of Senate Bill 2192 if you wish to review further (26 pages).
(JM) I would like to have us send a letter that we cannot afford another unfunded state mandate, and that we will not be able to do this.
(PB) Send a letter to Suzanne Bump the State Auditor in regards to this matter.
- 4. Senior Residential Development Update:
 1. Building Permit application received
 2. Test Boring have taken place at the site
 3. Technical meeting: October 17th with the developers and town inspectors.
- 5. Stacia Smith at Paxton Center School has once again invited any members from the Board of Selectmen to the Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 9, at 10am. Please let me know if you wish to attend this program which generally lasts approximately one hour and I will inform Stacia. Jack Malone and Fred Goodrich will be in attendance.

Other Business

- **(CR)** The deadline to return the cable Committee surveys is October 31, 2012. We have currently received 137 responses.
- **(PB)** The Planning Board is coming back to us asking if there should be an annual increase to the \$250,000 bond that we are adding to the bylaw for ground mounted facilities. We will place this on the next agenda for further discussion.
- **(FG)** Drivers for the COA are limited to 20 hours, and I am concerned that if those hours are used up earlier in the week then if someone is in need at the end of the week we will not be able to assist them. Carol stated that she has spoken to Jerry in regards to this matter and he is going to look at setting up a 4 hour call out schedule, and use a form to better manage time, and we could add another driver if we need more than 20 hours.
- **(JM)** 1. Discussions about the school and school committee were held. A letter will be sent to the School Committee members asking that they attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting on a monthly basis to provide updates to the Board.
2. I would like to ask my fellow board members to consider holding a Special Town Meeting to distribute the Free Cash amongst Stabilization, Depreciation and FY13 budgets. This will be further discussed at the next meeting to which the Finance Committee will be invited to.

Correspondence

- **(PB)** read two letters that thanked the Council on Aging and the Paxton Police Department for their outstanding work and efforts.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2012, at 7:00pm.
Adjourned Meeting at 8:30pm, 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

Letter from Chief Conte for donation

Appointed Election Officials

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Chairman

John F. Malone
Vice Chairman

Frederick G. Goodrich
Clerk