



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 5, 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.

The Chairman announced that due to the lack of heat in the building we will have the Classification Hearing and then we will reschedule the remainder of the meeting until Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Classification Hearing

- Kathleen Stanley presented the Board of Selectmen with the annual Classification Hearing. It is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to vote on four items.
- The first item to be voted on, is in order to set the tax rate the Board of Selectmen have to vote on either a Factor 1 or Formula 797 calculation. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to accept Factor 1 and set a single tax rate of \$19.22 for FY13. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- The second item to vote on is whether or not to give a discount for open space. . **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to not give a discount for open space. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- Item number three is whether or not to provide a residential exemption. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to not give a residential exemption. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- Item number four is whether or not to provide a small commercial exemption. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to not give a commercial exemption, and open for discussion.**
- (FG) Part of our Master Plan is to encourage small businesses in Paxton, and I feel that a 10% reduction would be worth it.
- Kathleen Stanley stated that it is too late to do that for this year, but is something that we could look at for next year.

- (FG) That is something that I would like to look at for next year.
- **Motion approved. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Boy Scout signs for Thanksgiving Pies

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to allow the Boy Scouts to put up signs coming into town for Thanksgiving Pies. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment of Election Officials

- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to appoint the following Election Officials. Two votes in favor, Frederick Goodrich and Peter Bogren, and one vote recused, Jack Malone.**

Deirdre Malone
Rachel Buckley

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 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:

Appointed Election Officials

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Chairman

John F. Malone
Vice Chairman

Frederick G. Goodrich
Clerk