

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 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 7:06 pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (FG) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2006. Unanimous. (JM) abstained not at the Executive Session.

Fire Chief Conte

Ambulance Service

- Chief Conte in attendance to discuss the Ambulance Proposal.
- Of the three proposals, the Chief stated that the best option was #3 consisting of weekday 12 hours coverage; this would cost the Town \$160,000, depending on call outs and labor costs.
- The Chief did not feel that the Fire Department was ready for an ambulance service at this stage; as he only has 12 EMT, but would like to get feed back at the Annual Town meeting in May 2006.
- (FG) would like to take under serious advisement.
- (CB) suggested an override vote to pay for the ambulance service.
- (FG) stated that the Chief needed to present a three year plan.

Antennas

- Chief stated that licenses have now been received for the radios. Concern is that there may not be sufficient land for clearance, would like to keep the towers on Town property. Need 130ft at Asnebumskit, may not have sufficient fall zone.

Transfer of funds

- Chief stated that he may need transfer of funds FY06 for his firefighters compensation; believes shortage is due to the amount of officers responding to calls and the 39 active officers attending training. Articles for this will be included on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Council on Aging

Director's Position

- Jerry Ryan and Dory Huard present requesting an increase for the Director; went before PAB but their determination was that the position remains grade 9.
- BOS stated that there was room to move within present grade 9, COA asked to present a request for a salary increase by Wednesday, April 12, 2006 for consideration.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Committee rearranged:

- Kirk Huehls – Chair.
- Michael Quinlivan – Vice Chair.

- Donna Graf-Parsons –appointed and Secretary.
- Jim Stone – public member.

Capital Articles for ATM

- \$33,000-10 Year Refurbishment. **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept. Unanimous.
- \$128,000 - Street Sweeper. **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept. Unanimous.
- \$31,500- Police Cruiser. **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept. Unanimous.
- \$15,000 - Radio Upgrade. **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept. Unanimous.
- \$18,000 – COA Van. **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to accept. Unanimous.
- \$15,000 – Boiler & Thermal Upgrade. **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept. Unanimous.
- BOS determined as follows:
- \$33,000 - **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to raise and appropriate funds no borrowing. Unanimous.
- \$128,000 - **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to borrow over 5 years. Unanimous.
- \$31,500 - **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to raise and appropriate funds no borrowing. Unanimous.
- \$15,000 - **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to take \$10,000 from the original capital improvement fund and \$5,000 from capital depreciation fund. Unanimous.
- \$18,000- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to raise and appropriate funds no borrowing. Unanimous.
- \$15,000 - **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to raise and appropriate funds no borrowing. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to place \$100,000 into Stabilization. Unanimous.

Town Administrators Update

GASB 43 & 45

- (CB) Consider funding FY07 to start process for FY09.
- (FG) suggest that they see what funds are available January 2007 and begin updates.

Town Pool Feasibility Study

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the proposal from BSC. Unanimous.

Public Safety Building Feasibility Study

- Modified contract from Reinhardt Associates.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to sign the contract. Unanimous.

Other Business

Chapter 42 – Perambulation – Spencer

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to send a letter to Spencer to go ahead with the perambulation. Unanimous.

WRSD Budget

- (JM) wanted the record noting that he did not agree to the RASA numbers presented by the WRSDC, he did not vote on these numbers.

Special Town Meeting

- Article 1 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 2 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 3 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 4 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 5 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 6 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Articles to be added for Fire Department transfers.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) for Special Town Meeting to precede the Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2006. Unanimous.

Annual Town Meeting

- Article 1 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 2 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 3 **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 4 **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 5 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 6 **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 7 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 8 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 9 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 10 **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve. Unanimous.
- Article 11 – Citizens’ petition.

Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 39, S.23B to negotiate Labor Contracts, meeting will only return to Regular Meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous.

Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 11:00pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
Paxton Board of Selectmen