Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday April 18, 2006

Members Present: Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman, Michael Quinlivan, Vice Chair

John F. Malone, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Chris Stone, Chair of the Cemetery Commission, reported to the Board that there are actually 1600 plots available at the Moreland Cemetery which should be enough for the Town for the next 80 years. Based on this they are not planning to continue with the expansion, and will re-loam and re-seed the area that was disturbed for the recent expansion work.

He also said the Center Cemetery is in bad shape so it will become the Commission's priority for improvement. Gravestones are falling down and a part of the stonewall on Richards Ave fell in recently. A gravestone base was thrown over the wall on Route 122. The commissioners feel it is a top priority to commit funds for a Center Cemetery Restoration Project.

Information on a Code of Ethics for the Board of Registration of the Funeral Services Profession was also provided to the Board of Selectmen by Chairman Stone.

(FG) requested the Wachusett Audit Committee opening be posted on the Website, at the Town Hall and the Library.

The Board members unanimously agreed that they do not support slot machines in Massachusetts.

(FG) requested that information on this year's round of Self-help grants for open space acquisition be sent to town Boards and Committees.

The Town Administrator confirmed that the DPW Superintendent proposed costs for plowing and sanding of the Paxton Center School are correct. (FG) requested these be put in an Addendum to the lease so he could finalize this with the District.

- (FG) reported on a meeting he held with Rutland, Hubbardston and Oakham on regional dispatching. He feels they are making progress in their discussions on Central and de-centralized dispatching.
- (CB) reported on a request by a resident of Richards Ave to place some "no-littering" signs before the Rutland line. The Board took this request under advisement.
- (CB) reported that the Town Meeting Warrant and the Special Town Meeting warrant for the May 1st Town meeting is on the Town's website.

Motion (FG) seconded by (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Charles T. Blanchard Town Administrator