



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2013

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

Members Present: John F. Malone, Chairman
Peter Bogren, Jr, Vice Chairman
Julia N. Pingitore, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

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

Howe property on Pleasant St

- Michael Howe was present to discuss an easement that he claims allows water to flow onto his father's property from Indian Hill and it has caused excess water to collect on the property.
- **(JP)** Is this causing a problem?
- Mr. Howe stated that yes; it has turned it into wetlands, so now you can't build on it. It should be drained down Indian Hill and into the pipe that goes under 122.
- **(JP)** Has it always been wet?
- Kathy Stanley stated that it has been wetlands for many decades. The State Forester provided a plan from 1993 which had the property marked with wetlands.
- **(PB)** So I'm hearing that it is wetlands and always has been. When the land was purchased it was already wetlands.
- Mr. Charles Howe stated that it wasn't as bad as it is now.
- Kathy Stanley stated that the upper side of the property is a bit drier, but from Pleasant Street up to Indian Hill is wet. There are also two streams that run through the property as well.
- Michael Howe stated that there are two 12" pipes coming out to his father's property, but if they were directed down further the land would not be as wet.
- Michael Putnam verified that yes there is drainage on Indian Hill and not on the Howe property. Back in the 1960 when Indian Hill was being developed they would drain to the low point and at a Town Meeting in June of 1975 they voted on the easements for Indian Hill.

- **(JP)** Do you need an easement for post pipe?
- Michael Putnam replied that you do not need an easement for beyond the pipe. There were a number of easements that were voted on at that 1975 meeting.
- **(PB)** We need to check if you do need an easement for water flow.
- Kathy Stanley stated that she checked with the State Forester and you don't need an easement for gravity flow.
- **(PB)** You did purchase the property as wetlands.
- Michael Howe expressed that he has worked on major road reconstruction and Mass Highway required easements for each property, so he feels that the town does need an easement for the water flow on his father's property.
- **(JP)** With two streams on the property wouldn't it still be wet?
- Michael Howe expressed that the streams could be directed separately.
- **(PB)** I don't see that the Town has a part in this.
- Michael Howe stated that the Town should check with our Town Counsel on water easements into another piece of property. This should be directed down Indian Hill.
- **(JP)** We need to check if it is required for an easement on the outflow. If the easement is needed we will look into it.
- **(PB)** Conservation should probably take a look at this.
- **(JM)** Carol please have the Conservation Commission look into this.

WRTA

- **(CR)** Service will start on December 1, 2013 and run two days a week on Wednesday and Friday 6am to 9am and 3pm to 7pm.
- **(JM)** Are we hiring anyone?
- **(CR)** We have placed an ad for one driver.
- **(JP)** Are we going to be able to track ridership?
- **(CR)** Yes, I will be taking care of that.
- **(JM)** The AMC police will be checking the driver and the bus every day prior to starting.

Bay Path sign request

- **(JM)** Bay Path is asking permission to put up a 4x4 sign in town for an open house to be held on October 24th, and would like to know where they can place this sign.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to allow Bay Path to put up a sign for their Open House. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) the sign can be placed to the immediate left of the marquee at the entrance of the Paxton Center School. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Sweetpea

- **(JM)** Sweetpea is asking permission to place a sign on the town common for an event that is being held this weekend.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to allow Sweetpea to put up a sign on the Town Common. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment for Ashley Holden

- **(JM)** Chief Desrosiers has requested that Ashley Holden be appointed as a Temporary Full Time Dispatcher to cover while Chris Bergeron is in the Police Academy.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to appoint Ashley Holden as a Temporary Full Time Dispatcher. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Cable Committee

- **(JM)** I would like to thank the Cable Committee for the new table cloth they purchased, and they will also be adding a screen that will go behind the table, so thank you for these improvements.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2013. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 30, 2013, with changes as noted. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

FY14 Budgets

- No problems at this time. A schedule of Appropriation /Expenditure for the period to September 30, 2013 is attached for your information.

Senior Residential Development

- We met with the property manager last week and she has provided information packets for anyone interested in applying for an apartment.
- The models will be ready for the October 17th cutting ceremony.

WRTA

- Service will start on December 1, 2013
- Two days Wednesday and Friday 6am to 9am and 3pm to 7pm
- Route will be from AMC through the center of Town, with stops in Town and at Tatnuck finishing at the hub in Worcester and return.
- Fare will be \$1.50
- The vehicle will be housed at AMC

PCS 3rd grade tour

- This is the third year now that the 3rd grade class from Paxton Center School has come up and taken a tour of the Town Hall. Rich and Anita Fenton take groups into the basement and upstairs to give them a bit of history on the Town Hall.

Other Business

- (JP) Do we have an update on the return of the DPW employees?
- (CR) Two of them are already back to work and one is still out.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013, at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:40pm, 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

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Chairman

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