



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 28, 2014

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.

Signing of the Annual Town Election Warrant

- The Annual Town Election Warrant was presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Town Clerk, signed in her presence and returned.

Review permit fees

- **(CR)** Sheryl Lombardi prepared a report to compare Paxton's building fees with other local communities and made recommendations based off of this information. Donna did the same for the electrical and liquor license fees and I made some recommendations based on that.
- **(JM)** Any comments on the electrical and liquor license information? No comments provided.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the recommendation provided for the electrical and liquor license fees as presented. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **(JM)** Any comments on the building fee schedule?
- **(PB)** I have a question on some of the increases. The garage fee has doubled, and the solar structure and porches have had large increases as well.
- **(JM)** Let's have some more time to look at this. Put this item on the agenda for our next meeting.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to pass over this until the next meeting. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Sweetpea request to put sign on the common

- **(JM)** Sweetpea is holding a Chicken BBQ Fundraiser on May 31st, 2014 at the Paxton Legion Post. We would like to request the permission to erect a sign on the Town Common advertising the event beginning on Sunday May 4th through Saturday May 31st. The sign dimensions will be no larger than 48" x 60".

- (PB) Do we want the sign there during our Memorial Day events?
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to allow Sweetpea to place a sign on the common with the following restriction. The sign can go up from May 10th to May 24th and then be taken down. The sign may go back up from May 27th until May 31st. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Discuss the Override vote

- (JM) We have recommended approval of article #2 contingent on the passing of the override.
- (PB) I support the article for the school as written but I do not support the override itself.
- (JP) I support Peter. Personally I do not agree with the override. We are in the same spot as Rutland. The school budget is taking over.
- (JM) I also am not in agreement with the override in the school budget.
- (PB) The day will come when we will need an override to run the school and the town.
- (JM) Paxton has done a great job with what we have but some of our infrastructure is in need of repair.
- (PB) We approve the article, but we do not support an override on this article. We put it in the hands of the people to choose.

Update on potential grants for the 250th Celebration

- (JM) The 250th Committee has not been able to secure any other grants for the celebration at this point. Keep in mind what we might be able to give from the town.
- (PB) We should wait until the meeting to make our recommendation on this article.
- (JP) I think this should come out of something other than Stabilization.
- (CR) On the night of the meeting you need to state where it is going to come from. It could come out of Surplus.
- (PB) I agree with the article.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to recommend approval of Article 9. Selectmen Pingitore not in favor of funding article 9 from the Stabilization account.**
- (PB) I will withdraw my motion until the night of the meeting.

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- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2014. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

Accounting

1. The Town Accountant has provided the attached details of Estimated to Actual Revenue for the period of March 31, 2014. Most revenue sources appear to be within our estimates.

Other Items

2. In partnership with CMRPC I have arranged a walkability study of the town center of May 29th between 5pm and 7pm. The purpose of the study is for CMRPC to identify safety issues and provide specific recommendations that may

be considered for implementation in the future.

3. The 2003 ACO vehicle was treated as surplus equipment and as such two bids were received as attached. I recommend that the Board release this vehicle to Warren Auto Wrecking for the highest bid of \$312.00
 - **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to accept the bid of \$312 from Warrens Auto Wrecking. Unanimous, all in favor.**
4. There will be a ribbon cutting on May 15th at 10am for the Hills at Paxton Village.

Other Business

- Richard Hafey – reporter from the Telegram & Gazette. Asked the Board to clarify what their stance was on article two of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. I think people may be confused that you are supporting the article but do not support the override when that is part of the article.
- Upon this point being made the board decided to revote on article 2 with the understanding that the article reflects the direction in which the Board feels the override should be voted.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) recommend disapproval of article #2 on the Annual Town Warrant. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- (JP) We need to make sure that we explain that we recommend disapproval because we do not agree with the override.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2014 at 6pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:47 pm, 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

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Chairman

John F. Malone
Vice Chairman

Julia N. Pingitore
Clerk