

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 15, 2006

Members Present: Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman,
Michael Quinlivan, Vice Chair John F. Malone, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2006. (MQ) Abstained, not present.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2006 with one amendment (MQ) present. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2006. Unanimous.

Board of Selectmen Reorganization

- (FG) facing some critical issues, which the chairman will need to spend time on next year.
- (MQ) prepared to put the time in and get the job done.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to appoint (MQ) as Chairman. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint (JM) as Vice-Chairman. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to appoint (FG) as Clerk. Unanimous.
- (FG) to make a list of uncompleted items.

Liaison Assignments

- Agreed on new liaison assignments for BOS per list attached.

Trash Abatement – 6 Sherbrooke Drive

- Request for trash abatement as property vacant.
- Information supplied shows high water and electricity use for April. Request an explanation

as to the reason for this.

- (FG) **Motion** seconded (JM) to take under advisement. Unanimous.

Raffle Permits

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to waive the fee for the raffle permit for the American Legion for event to be held May 20, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to waive the fee for the raffle permit for the Lions Club for June 17, 2006 Paxton Festival. Unanimous.

Departments

- Thank you note to Fire Department from resident for the assistance with a brush fire.
- Thank you for Patrolmen Keller and Newsham for a job well done.

Wachusett Regional School Committee

- Letter from Alice Livdahl retracting invitation to BOS to join Ad-Hoc Committee to reduce the size of the School Committee.
- (FG) to write a letter commending Alice Livdahl for the excellent job she did whilst on the WRSDC and chairing the committee.

Community Preservation Act (CPA)

- Robert Bertin - Chair of Open Space Committee stated that the Open Space Plan of the Town recommended the acceptance of the CPA.
- (FG) had concerns (MQ) approved of CPA.
- There is software available to calculate the tax.

Other Business

- The McNamara Bill requirements were discussed. Our current policy for Call-Firefighters and EMT's complies and Part-Time Police Officers will not be appointed as of July 1, 2006. The BOS requested that (CB) look into the need for coverage if Dispatchers or Interns were called into service on a short-term basis.
- (FG) said that Joe Scheinfeldt a CPA had agreed to attend the first Audit Rules Committee meeting at Wachusett to see if he would be interested in joining the committee. The BOS will appoint him at the next meeting if he is interest.
- (FG) discussed his conversations with State personnel regarding having the road up from the parking lot at Moore State Park paved by them when the Town portion of the road is paved.
- (FG) attended the meeting at Bay Path that discussed the State Formula for Chapter 70.
- Charles Bolster – Paxton Water Board informed the BOS of the recent award received by the Paxton Water Department from the DEP.
- Received the Governor's award and in contention for the Security Award.

Town Administrator's Update

77 Marshall St

- Resident interested in purchasing 77 Marshall St, property taken in tax title in 1987. (CB) will provide additional information to the BOS.

Country Bank Shared Septic System

- Release Deeds and Grants of Covenant and Easements required by DEP, have been drawn up.

John Bauer Senior Center

- Thermal curtains to be installed May 25th and 26th.

Sheriff's Community Service Department

- Chief Desrosiers requesting that the Sheriff's Department provide labor to pressure wash and paint the rear of the building eaves of the Police Station and other repairs.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to have this work done by the Sheriff's Department. Unanimous.
- (FG) believed that the DPW Superintendent may have further projects.
- (FG) feels Sheriff's Dept could be used to clean up Town Hall Attic, Records and Building.

Resolution on Funding for State Owned Land

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to adopt resolution and send letter to Senator and Representative. Unanimous.

Town Administrators Goals and Objectives

- FY07 Goals and Objectives to be reviewed at the June 5, 2006 meeting and then a quarterly review thereafter.

Board of Selectmen Meetings

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accepted proposed meeting schedule: May 30, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24 August 7, August 21 and September 5, 2006. Unanimous.

Wheelabrator Millbury Contract

- Discussed letter provided by Stephen Madaus regarding bylaws and regulations that should be considered due to the Town's obligation from this contract.

Water Cannon

- This has been sold to a person in Texas; a check is on the way.

Master Plan

- Discussed May 24, 2006 kick-off meeting – (FG) to represent the BOS.

Motion and seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
Paxton Board of Selectmen

From the notes of Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator