

## Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen 697 Pleasant Street, Paxton, MA 01612 (508) 754-7638 – phone (508) 797-0966 – fax dparsons@townofpaxton.net

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, June 30, 2014

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

Members Present: Julia N. Pingitore, Chairman

Peter Bogren, Jr, Vice Chairman

John F. Malone, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

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

**(JP)** We will enter into Executive Session and will only be returning to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning.

### 5 Whitney Drive

Pass over at this time.

### **Bel Arbor**

- Mrs. D'Andrea is a resident of Bel Arbor and is present to discuss traffic concerns. Bel Arbor is a dead end road, but we have a lot of traffic that comes up the road then turns around at the end and speeds back down.
- **(PB)** Any idea why they would go to the end?
- Mrs. D'Andrea stated that there is a vacant lot at the end of the road. A lot of traffic goes there and back.
- (JP) Is there concern from other neighbors
- Mrs. D'Andrea replied that about four other neighbors have made comments as well.
- (JM) Kauppulas own the vacant lot at the end. Some individuals may be going up to look at the land for purchase. Some people may be looking to walk the area behind there. I would agree with a dead end and slow children sign being put up.
- (PB) The police should look at patrolling this area.
- (JP) I agree with the Dead end and go slow children sign, and the additional patrol especially on the weekends would be good.
- Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve a Dead End and Go Slow Children sign be put up on Bel Arbor. Also increased police patrol in this area as well. Unanimous, all in favor.

### **Liaison Assignments**

- **(PB)** Inquired if Jack would prefer to have the Finance Committee and the School?
- (JM) I'm okay with Peter maintaining those.
- Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to accept the liaison assignments as written. Unanimous, all in favor.
- Assignment list is kept in the Selectmen's office.

### **Summer Music Series**

• (JP) Announced that the Summer Music Series will be starting July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Meeting Minutes**

• Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2014. Unanimous, all in favor.

### **State Numbers**

- **(PB)** The Governor still needs to sign each section of the budget. The School Committee is meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- (JM) According to Barbara Renzoni the School Committee meeting has been moved to July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- (JP) We should set July 21st for our next meeting.

### **Town Administrators** Update

### **Dept. Managers Meeting**

• I held a Dept. Managers Meeting on June 17th with full attendance. The Town Accountant provided the year end documents for encumbering funds along with FY15 voted account details.

### **Tax Bills**

• The Collector has advised that "Tax bills are going out and are all set up for payments through MCC.net. Bills are due as always October 1, 2014. As always, weekly, monthly payments are accepted."

### **Fire Department**

- Chief Conte received the attached notification stating that the Paxton Fire Department has been issued with Paramedic Level licenses (ALS) for the two ambulances. Reaching this level of licensure has involved a great deal of work by Chief Conte, Lieutenant Pingitore and Fire/EMS personnel.
- (JM) Send a letter thanking them for their efforts.

### **DPW Road Material Bids**

- Repaving on Whitney Drive is complete and Mike Putnam and the DPW did an excellent job.
- Bid openings for road material are scheduled for Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and I will have Mike Putnam's recommendations at the meeting.
- Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to accept the bids for FY15 Road Material as proposed by Michael Putnam. Unanimous, all in favor.

### **Other Items**

### **Wireless Antennas and Equipment**

- I received the attached communication from MMA addressed to Senator Brewer regarding Industry Legislation in S2183 and House Economic Development Bill that would take zoning or control over the siting of wireless antennas and equipment in Massachusetts away from municipalities.
- The information receives indicates that the telecommunication industry would be able to place antennas and equipment on any existing structures regardless of the zoning bylaws and impact on neighborhoods. A copy of the proposed bill is attached and is currently awaiting a hearing of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

The Board may wish to send a letter to voice its opposition to this legislation in order to protect our zoning bylaws and residents rights.

- (JM) Encourage people to go to the MMA website and give their input.
- (PB) Link the MMA website on our website.
- (JP) Put contact information for Senator Brewer on our website.
- Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to send a letter to Senator Brewer expressing our concern over the bill up for debate on wireless equipment. Unanimous, all in favor.
- (JP) Carol will draft this letter.

### **Other Business**

- (CR) As mentioned in the pass we would like to try going paperless for our meeting.
- (PB) and (JP) Would prefer the information emailed
- (JM) download onto a flash drive.

### Appoint Jeffrey Tasca as a part time dispatcher

• Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to appoint Jeffrey Tasca as a part a time dispatcher. Unanimous, all in favor.

### **End of year transfers**

• Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the following end of year transfer.

Unanimous, all in favor.

Account transferred to	Account transferred from	<b>Amount</b>
0100-1241-5103-0000	0100-1129-5102-0000	\$1,000.00
0100-1243-5103-0000	0100-1510-5200-0000	\$145.00

Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:35pm and we will only return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.

# Adjourned Meeting at 8:05 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 Liaison list

Peter Bogren, Jr.

Vice Chairman

John F. Malone

Clerk

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Julia N. Pingitore

Chairman