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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2014

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

Members Present: Julia N. Pingitore, Madam 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.

Sign the Warrant for the State Election November 4, 2014

- The Board of Selectmen signed off on the warrant for the State Election on November 4, 2014.

Scenic byway kiosk

- **(JP)** Stated that all questions be directed through the Chairperson.
- **(PB)** I went Saturday morning and sat on the corner of Camp and Pleasant St to observe the traffic. The traffic was light but I did see what was a near miss between two vehicles.
- **(JP)** I did ask Chief Desrosiers for clarification as to whether or not he endorsed the site. The Chief did express what could be done to make the area safer.
- **(JM)** I also spoke with the Chief and some work would need to be done in order to push it back a bit further and put up some signage. Perhaps we could approach Worcester about the area where Route 122 and 56 come together as an alternate site.
- Paul Robinson expressed that the Chief may have some concerns with that area being a 4 way intersection.
- Anita Fenton spoke to the fact that this kiosk is meant to benefit the community as a whole. Perhaps we could ask MASS DOT if they have any suggestions on how to make that area safer.
- At this point in the meeting other residents of Camp Street continued to express their concerns over the traffic safety in that area and that the kiosk should not go up there.
- **(JM)** Made a motion to approve the site at Howe's with the stipulation that we have time to review it.
- **(PB)** Seconded the motion for discussion. What would it cost to relocate it if needed?

- Paul Robinson stated that it could be set temporarily so that DPW could easily pick it up and move it if needed.
- **Motion (JM) to approve the site at Howe's with the stipulation that we have time to review it. (JP) voted no. (PB) voted no. Motion failed with 2 no votes and 1 yes votes.**

250th Anniversary

- Anita Fenton clarified that the daffodils on the common will go in the area that is already mulched. I would also like to see the anniversary cake go on the common in an area that does not affect traffic.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the placement of the Anniversary Cake on the common as long as it is placed with no traffic issues. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- (JP) Asked Jerry Ryan to work with DPW on the placement of the cake.
- Mr. Ryan expressed that they are looking at the area between the Christmas tree and the Vietnam Memorial.

Holiday hours for the Town Hall

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve the closing of the Town Hall for the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Extended Sunday hours for Paxton Marketplace

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the extension of Sunday hours for Paxton Marketplace. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to appoint James McGrath to the Capital Improvement Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Ebola Preparedness

- Judy Hatstat from the Board of Health is a nurse at Saint Vincent's hospital and she explained how the hospitals in the area are preparing themselves should someone that presents the signs of Ebola come into their hospital.
- (JP) There was a conference call with MEMA and the Department of Health which provided local officials and emergency personnel with information regarding Ebola. At a local level our EMS and dispatchers have been given guidelines to follow, and our Ambulance personnel does have Tyvek suites if needed.
- (PB) One thing that I did take from that call was that the chance of it coming to our town is very small. The tests are limited and expensive so the background questions are important.
- (JM) Does Paxton have a quarantine area if needed?
- Judy Hatstat replied that we would need to check with the Emergency Manager. They have been given equipment from the Department of Health.

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- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2014. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

Route 31 Study

- CMRPC completed the Rt. 31 Study a copy of the report is being circulated around the Board. CMRPC will be presenting their findings in the near future.

Town Departments & Committees:

- The Fire Department annual open house was well attended on October 5th.
- The Town Hall again hosted the 3rd grade PCS class for the 4th consecutive year for an informational tour of the building, which included history of the town and building presented by Anita and Rich Fenton. I want to thank all town hall employees and Anita and Rich for their assistance with this visit.
- The Paxton Police hosted a spaghetti supper this past Sunday at the Congregational Church. Many local businesses generously donated to this supper and I want to thank everyone involved.
- Special Town Meeting is Monday, October 27th at 7pm at PCS. A copy of the warrant is available through the calendar on the Town's website.
- The Financial Management Team met last Friday to discuss the FY14 and FY15 revenues. We have two articles on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting that these revenues can be applied to. We have about \$50,000 that could be split between them. Should article #4 in regards to the ambulance not pass then that money could be added to the \$50,000 as well.
- The Classification Hearing will be held on November 3rd.
- The new cable channels are 192 in place of 12 and 194 in place of 13.
- The Historical Commission would like to request the use of the foyer area to sell the Paxton Calendars during the Special Town Meeting.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the use of the foyer for the Historical Commission to sell the Paxton Calendars during the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Other Items

- (PB) I did receive two calls about the water main break on West St and was told that something has to be done about this problem.
- The Collaborative Budget Task Force will now be holding it's meeting at the High School verse Davis Hill. A notice should be coming out soon.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:15pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:22 pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

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Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons

Administrative Assistant