



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

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.

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

EA Fish ground lease

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to sign the ground lease on the Senior Housing Development for EA Fish in order to assign the mortgage to a permanent lender. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Cable Committee

- Nick Powlovich provided the Select Board with an update as to what the Cable Committee has been working on.
 - A fiber line was put into the COA about a year ago.
 - 192 and 194 are our new cable channels.
 - Still testing live presentations but will be ready soon.
 - Continue to record on DVD.
 - We want to set up a domain name and link onto the town's website.
 - We are looking to use Go Daddy to host the site.
 - We cleaned up the cable station at the Town Hall.
 - Installed a backup system.
 - We will have the ability to run emergency alerts that will scroll at the bottom of the screen.

Appoint Chris Stone to the Town Hall Renovation Committee

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to appoint Chris Stone to the Town Hall Renovation Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Request for appointment to the Conservation Commission

- **(JP)** The Board has received a letter from Holly Robert requesting that she be appointed as a full member of the Conservation Commission verses the current Associate member position that she has.
- **(JP)** I have a concern with this regarding the pending litigation that she has with the Town.
- **(JM)** At some point the Conservation Commission may become involved in the current litigation. I would hold off at this point in time and not put her on.
- **(PB)** There could be too many potential problems. I would hold off as long as the litigation is pending.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to table this request until the pending litigation between the Robert's and the Town is resolved. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Annual Election Ballot

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to vote the Library Trustee and Wachusett Regional School District Committee positions be placed on the 2015 Annual Town Election Ballot Under MGL Chapter 41 sec 10. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Wachusett Earthday

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to sign the Wachusett Earthday agreement. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Deficit spending for snow and ice

- **(CR)** Our budget for snow and ice will soon be depleted, and we will need to deficit spend.
- **(JP)** Do we expect any reimbursement from the state for the blizzard?
- **(CR)** We will go through the process but I'm not hopeful.
- **(PB)** How much did we increase this budget by last year?
- **(JP)** We added \$10,000 from FY14 to FY15.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the deficit spending of the snow and ice account. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Budget review

- **(JP)** Went over budget review in section one and then reviewed individual budgets.
 - Acct 1114 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1122 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1123 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1129 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1135 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1141 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1145 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1146 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1151 – add \$10,000 to the Reserve Fund with the understanding that it may be needed for legal.
 - Acct 1155 – no comments on proposed budget
 - Acct 1161 – no comments on proposed budget

- Acct 1162 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1163 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1175 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1176 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1177 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1180 – no comments on proposed budget
- (PB) Concern over ridership. This is something that should be discussed with our Reps. This money could be better spent somewhere else.
- (JP) We need to know what it costs to produce a quarterly tax bill to be ready for the School committee meeting.
- Acct 1192 – Increase the amount in repairs for the Town Hall.
- (CR) We are waiting to get a cost for the materials to determine if we have enough money to pay for it.
- Acct 1193 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1196 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1199 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1210 – Hold off on discussion until contract is settled.
- Acct 1220 and 1232 – Hold off and bring in Jay to discuss increase to compensation.
- Acct 1241 – ok with increase to compensation.
- Acct 1243 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1245 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1250 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1291 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1292 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1294 – no comment on proposed budget
- Acct 1295 – (JM) We should look at increasing this a little bit.
- Acct 1421 – (CR) Increase the compensation for the Superintendent. I would suggest spreading it out over the next two or three years.
- (JP) a \$2.00 increase to his current hourly rate each year over the next three years.

Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve a \$2.00 increase to DPW Superintendent current hourly rate each year for the next three years. Unanimous, all in favor.

- Acct 1423 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1424 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1433 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1491 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1510 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1515 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1519 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1541 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1543 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1630 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1691 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1710 – no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1910 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1913 - no comments on proposed budget
- Acct 1915 – no comments on proposed budget

(JM) Suggested that the Board meet with the larger departments to discuss their budgets.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015 . Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Executive Session of January 13, 2015 . Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- I would like to thank the DPW for all their efforts lately.
- We have had some issues at the Town Hall with frozen pipes. This will have to be addressed in the spring, and may entail taking down part of the ramp, so I would like to look at having Bay Path build a new one for us.
- The political calendar will be available on the Town's website under the Town Clerk's department. Nomination papers are available starting February 9th.

Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 9:10pm and we will only return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 9:32 pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Town Administrators Update

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons
Administrative Assistant