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Board of Selectmen  
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## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, March 24, 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 7:06pm.

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

### **Appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee**

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to appoint Miryam Rabinovich as a representative from the Finance Committee to serve on the Capital Improvement Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **School Lease**

- **(JM)** Change the term of the lease from twenty years to ten years.
- **(PB)** They reference Exhibit “A” but it was not supplied. If this references the old baseball field before the renovation was done then this section needs to be removed from the lease.
- **(JM)** Section 5.1.8 - The Chief made recommendations to the school and we need to check on this. Section 5.3 references the maintenance charge.
- **(CR)** A schedule was put into place rather than a lump sum payment, so the lump sum should stay and we should start to use this and it should be the same throughout all the towns.
- **(JM)** I would like what the maintenance is to be defined.
- **(PB)** Section 6.2 the end of the paragraph needs to be changed so that there are no restrictions should we need to use the school during an emergency situation.
- **(JM)** Section 6.4 we need to ensure that the school is taking the appropriate precautions in case of an emergency event.
- **(CR)** Section 6.5 tanks are tested annually. Take out the June 30, 2001 reference. Section 7.1 need to keep up with maintenance.
- Barbara Renzoni is a member of the School Committee and spoke to matter that due to the projected 9C cuts all maintenance projects for the schools are currently

on hold. I would suggest that whatever portion of the money in the maintenance that we don't use be put towards capital repairs for our own school.

- **(CR)** Section 7.3 should be deleted.
- **(PB)** Section 7.2 the \$25,000 figure needs to be updated and a certain percentage of an increase should be added each year.
- **(JP)** The waiver of Subrogation is importance and should be the same throughout the district. Have Carol and Donna update the lease and have it ready to discuss with the school administration at our next meeting.

### **School budget meeting**

- Barbara Renzoni spoke on the recent school budget meeting:
  - I voted for the budget because we have to get a budget out and this is just the beginning.
  - Most of the towns feel that this budget isn't even adequate.
  - The intent of the budget is to begin to restore some of the things that have been let go over the years.
  - Don't know how the 9C cuts will impact the budget.
  - I'm concerned that Wachusett High School and six other schools in the district are level 2 schools.
  - Minimum Local Contribution and transportation are up.
  - Debt is up slightly.
  - Paxton has 12 more students in Fy16 over last year.
  - The feeling is that this budget may end up going to the Commissioner.
  - First you go to a 1/12 budget
  - The Commissioner will make sure both sides are working on the budget.
  - Then the Commissioner has the right to set the budget.
  - Paxton is a town that just can't afford this budget. It's not that we can and we just don't want to.
  - I do think that there is some room to negotiate, but I don't know if we can get close enough without going to the Commissioner.

### **Discuss current budget**

- **(JP)** Pass over until our meeting with the Finance Committee.

### **Update to bylaws**

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the Bylaw that were passed at our last Special Town Meeting to be added to our listing of Town Bylaws. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Trash Bids**

- **(JP)** Only two bids were received and the Board of Health is recommending that the town go with Pellegrino due to the lower bid amount.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to accept the bid provided by Pellegrino as our new trash removal company starting July 1, 2015. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **April license renewals**

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the April licenses as follows. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Weekday Soft Drinks**

Paxton Marketplace Inc.  
Paxton Sports Center Inc.  
Theo's  
JLC Donuts Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts

### **Fruit and Vegetable**

Howe's Nursery Stand

### **Jam/Syrup/Breads/Candy/Seeds/Honey**

Howe's Nursery Stand

### **Nursery Stock & Florist**

Howe's Nursery Stand  
Pleasant View Nursery  
Robinson's Greenhouses

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2015 . Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Executive Session of March 9, 2015 . Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Town Administrators Update**

#### **FY 15 Budgets**

To date we have ne transferred \$7,500 from the Reserve Fund to pay bills relating to the diesel account, we will be requesting a further \$4,000 for oil at the Finance Committee's next meeting. This will leave a balance of \$28,500 in this account.

#### **Audit**

We have received the draft FY14 audit. Once final we will have a meeting for Roselli, Clark & Associates to present to the Board.

#### **Winter Recovery Assistance Program**

Following the extreme weather conditions this season, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito have approved a \$30 million statewide program designed to provide aid to all 351 cities and towns across the Commonwealth. The sum allotted to Paxton is \$29,405 to assist in the immediate and necessary repairs to our roads and must be used prior to June 30, 2015.

#### **John Bauer Senior Center**

You have probably noticed that we have improved the lighting here in the activity room. I looked into replacing the fixtures but it was too expensive so I arranged for all the ballasts to be replaced and updated. These will not need repairing for many years.

I approached the Recreation Commission to assist with the cost of updating the basement and they kindly agreed to pay for the repairs necessary and replace the rug to restore the area for Recreational purposes; supporting both their programs and senior programs.

I want to thank the Recreation Commission for their support!

**Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 8:28pm and we will only return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:30pm.**

**Adjourned Meeting at 9:08 pm, Unanimous all in favor.**

**Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:**

Meeting minutes

Agenda

April licenses

Attendance list

Town Administrators Update

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons  
Administrative Assistant