



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 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: Joint meeting with Finance and Capital Improvement
see Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

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

Budget discussion

- Rich Fenton provided the following budget figures:
 - Looking at 1.5% raise for employees with a couple of individuals receive additional raises.
 - The school budget has increased by \$538,000, which means a deficit for the town of \$448,854.
 - We are looking to put \$400,000 of that to an override vote, and the remainder will come out of overlay and surplus.
 - This will use all of our Free Cash and leave nothing to go back into Stabilization and Depreciation.
- Jeff Kent spoke on behalf of the Capital Improvement Committee to present the requests that each department has put forward. Interviews and site visits were conducted with PCS, DPW, Fire, Police and Town Hall Renovation Committee. Four Capital budget projects were reviewed and ranked accordingly. Details are provided on the attached document. Additional questions were presented at this time.
- **(JP)** I would like to know what it would cost to have the Town Hall vinyl sided.
- Mark Love suggested looking at 501C3 organization to help raise funds for the Town Hall renovations.
- Rich Fenton stated that a 501C3 is being looked at by the Town Hall Renovation Committee.
- **(CR)** We do have a debt schedule as well if you rather borrow the funds to pay for these items instead.

- Scott Runstrom also suggested that they could go on as a debt exclusion.
- **(JM)** expressed a few concerns:
 1. We are looking to have the school come down \$4 million dollars.
 2. We will only have \$16,000 left in Capital Depreciation
 3. Currently we cannot afford to buy anything.
 4. We could skip a year with the police car.
 5. Look for funds from grants to paint the Town Hall
 6. DPW dump truck, we will just have to be short one vehicle.
- **(CR)** You need to vote tonight on any articles that you want to put as an override on the ballot.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to place \$400,000 on an override for the school. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **(JP)** Do we want to put any items on as a debt exclusion?
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to place the Mack Truck for DPW on the ballot as a debt exclusion item. Unanimous, all in favor. Noted that Selectmen Malone does not agree with this process but will put it forward so that the voters can decide.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to place the Ambulance on the ballot as a debt exclusion item. Unanimous, all in favor. Noted that Selectmen Malone does not agree with this process but will put it forward so that the voters can decide.**

Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 8:47pm and we will only return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:58 pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Fy16-21 Capital Budget and Program

Attendance list

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons
Administrative Assistant