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## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2015

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

Members Present: Peter Bogren, Jr, Chairman  
John F. Malone, Vice Chairman  
Julia N. Pingitore, Clerk  
  
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

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

### Town owned property

- The Sale of Town Owned Property Committee has identified a piece of land on Crowningshield that they would like to offer up for sale as a buildable lot. We would bid this out looking for a minimum of \$40,000 to \$50,000.
- (JM) Is this assuming that it will perk?
- (CR) We could perk it ourselves or make the sales agreement contingent upon the property perking.
- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to allow the town to place a bid out for the sale of the town owned property located on Map 19 lot 279 of the Assessors map. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- (PB) Requested that the committee also look at town owned property that might be suitable for as a shooting range for the police department. Four lots on Hill Street have been designated as such. This area is close to the Leicester rod and gun club. I would like to offer to have our chief take a look at these.
- (JM) Would we need to have a couple of meeting on this?
- (CR) No, this is the towns land and it would only be utilized during the day.
- (PB) I think the need is there to have a facility like this for our police department to provide them with additional training.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to allow the Police Department to look at the pieces of town owned land that have been designated as potential sites for a shooting range. It is also requested that the Police Chief come up with rules and regulations on how this will be used. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Update on meeting with the Wachusett Regional School District**

- **(CR)** Each town was represented at the meeting. We went around the room and discussed what we each expected for next year in regards to our town budgets. As in the past Paxton and Rutland can't afford the current school budget but Holden, Sterling and Princeton have no problem paying for it. Holden is looking to see if they can fund some of the technology budget for their own schools. They see and understand why Paxton and Rutland can't afford the budget.
- **(PB)** The Finance Chairman for Holden did express some frustration because they can and want to fund the budget. Rutland has some debt coming off their books in 2019 and they almost passed a debt exclusion for the school so their situation may change soon. Princeton is not happy with the direction that the school budget is going in. The state needs to work on the formula but in the interim we are looking to put together a small group of individual that can get together and brainstorm on how to help the towns out with their budget situations. It was also clear that people still do not understand the difference between the school budget percent increase and what the actual assessment to each of the towns is. We need to do a better job in communicating what the difference is and what it means to our town.
- **(CR)** There will be another meeting in January to continue this discussion.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2015. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Town Administrators Update**

- **Massworks Grant**  
I submitted a grant application last August to MassWorks to reline two culverts located on Rt56 Reservoir Street. I received notification that we were successful and will receive a grant of \$39,200 to complete the work.
- **John Bauer Senior Center Roof**  
We only received two bids to replace the roof at the John Bauer Senior Center. The bids were \$69,000 and \$179,000 as neither bid was within our funding appropriation of \$65,000, I will need to rebid this project.
- **Fire Academy Recruits**  
I want to congratulate the Fire Departments four recruits who graduated from the Fire Academy on November 5<sup>th</sup>: Megan Stevens, Jason Putnam, Cindy Gaudet and Brandon Andexler.  
**(JM)** Send a letter of congratulation to each of the recruits.
- **Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan**  
CMRPC is currently assisting towns prepare Pre Disaster Mitigation Plans. The agency is also seeking out a grant to continue this work and has as part of this has asked residents to take a survey that has link on the home page of the Town's website.  
**(JP)** Suggest that the survey be made available through the towns Facebook page as well.

- **Community Compact**

I submitted a grant application for \$8,350 to the DOR under the Community Compact Agreement to hire a company to conduct a Data Security Audit. I have now received confirmation that we have received this grant.

- **Toys for Tots**

The Public Safety Complex is collecting Toys for Tots until December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Correspondence**

- **(PB)** Chuck Putney, Recreation Director, provided an update on the plans for a walking trail at Klingele Fields. For anyone interested in more details about the trail we would invite them to attend the Recreation meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the White Building.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00pm.**

**Adjourned Meeting at 7:42 pm, Unanimous all in favor.**

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

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Town Administrators Update

Attendance list

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons

Administrative Assistant