



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 7, 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.

Transfer of Liquor license for the Paxton Sports Centre

- **(JP)** The fire inspection still needs to be done for the renewal of this license.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the transfer of the liquor license for the Paxton Sports Centre to the new owners Nicole and Michael Roberts. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Discussion of kennel license for Sweet Pea

- **(PB)** There is a lot of conflicting information right now. We are lacking guidelines from the state. I think we need to pause and take some time to look at this. I would recommend that we temporarily suspend the kennel license for Sweet Pea until we are able to work with the state and Sweet Pea to set up some regulations.
- **(JP)** I agree that guidelines need to be put into place and that we need to work together on getting things back up and running.
- **(PB)** We will try to move this along very quickly.
- **(CR)** Mr. Michael Cahill will be willing to assist us at the state level as far as setting up some new guidelines.
- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the temporary suspension of the kennel license for Sweet Pea until further discussion and guidelines are set up. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **(JP)** The cause of the fire is currently undetermined. In my opinion the building was so badly burned that we do not expect to get a conclusion as to what caused the fire. We will wait to get the official word from the Fire Marshall.

Release of Executive Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the release of the Executive Meeting Minutes as**

listed. Unanimous, all in favor.

Nov 4, 2004
Nov 1, 2004
October 18, 2004
June 29, 2004
June 12, 2004
June 24, 2004
June 21, 2004
June 7, 2004
June 3, 2004
May 24, 2004
April 15, 2004
April 5, 2004
February 2, 2004
January 27, 2004
January 20, 2004
January 14 2004
January 5, 2004

Stepping Stones

- **(CR)** There is a hearing scheduled for this Thursday for Stepping Stones. They are looking to change their parking plan.
- **(PB)** I have a concern with the fact that they are already doing what they are requesting to be able to do.
- **(CR)** Yes, that is what has prompted this process.
- **(PB)** I have a concern that the new plan looks as though it will cut down on the snow storage.
- **(CR)** There is a concern also that the new plan would allow cars to park over the leech field area.
- **(JM)** I am also concerned that they have decided to just go ahead and do this without approval first. The size of the handicapped spot seems to now be smaller. The area between the abutter and the driveway seems very close.
- **(JP)** Need to make sure that there is enough room for emergency vehicles to access the area.
- **(PB)** We will present these concerns to the ZBA.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **John Bauer Senior Center Roof**

We received three bids for the John Bauer Senior Center roof project:

WPI Construction Inc. \$65,000

MDM Engineering Company \$59,000

JD & D Construction \$66,900

I would like to award the bid to MDM Engineering Company as the lowest bidder. This company completed the roof project and windows project at the Paxton Center School in 2013.

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to award the bid for the COA roof project to MDM Engineering. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Public Session

- John Murphy, an attorney on behalf of Sweet Pea, spoke in regards to the current fire that occurred at the shelter. Mr. Murphy spoke to the fact that he boarding kennels were not affected by the fire and should not be an issue in this matter and that they should be allowed to continue to run this section of the business. The shelter will obviously not run again until it is rebuilt.
- **(PB)** I understand your concerns and we will work to make this a speedy process. Issues are the same in both places.
- Mr. Murphy stated that the boarding kennel is a source of income for them that they need to continue. There are people that have reservations for the kennel and since all the records were lost in the fire there is no way to contact these people to let them know the kennel is closed. They should be allowed to keep the kennel side open.
- **(PB)** We need to ensure the safety of the animals that are being housed and at the moment we feel that there is enough cause to take a brief pause since the state does not have regulations in place.
- **(CR)** There is only one license for the entire facility, so we could not suspend just half of the license. The owners could come back and ask for a new license for the boarding kennel only. We were told today that the floors in the kennels need repair and there should be more chain link fence put up to separate the properties.
- **(JM)** With no rules or guidelines it would be beneficial to temporarily close down until everything has time to come together.
- **(JP)** I agree with what has been previously stated.
- **(PB)** We'll request to meet with the state and Sweet Pea to move this along as quickly as possible.

License Renewals

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the renewal applications for the liquor licenses pending the fire inspections. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Liquor

- Paxton Market Place – All Liquor
- Paxton Sports Center - Club

- Paxton Liquor Store – All Liquor
 - Anna Maria College - Club
 - Kettle brook Golf Course – Club
 - American Legion – Veterans Club
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the estimated population notice for 2016.**
Unanimous, all in favor.
 - **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the renewal of the following licenses for 2016.**
Unanimous, all in favor.

Auto Body Shops

- Paxton Auto

Class II Car Sales

- Paxton Auto
- Paxton Garage
- Middle River Corp. (Selectmen Bogren recused himself from this vote) **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the renewal of the license for FY16 for Middle River Corp.**
Unanimous, all in favor.

Common Victuallers

- JLC Donuts Inc.
- Paxton Sports Center
- Paxton House of Pizza
- Paxton American Legion
- Paxton Marketplace
- Kettlebrook Golf Course
- Sage Dining Service
- Land & Sea Market
- Theo's

Packaged Goods

- Paxton Sports Center
- Paxton Liquor Store
- Paxton House of Pizza
- Anna Maria College

Above Ground Tanks

- Urbanovitch Farm
- Paxton Town Garage
- Worcester County Memorial
- Kettlebrook Golf Course
- Industrial Tower & Wireless

Trash Liens

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to sign the trash liens for the following properties as listed. Unanimous, all in favor.**

53 Camp St
96 Pleasant St
915 Pleasant St
29 Nanigian Rd
23 Lincoln Cir
53 Brooks Rd
1 Wilde Wood Rd
39 Asnebumskit Rd
77 Asnebumskit Rd
9 Crystal St
300A Grove St
255 Pleasant St
4 Elizabeth Ln
2 Glen Ellen Rd
235 West St
12 Orchard Dr
7 Elizabeth Ln
7 Hemlock St
9 Pine Acres
839 Pleasant St
13 Holbrook Ln
74 Streeter Rd
9 William Allen Dr
10 William Allen Dr
376 Pleasant St
3 Mower St

Additional Comments

- **(JM)** I would like to suggest that with the current situations in our society that at budget time we do not speak in a public forum about an any potential budget cuts to our Public Safety.
- **(PB)** I will sit with Rich Fenton and Carol and discuss this.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:10 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