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

**Monday, September 26, 2016**

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

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

Attendees: see Attendee List

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

### **Resignation of Susan Corcoran**

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) reluctantly accept the resignation of Susan Corcoran from the Historical Commission. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- Mrs. Corcoran was then presented a certificate of appreciation for all the years that she dedicated to the Historical and Conservation Commissions.

### **Condition of the Senior Center Building**

- At the request of some of the senior residents in town they wanted to discuss the condition of the Senior Center. Town resident Melinda Johnson and Pat Belsito spoke to certain areas such as the staircase, mold and dampness that pose a problem. The heater downstairs does not work. The seniors often have to move furniture for their groups but would like to see someone else take care of that.
- Marty French is the yoga instructor for the seniors and they utilize the basement for their classes and she expressed that the senior population is growing and you need to do what you can to take of the building that they utilize. The basement is not accessible to handicapped individuals because the stairway is too difficult to get down and the slope in the parking lot is too dangerous for them.
- (PB) There are short term and long term fixes. Let's see what we can do to make it more user friendly and then work on putting a list of larger capital items together that can be presented to the Capital Improvement Committee for next year's budget.
- Melinda Johnson expressed that in the short term a coat of paint, fixing the heater in the basement and vacuuming the stairwell would be a good start.
- Cindy Love, COA Director, spoke to the fact that there was a leak in the basement at one point but the DPW patched it and the carpet was dried out and a dehumidifier was placed down there. Some outside drains were changed in the hopes that this would divert the

water away from the basement and solve the water problem. Maintenance is an issue and we are working on things a little bit at a time. Sometimes we do have problem with outside groups that come in and do not leave the rooms the way in which they found them.

- (PB) We will put an action plan together and have it ready to discuss at our next meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Dolores Rauschl is a new resident to town and she said that this is the most welcoming town that she has been in.
- Donmarie Desrosiers, a senior resident, suggested looking into a grant or do some fundraising to help the Senior Center.
- (PB) We have looked at grants before and you have to be careful because the use of some grants results in the Town relinquishing power of what can be done in the future to the building.

#### **Resignation of Zachary Ferguson**

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) reluctantly accept the resignation of Zachary Ferguson from the Conservation Commission. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Appointment of Robert Ferguson and Caitlin Carey**

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to appoint Robert Ferguson and Caitlin Carey to the Conservation Commission. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- (PB) We will pass over the reassigning of Chris Keenan and James Robert until Selectmen Malone has returned.

#### **Appointment of Karl Ottman**

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to appoint Karl Ottman to the Historical Commission. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **AMC – Police Contract**

- Selectmen signed the new contract between Anna Maria College and the Paxton Police Department.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2016 . Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Town Administrators Update**

- **Fire Dept.**  
The Fire Dept. has their annual open house scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunities to ride on the fire truck and other fun events. The Fire Department always puts on a great event and it is an opportunity for residents to meet Fire personnel and see the Town's Fire vehicles up close.
- **Baypath**  
The Board has been invited to a Ribbon Cutting event for the Machine Tool Modernization Project funded by the MASS Skills Capital Grant at Baypath Voc. School

on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please let me know if you are able to attend and I will inform Baypath.

- **Free Cash**

The Town has received notification that the DOR has certified Free Cash for the year ended June 30, 2016 in the sum of \$395,384. This in part is due to the mild winter; leaving many accounts with funds remaining. Donna Couture, Town Accountant did a great job closing the fiscal 2016 accounts.

- **BOH**

We have been notified that the BOH has been awarded a Recycling Dividend Program grant of \$1400. Although the award may not be considered a substantial amount of money, a great deal of work was involved in the submission. I commend Sheryl Lombardi, TSC for taking the time and effort to complete and submit this grant on behalf of the BOH. With shrinking budgets this may help to purchase future recycling containers for residents.

- **Real Estate Taxes**

Taxes are due October 3, 2016.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 3, 2016 at 7:30pm.

**Adjourned Meeting at 8:00pm, 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