



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
697 Pleasant Street, Paxton, MA 01612
(508) 754-7638 – phone (508) 797-0966 – fax
dparsons@townofpaxton.net

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

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

Members Present: Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman
Julia N. Pingitore, Vice Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

CMRPC to review Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Paul Dell'Aquila and Andrew Loew from CMRPC were present for the first of two public meetings to be held to discuss the natural hazard mitigation plan. A copy of the slide presentation is available in the Board of Selectmen's office as well as online at CMRPC's website. After the second public meeting is held a certificate of adoption will be provided which is good for five years. Then a local steering committee will be formed to make sure the plan is being followed.

Discuss budget for Special Town Meeting

- **(PB)** The school assessment was lowered by \$172,000. Do we want to send this out for an override or reduce our budget to make up the rest?
- **(JM)** Provided an overview of the school committee meeting where the agreement was made to reduce their budget. The school reps worked diligently towards trying to come up with a number that Paxton would be able to try and work with.
- **(PB)** How did we end up with more than 10% of the reduction?
- **(JM)** extra money on transportation and they are purchasing forward from FY16 into FY17 to lower the assessment.
- Richard Fenton of the Finance Committee stated that due to the increase in revenue and the reduction in expenses he would be in favor of reducing the Town budget to meet the school number and not do an override. Carol Riches, town Administrator has already identified areas that can be reduced, but we would need to make sure that the department heads adhere to those cuts. I would suggest that we take it out of Stabilization instead.
- Mark Love of the Finance Committee was also present and expressed that the school has gone more than half way to meet us. I am also in favor of balancing the budget and not doing an override.

- **(PB)** I am also not in favor of not doing an override but I am also not in favor of using money out of Stabilization to balance the budget.
 - **(JM)** I am also not in favor of doing an override and I would go along with reducing the budget and not using funds from Stabilization. I feel that any future overrides should be for the Town and not for the school.
 - **(JP)** I would also rather not use the funds from Stabilization to balance the budget. We also need to keep in mind that we are still borrowing from the future by using Overlay.
 - **(CR)** The school used option “B” on the report that was provided to you so you can see exactly where the cuts came from. E&D was one area in particular. We are doing our best to get through this year and move forward. I also do not agree with using the Stabilization account to balance the budget.
 - **(PB)** Still concerned about the legal budget. We need to make the managers stick to these budgets.
- **Article 1.**
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept as article #1 on the warrant.
- **Article 2.**
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept as article #2 on the warrant.
- **Article 3**
 - **(CR)** Article was placed on the warrant by mistake. We’ll remove Article 3 until a later time.
- **Article 4**
 - Neil Bagdis spoke on behalf of the Planning Board. We as a Board are presenting this but we are not in favor of this change to the bylaw which would allow a drive through window in a food establishment. We have some concerns about the change that is being requested and feel that we need more time to review it and that it would be better suited as an article for the Annual Town Meeting versus a Special Town Meeting.
 - **(PB)** So currently we don’t allow a drive through for food establishments but we do for non-food (i.e. Country Bank)
 - **(JM)** We could ask for a hold on this for now so that we could request some additional information.
 - **(JP)** This just opens a window to allow this to be brought up. It still has to go the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - Neil Bagdis commented that the Zoning Board of Appeals however would have very few means in which to deny a request if this article is passed.
 - **(JP)** It does need to go before the town but I want to make sure that we are putting forward a valid reason for postponing this matter. The article should go on the Annual Town Meeting in order to have a wider audience.
 - **(PB)** The Select Board is not going to put this article forward at this time because we are not aware of the conditions that put it on a special permit to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to close the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Make recommendations for warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting

- Article 1.
- Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- Article 2.
- Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.

End of year transfers

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the following end of year transfers. Unanimous, all in favor.**

<u>Account transferred to</u>	<u>Account transferred from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0100-1151-5200-0000	0100-1192-5200-0000	\$800.00
0100-1915-5815-0000	0100-1915-5814-0000	\$2,500.00

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **FY16 Budgets**

As you know the Fire Dept. requested a reserve transfer of \$24,000 to cover the last two months of compensation. Not all the amount was needed and the remaining amount in the account is \$8212.

- **Water Dept.**

The City of Worcester has issued a Drought Contingency and Water Supply Emergency Plan. As customers of the City of Worcester, Paxton water customers have been asked to conserve water and restrict outdoor use immediately. For more information you can visit the Town of Paxton's website.

- **Recreation**

The summer concert series kicks off this Thursday at 6pm with Paxton Crossing. These are free concerts that take place at the Center Field bandstand.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:33pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

CMRP slide presentation

Town Administrators update

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons

Administrative Assistant