



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 25, 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 7:00pm.

15 Orchard Drive

- Deirdre Malone presented the Board with a question concerning the property at 15 Orchard Drive. The owner of the property has passed away and the property is in tax taking. We can either bundle it with some of our other receivables, or it could be placed in land court.
- **(PB)** What would you recommend?
- Deirdre Malone replied that the attorney that she spoke to in regards to this recommended that we bundle it with some of our other receivables.
- **(JP)** I understand that Medicare also has a lien on this property?
- Deirdre Malone replied that the Medicare lien was with the parents and not sure if it carries onto the children.
- **(JP)** If there is a large Medicare lien then we may not get anything off of it anyways.
- **(PB)** Do we know what condition the property is in?
- Deirdre Malone replied that we are unsure because no one has been in it but have heard that it is in bad shape.
- **(CR)** We are not in this to make a profit. We just want to get payment on the lien.
- **(JM)** We have done well with selling off receivables so I feel that we should start that way.
- **(PB)** I agree. I think that we should do what we know and stick with selling off the receivables.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) agree to sell off the receivables rather than trying to sell the property outright. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Special Town Meeting

- (CR) We need at least 50 voters in order to hold the Special Town Meeting.

Road Race sign request

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the request to place signs for the ENDO 5K road race along the road side as you enter into town from Holden and Worcester. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment of Jacob Moisio

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to appoint Jacob Moisio as a part time Public Safety Officer. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Mileage/Travel Reimbursement Policy

- (CR) I reviewed the current policy and made some updates to it and added one new form.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the updated policy and new form for the Mileage and Travel Reimbursement Policy. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **Fire Dept.**
The hot and dry temperatures have led to brush fires around the Pine Hill Reservoir. This has caused our Fire Dept. to be extremely busy this month.
- **New Public Information Request Law**
I provided under separate cover information regarding the New Public Information Request Law that comes into effect on January 1, 2017. The provisions of this law will be burdensome for towns, with additional recording and compliance. We are actually experiencing more public information requests relating to payroll and purchases.
(CR) We will need to designate a Public Information Officer when the time gets closer.
- **Real Estate Taxes**
Preliminary half yearly taxes have been issued and are due October 1st. Residents who have not received a bill should contact the tax collector. Bills are sent to the property owner on file as of January 1st of the year.
- **Charter Communications**
Charter will be adding two new temporary channels around August 2nd to their expanded tier of programming during the upcoming Summer Olympic Games to carry the overflow programming:

NBC Olympics Basketball	394
NBC Olympics Soccer	395

- **Worcester water**
(CR) We are in a stage two water drought.

Appointment of David Stoica

- Susan Stone, Town Clerk, stated that the Board of Registrars is requesting the temporary appointment of David Stoica.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the temporary appointment of David Stoica to the Board of Registrars. Unanimous, all in favor.**

State Primary Warrant

- The Board of Selectmen signed the State Primary Warrant.

Correspondence

- **(PB)** Officer Forrest Thorpe was recognized by a resident for his assistance in helping them when they were locked out of their house.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:30pm, 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