



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 6, 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.

Appointments for FY2017

- **(PB)** Announced various Boards and Committees that currently have vacancies on them if any town resident is interested.
- **(PB)** There are three committees that we are currently looking to dissolve.
 - Open Space and Recreation
 - Green Repair Project Committee
 - PILOT Committee
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve dissolving the committees as listed above. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to appoint the individuals that are listed on the FY17 Appointment letter. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment of the Municipal Hearing Officer

- Julia Pingitore recused herself for this discussion.
- **(CR)** Presented the Board with Richard Bedard as the individual that she would like to have appointed as the Municipal Hearing Officer.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to appoint Richard Bedard as the Municipal Hearing Officer. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- Mrs. Pingitore returned to the meeting.

FY17 Liaison Assignments

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Liaison Assignments as presented to the Board. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Goals for FY17

- (CR) There are no new goals that I would add at this time.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the FY17 Goals for the Town Administrator as previously presented. Unanimous, 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>
0100-1241-5103-0000	0100-1129-5102-0000	\$500.00
0100-1610-5104-0000	0100-1610-5103-0000	\$604.00
0100-1610-5800-0000	0100-1610-5200-0000	\$1,000.00

(JM) Shouldn't the Library try to use some of the state funds to purchase a new computer?

(CR) They had put in for a computer in their budget and it was taken out, and they are using some of the state funds to do some repairs to the building, so I do feel that it is okay to use this money for a computer.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2016. Selectmen Pingitore did not vote on this matter. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **FY16 Budget**

As indicated earlier in the year the Fire Dept. calls have increased this year and the Fire Chief has requested a transfer from the Reserve Fund of \$24,500 to meet the June payroll. This is unfortunate but was expected due to the tight budgets and high call volume. We are also monitoring the Legal Account as we still have May and June bills outstanding and only have \$4,200 remaining in the account. If there is an opportunity to increase the FY17 budget at the Special Town we should try to do so. The anticipated deficit is due to increase need for legal assistance for zoning issues and the unionization of the Fire Dept.

- **Exempt Employees**

The Federal Department of Labor has now issued new rules for overtime eligibility by increasing the weekly salary thresholding from \$455 to \$913 for a 40 hour week. This rule takes effect December 1, 2016 and applies to both public and private sector employees; as I previously informed you this will change some of our employees' status from exempt to non-exempt.

- **Massworks Grant**

We now have a signed contract for the Massworks Grant for \$39,200 to reline two culverts on Rt. 56, the work is expected to commence and be completed this month.

- **Scams**

Last week the Police Department and Light Department put on a program for seniors highlighting the current scams taking place and ways to avoid being tempted by these bogus

entities. Forty seniors attended this program, which was filmed and will be available to view on both the cable and through the streaming video on our website. I would like to thank the Light Dept. Manager Jason Lavelle and Officers Silverstri, Thorpe and Keller for doing such a good presentation. Attached is the handout from this event.

- **Mileage Rate**

As of January 1, 2016 the Internal Revenue set the standard mileage rate to \$0.54. The town's rate is \$0.51. Do we wish to increase it to the standard \$0.54?

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the increase in the Town's mileage rate from \$0.51 to \$0.54. Unanimous, all in favor.

- **Request for signs on Keep Avenue**

A resident of Keep Ave has requested three different sign be put up.

1. Not a through street
2. 15MPH speed limit
3. Slow children

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Slow Children and Not a Through Street sign but disapprove the 15MPH speed limit sign. Unanimous, all in favor.

(JM) Speak to the Police Chief prior to these signs going to up in order to make sure that he is in agreeance with them.

Correspondence

- **(PB)** The state has approved the request from the Wachusett Regional School District to extend the amount of time that they have to present an updated budget.

Other Business

- **(JM)** Could we look into getting a new Air conditioning unit for the Senior Center?
- Donna Parsons extended her gratitude to Carol Riches for all the work that she did in cleaning up the Town Hall after the hard wood floors were refinished.
- Donna Parsons stated just as a reminder this coming Saturday is Paxton Days on the Town Common.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:40pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Town Administrators update

FY17 Appointments

FY17 Liaison Assignments

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons
Administrative Assistant