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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2016

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.

Recognition of the 250th Celebration Committee

- **(PB)** Each of the members of the 250th Celebration Committee was recognized for all the hard work and dedication that they provided over the past five years in order to put together a yearlong celebration. Members that were recognized included: Anita Fenton, Kay Kingsbury, Robert Wilby, Pat Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Jerry Ryan, Adam Doud and Marisol Dittami.

Special Recognition Award to Jerry Ryan

- **(PB)** Gerald Ryan was presented with a Special Recognition Award for all the years that he has served as the COA Director along with his participation on many Town boards and Committees.

Re-open Warrant for Special Town Meeting

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to re-open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Article 2.**
Water
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept as article #2 on the warrant.

Close Warrant for Special Town Meeting

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to close the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.**

Make recommendations for warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting

Article 1.

Water Department

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

Article 2.

OPEB Account

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend that we pass over the article. All in favor.

Article 3.

Stabilization

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend that we pass over the article. All in favor.

Article 4.

Chapter 90

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

Article 5.

Revolving Accounts

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

Article 6.

Capital Depreciation

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

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Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to recommend that we pass over the article. All in favor.

Article 8.

Kennel Bylaw

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

Article 9.

Wetlands bylaw

Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to recommend disapproval with discussion.

- **(JP)** I'm concerned that it will end up costing the town more in the end if we are taking on more responsibility rather than letting the DEP work on some of these items.
- **(JM)** Conservation has been working on this for some time, but I do have some concerns as well. In past experience it seems that most cases come back to the town anyways.
- **(CR)** There is a lot of policing that comes with this bylaw. The rules are more stringent which may protect us or not. I think this bylaw is a model that a lot of towns are adopting.
- **(PB)** Wait to see what Town Counsel comes back with and have Conservation back in for some more information.
- **(JP)** Withdraw motion for disapproval

Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to make recommendation at Town meeting. All in favor.

Article 10.

Abutter Lot Sales Program

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

Article 11.

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

Article 12.

Set up Road Improvement Fund

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

Article 13.

Fund Road Improvement Fund

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

Article 14.

Appropriate funds in the Road Improvement Fund

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

Article 15.

WRSD – rename science project room

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

Article 16.

WRSD amendment to section 1.1.3

Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to recommend approval with discussion.

- **(PB)** We eliminated the other article which moved the timeline from three years to five years for the Regional Agreement.
- **(JP)** Withdraw motion for approval.

Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to recommend disapproval of the article. All in favor.

Article 17.

WRSD amendment to section 1.1.6

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

Article 18.

WRSD amendment to section 5

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

Article 19.

WRSD amendment to section 7

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

Article 20.

WRSD amendment to section 16

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

Article 21.

WRSD amendment to section 17.1

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

Article 22.

WRSD amendment to section 19.1

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to make recommendation at Town meeting. All in favor.

- **(PB)** Place on next agenda so that we can look into what section 14.2 of the agreement discusses.

Article 23

Town Budget

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

Article 24.

WRSD budget

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval with discussion.

(JM) Withdrew motion.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend disapproval with discussion.

(PB) We are looking to disapprove of the override and the article. Leave it up to the voters but the board is not recommending approval. Both of our school committee members voted in favor of the school budget so hopefully they will be at the meeting to support it. We as a unit have said that we would not support an override, yet we just approved an override for the road resurfacing.

(JM) We have to do something for our infrastructure, and if we don't set this money aside we will never have it.

(PB) I understand I just want to make sure we can explain why we are in favor of an override when that has not been our stance in the past.

Article 25

Bay Path budget

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

(JM) We may want to move the town and school budgets back to the beginning of the meeting.

(PB) Let's leave the articles as they are and wait until the night of the meeting and let the moderator change the order if needed.

Paxton Days

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the use of the Town common and placement of signs for the Paxton Days event. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Goals and Evaluation

- **(PB)** The evaluation form has been updated to mirror the goals that were set forward last year. Please bring your completed evaluation form to the next meeting and then we will start working on the goals for next year.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrator Update

- **FY16 Budget**

At time I don't see any problems with the current budget that have not been addressed. The Snow & Ice budget took an unexpected hit with the April snow storms. (Balance will be provided at the meeting after 4/8 and 4/11 warrants prepared).

(CR) we currently have \$5,000 left in snow and ice and \$18,000 left in compensation.

- **DPW**

Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent recently took the initiative to register himself and his department for hoisting training through the free program offered by MIIA. The six training courses can generally cost \$95 to \$150 each; so the fact that Mike searched out these MIIA offerings saved the Town money. The Police Dept. took a similar approach last year with the Safe Driver training.

- **Audit**

The FY15 Audit has been completed by Roselli, Clarke & Associates. Electronic copies have been distributed. The Management Letter did make mention of seven items that we have accomplished that were brought up in the previous year's audit.

Does the Board wish to request an exit interview with the Auditor as we did in last year?
The Board agreed that an exit interview was not necessary.

- **Data Security Audit**

The Data Security Audit will be completed within the next week or two; we will need to discuss the reports in executive session at a later date. As part of the grant process we will have eighteen new procedural policies reviewed and put in place.

- **Baypath Voc. School**

Recently over 40 seniors took a tour of Baypath Vocational School's new renovations and got to have lunch in the attractive cafeteria. I want to thank John Lafleche and Robert Wilby for arranging this visit for our seniors.

- **Paxton Lions**

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the use of the Town common and placement of signs for the Paxton Lions Town wide yard sale. Unanimous, all in favor.

Note – have form completed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:12pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons

Administrative Assistant