



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 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 7:00pm.

We will enter into Executive Session and will only be returning to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning.

Classification Hearing

Kathleen Stanley, Administrative Assessor along with Joanne Savignac and Doris Huard from the Board of Assessors were present for the Annual Classification Hearing to set the tax rate for FY17.

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the use of Factor 1 to calculate the tax rate. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) that the Town will not provide a discount for Open Space. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) that the Town will not provide a discount for Residential Exemptions. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) that the Town will not provide a discount for Small Commercial Exemptions. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- With these four items voted on a tax rate of \$20.39 was set.
- The Board signed the tax rate recap.

Mr. Grinstead's request to use Town Common

- Request to use the town common for the filming of a movie. This event is scheduled to take place on December 9th from 9am to about 2pm. All Public Safety Departments have been made aware of the request.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the request to use the Town Common provided all paperwork has been submitted. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Land and Sea

- Bethann and Jeffrey Cormier were present to discuss the transfer of the lease at 10 West St. Mrs. Cormier expressed that their intent is to take over the operation of the business at 10 West St and continue on the lease with the town.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the continuation of the lease at 10 West St and operating as Land & Sea. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- Bethann Cormier asked if the key to building could be changed and a new sign placed out front.
- **(PB)** Yes, the key can be changed just give a copy to the Town Hall and check with Sheryl in the building Department about the sign.
- Jeff Cormier also expressed that there was a broken tread on one of the back stairs to the building.

Saint Columba liquor license request

- **(PB)** Move to next meeting until we can verify that it is for beer and wine only.

Congregational Church liquor license request

- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the request for a one day liquor license for beer and wine only. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Paxton Municipal Light Department

- **(PB)** After our last meeting I spoke to Mr. Crowley and agreed that it would be nice to meet again. Mr. Crowley was to call me back but I have not heard from him yet so we will pass over this and try to reschedule for another time.
- **(JP)** I have been in contact with Mr. Lavallee but I will hold off on meeting with him until the two boards can meet.

Trash Liens

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to sign the trash liens for the following properties as listed. Unanimous, all in favor.**

915 Pleasant St
29 Nanigian Rd
1 Wilde Wood Rd
498 Pleasant St
77 Asnebumskit Rd
9 Crystal St
300A Grove St
508 Pleasant St
4 Elizabeth Ln
7 Ridgewood Rd
12 Orchard Dr
7 Elizabeth Ln
13 Holbrook Ln
74 Streeter Rd
9 William Allen Dr
376 Pleasant St

362 Pleasant St
25 Red Oak St
15 Brooks Rd

License Renewals

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the renewal applications for the liquor licenses. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Liquor

- Paxton Market Place – All Liquor
 - Paxton Sports Center - Club
 - Paxton Liquor Store – All Liquor
 - Anna Maria College - Club
 - Kettle brook Golf Course – Club
 - American Legion – Veterans Club
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the renewal of the following licenses for 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Auto Body Shops

- Paxton Auto

Class II Car Sales

- Paxton Auto
 - Middle River Corp. (Selectmen Bogren recused himself from this vote)
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the renewal of the license for FY16 for Middle River Corp. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Common Victuallers

- JLC Donuts Inc.
- Paxton Sports Center
- Paxton House of Pizza
- Paxton American Legion
- Paxton Marketplace
- Kettlebrook Golf Course
- Sage Dining Service
- Land & Sea Market
- Theo's

Packaged Goods

- Paxton Sports Center
- Paxton Liquor Store
- Paxton House of Pizza
- Anna Maria College

Above Ground Tanks

- Urbanovitch Farm
- Paxton Town Garage
- Worcester County Memorial
- Kettlebrook Golf Course
- Industrial Tower & Wireless

Meeting Minutes

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

Town Administrators Update

- **Health Insurance**

Following on from last week's health insurance discussion, I provide below a potential savings should the Town change from 75/25% to 70/30% for new employees.

| Harvard Pilgrim Current Plan | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Towns Share | | | Town Savings 80% to 70% | |
| Town Savings 75% to 70% | | | | |
| Percentage | January 2017 Rate | | Calendar Year: One Employee | |
| | Individual | Family | Individual | Family |
| | \$725.68 | \$1,930.31 | | |
| 80% | \$580.54 | \$1,544.25 | | |
| 75% | \$544.26 | \$1,447.73 | \$580.54 | \$1,544.25 |
| 70% | \$507.98 | \$1,351.22 | \$870.82 | \$2,316.37 |

The Insurance Advisory Committee also suggested providing an opt-out for employees to take alternative health insurance than the Towns. I have received sample policies from other towns and I am asking the Board if you feel this is something that you would like me to pursue. If so I will put a policy together.

- **MIA Grant**

I received notification that the grant I submitted for police dash cameras was successful and we have been awarded \$6,844 for two cameras.

- **Salary Threshold Increase Ruling**

Earlier in the year I informed you that the salary increases for overtime will increase in December. Apparently a federal court in Texas has issued a preliminary injunction blocking the implementation on the grounds that the Department of Labor exceeded its authority and lacked the power to implement these salary threshold changes. The change is therefore frozen at this time for all states.

- **Trash Collection**

There is an error on the recycling calendar. Trash and recycling will not be collected on the day after Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Collections will be Tuesday through Friday on those weeks.

- **Richards Memorial Library**

The Library will be having their annual Holiday party on Saturday, December 17th 3pm to 5pm with an opportunity for children to have their pictures taken with Santa.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:30pm and we will only return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday December 19, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:37pm, 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