



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2017

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.

Reopen the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the reopening of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Article 1.**
Water Department
Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to accept the article as written. All in favor.
Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to accept this as article #1. All in favor.
- **Article 2.**
OPEB Account
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #2. All in favor.
- **Article 3.**
Stabilization
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #3. All in favor.
- **Article 4.**
Chapter 90
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #4. All in favor.

- **Article 5.**

Revolving Accounts

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #5. All in favor.

- **Article 6.**

Departmental Revolving Funds Bylaw

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #6. All in favor.

- **Article 7.**

Road Improvement

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #7. All in favor.

- **Article 8.**

Use funds for road improvement

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #8. All in favor.

- **Article 9.**

DPW pickup truck

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #9. All in favor.

- **Article 10.**

DPW site and design

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #10. All in favor.

- **Article 11.**

Police vehicle

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #11. All in favor.

- **Article 12.**

Town Hall exterior

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #12. All in favor.

- **Article 13.**

Senior Center windows

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #13. All in favor.

- **Article 14.**

PSC wireless network

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #14. All in favor.

- **Article 15.**

Wachusett Greenways

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #15. All in favor.

- **Article 16.**

Marijuana Moratorium Bylaw

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #16. All in favor.

- **Article 17.**

Drive through

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #17. All in favor.

- **Article 18.**

Quarterly tax payment

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #18. All in favor.

- **Article 19.**

Wetlands Bylaw

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #19. All in favor.

- **Article 20.**

Meal Tax

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #20. All in favor.

- **Article 21.**

Wachusett Regional School District

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #21. All in favor.

- **Article 22.**

Town budget

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #22. All in favor.

- **Article 23.**

WRSD budget

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #23. All in favor.

- **Article 24.**
Bay Path budget
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #24. All in favor.
- **Article 25.**
Out of District student
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #25. All in favor.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the closing of the warrant for our Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2017. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Make recommendations for warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting

- **Article 1.**
Water Department
(JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 2.**
OPEB Account
Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to recommend passing over this article. All in favor.
- **Article 3.**
Stabilization Fund
- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to recommend approval of 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 (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 6.**
Departmental Revolving Funds Bylaw
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 7.**
Road Improvement
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 8.**
Use funds for Road Improvement
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.

- **Article 9.**
DPW Pickup truck
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 10.**
DPW site and design
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 11.**
Police vehicle
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 12.**
Town Hall exterior
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 13.**
Senior Center Window Replacement
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 14.**
PCS wireless network
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 15.**
Wachusett Greenways
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 16.**
Marijuana Moratorium Bylaw
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 17.**
Drive Through Bylaw
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 18.**
Quarterly Tax Payments
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 19.**
Conservation Commission Wetlands Bylaw
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 20.**
Local Meal Tax
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.

- **Article 21.**
Wachusett Regional School District
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 22.**
Town Budget
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 23**
WRSD Budget
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 24.**
Bay Path Budget
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.
- **Article 25.**
Out of District Student
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. Open for discussion.
(PB) We have to pay this. If this does not go through we could be subject to a law suit.
We can discuss this further at a future meeting.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to recommend approval of the article. All in favor.

Request to paint benches on the Town Common

- **(CR)** The Recreation Commission put forward a request to have the Boy Scouts repaint the benches on the common. These benches were donated so we should check first to make sure this is okay to do.

Request from the Congregational Church to put up signs

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the request to place signs on the common along the town's roadside for the May 20, 2017 yard sale and cookout on the Town Common. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2017. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2017. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2017. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **Voter Information**
The last date for voter registration for the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday, April 11th at 8pm.

The last date for voter registration for the May 8, 2017 Annual Town Election is Tuesday, April 18 at 8pm.

- **Paxton Shuttle**

The Paxton Shuttle will stop service on May 12th. A public hearing will be held on April 24th at the start of the Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss the proposed elimination.

- **Management Meeting**

A management meeting will be held on April 27th in preparation of the Town Meeting. Has the Board anything that they would like me to pass along to the Department Managers on their behalf?

- **Water Department**

The Water Department is restructuring on July 1, 2017. At Mike Putnam's own request he will no longer be Water Superintendent. The Highway Superintendent responsibilities have expanded over the years and require more of his attention. Travis Thibault will take over as Water Superintendent.

Over the next four years the Water Department is looking to implement a new smart meter program which will consist of replacing ever household water meter with the new meters. This is as a consequence of failing meters, water loss and to improve the service to customers.

The Water Superintendent is also looking to hire an additional employee for the department.

Water rates will increase in July and information will be posted to the Town's website in due course.

- **Town Clerk**

We have an opening for an Assistant to the Town Clerk. This position will be 10 hours a week.

- **RML Easter Party**

I would just like to recognize the tremendous job that the Library did this past weekend with their Easter Party.

Correspondence

- **(PB)** Read a letter recognizing Officer Douglas Tripp for going above and beyond to help a Town resident.

Public Session

- Melinda Johnson questioned the article for the new windows for the Senior Center. What happens after Town meeting?
- **(PB)** If the article passes at Town Meeting it then goes onto a ballot question.
- **(CR)** We are looking to get the gutters replaced at the Senior Center and I would like to talk further with Mr. Fenton in regards to some ideas that he has that could help with the windows and sealing the basement.

- Melinda Johnson asked if the Historical District could get a grant to do some work at the Senior Center/
- **(PB)** Advised her to be cautious of that. We tried that in the past and discovered that the town would relinquish most of its say as to what could be done with the building if a grant was accepted.

Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 8:02pm 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, April 24, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:20pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons
Administrative Assistant