

**Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2006**

Members Present: Michael Quinlivan, Chairman, John F. Malone, Vice Chair,
Frederick G. Goodrich, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator (Absent)

Attendees: See Attendee Sheet

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2006. Unanimous.

Trash Abatement Request – 15 West Street

- Request to abate trash fee as property vacant for many months.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept request. Unanimous.

Monthly Building Report

- Building activity for June 2006 shows six building permits issued and total fees collected of \$669.00.
- BOS asked that (CB) obtain information from the Assessors as to whether they are going to experience a loss in revenue from what was projected in new building construction for FY07, requested that this FY07 projected figure be provided for the BOS.
- (JM) asked that as the building activity is down, could we have (CB) look into getting that office tidied up.

Town Administrators Update

Town Hall Building Assessment

- Lamoureux Pagano Architects provided an estimate for the architectural fees for the proposed Town Hall renovations. Schematic Design \$12,900 (less \$4,500 already done), Design Development \$17,200 and Construction Documents \$34,400.
- Construction Administration estimated at \$21,500. \$389,250 of the \$467,879 estimate for providing handicap accessibility might be considered fundable by an Architectural Barrier Removal Grant.
- (CB) provide possible tax impact on the average single family resident under a few different scenarios.

Diesel Fuel

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept bid for Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel for FY07 of \$2.6110 per gallon from Radio Oil. Unanimous.

Fuel Oil

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept bid for Fuel Oil for FY07 of \$2.1610 per gallon from Radio Oil. Unanimous.

Anna Maria/Paxton Public Safety Facility

- Request for proposal for AMC/Paxton Public Safety and Educational Facility advertised in T&G on August 3rd and 4th, proposals to be accepted until August 24, 2006.

National Incident Management System Certification

- BOS should be certified for IS700 and ICS 100 by September 30, 2006. (FG) said that he would attempt to attend the August 23rd training and (MQ) would attend the August 26th training.

Historical District Study Committee

- Anita Fenton pleased that the assessment did show that the Town Hall was worthwhile restoring. Would like to see a Town Hall Building Study Committee to receive input from the community.
- (MQ) stated that they would conduct hearings, but not necessarily form a committee.
- Anita Fenton stated that the project should be done over several years to obtain the full potential of all floors of the building to take it into the next century.
- (FG) stated that the assessment did not address many aspects of the building and would like to meet with the architect before accepting any plan.
- (JM) asked that (CB) obtain building costs for discussion.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to request that the Architect attend a meeting at their earliest convenience to answer any questions that the BOS or any other parties may have. Unanimous.
- Anita Fenton asked whether the BOS should be obtaining names for the Historical District Commission to oversee the Historic District.
- (FG) replied that they would await the DA response.

Robert LeClerc – 47 Crowningshields Drive

- Mr. LeClerc attended the meeting to bring a complaint forward regarding the island in the cul de sac on Crowningshields Drive.
- The DPW at the request of other residents in the area, cut down all the trees and scrubs on the island with the understanding that these residents were going to plant flowers to beautify the area.
- Mr. LeClerc states that he was not informed that this was to happen. Three weeks have passed and the island now looks an “eye sore”. He believes that it was the intentions of the original developer to have trees on the island to provide privacy to the houses in the cul de sac and avoid glare from vehicles entering the street.
- BOS stated that the DPW Superintendent was on vacation this week and said that they would ask that he contacts Mr. LeClerc on his return and provide details of what the intentions are with the island on Crowningshields Drive.

Correspondence

- Notice from Massachusetts Lottery looking for nominations for Extraordinary Citizens.
- A recent article from “The Landmark” was provided for the BOS to give consideration to nominate Daniel Boulette, a Paxton student who has been selected from the regions ice hockey players to join Team Massachusetts.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to nominate Daniel Boulette. Unanimous.
- Memo from Town Clerk informing BOS of the appointment of an Assistant Town Clerk, Susan Stone. Town Clerk also requested the acceptance of Annette Aubertin as Senior Aid for this year, to work on cleaning up the backlog of work.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (FG) to accept appointments of Susan Stone and Annette Aubertin. Unanimous (JM) abstained.
- Next Regional Selectmen’s Meeting September 7, 2006. BOS will review last Regional Meeting for any outstanding issues.

Other Business

- (FG) took exception to a payment on the last warrant for the Treasurer’s Rotary dues. (FG) believed that it was illegal to pay for these dues.
- (MQ) stated that they had recently come across an incident whereby they wanted to help the

Veteran's through the Legion and were informed by Town Counsel that they were unable to do this.

- BOS believed these Rotary dues were not the same as membership to MMA etc.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) not to pay these dues. Unanimous. (JM) abstained.
- (FG) on the hottest day of the year so far, the Senior Center was made available as a "cooling center". No one showed up and later (FG) was informed that seniors called for the van, but could not reach anyone.
- (FG) need to give thought to how senior can make contact for services after the Director etc. has left in the morning.
- (JM) maybe this could be something that the Emergency Manager could develop.
- Town Accountant advised that she is balanced with the Treasurer to December 2006 and that she expects to close FY06 by October 2006, this will lead to a need to borrow, as the tax rate will not be set. Need to discuss with the Treasurer.

Motion (JM) and seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 8:34pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
Paxton Board of Selectmen