

**Town of Paxton  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 21, 2006**

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

Attendees: Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator  
See Attendee Sheet

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

**Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2006.  
Unanimous.

**Wachusett Regional School District Building Committee Representatives**

- Duncan Leith and Emmerson Wheeler, WRSD Building Committee reported on the progress of the High School construction.
- Mr. Leith – planning a tour of the High School September 22 at 5pm to view construction progress.
- Going through punch list for B&C Buildings - mainly cosmetic.
- Second floor of G&H Building (science rooms) will be available for the start of school; first floor (13 science rooms) will be open 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of September.
- Cafeteria and the Gym will both be ready.
- Drainage problem continuing to improve with tenement basins
- One field sodded another in the process
- Paving of back of the building and top tier parking lot scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Auditorium will seat between 150 and 200 due increased capacity of balconies.
- Expect completion to be the end of June 07.
- \$2 million contingency set aside. Negotiating claim with TLT for erosion.
- Mr. Leith – do not expect to spend over \$81 million.
- (JM) requested clarification as to whether the Towns were going to need to appropriate further money for the project.
- Mr. Leith assured (JM) that the project would be completed with the money they have and no further appropriations would be necessary.
- Both Mr. Leith and Mr. Wheeler are prepared to attend the Regional Selectmen's meeting in September to answer any questions.

**First Congregational Church Request**

- First Congregational Church requesting the use of the Common to hold a flea market as part of the Barbecue on September 30<sup>th</sup> between the 11am and 3pm.
- **Motion** (JM) second (MQ) to allow, contingent upon the Police Chief having no safety concerns.  
Unanimous.

## **Town Administrators Update**

### Appointments

- (CB) recommend appointments previously put on hold:
- Bylaw Revision Committee – Peter Dawson, Robert Bostwich and Rick Trifero.
- Insurance Advisory Committee- Deirdre Malone, Debbie Bailey, Joseph Thompson, Carol Riches, Eva Ryan Harold Smith and Gary Richards.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to approve appointments of the Bylaw Revision Committee and Insurance Advisory Committee. Unanimous.

### Interim Assistant Chief Dispatcher

- Chief Desrosiers recommends appointing Sean Cooney as Interim Chief Dispatcher.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to approve the recommendation to appoint Sean Cooney as Interim Chief Dispatcher. Unanimous.

### Financial Policy Manual

- Addition page for proposed Financial Policy Manual on Chapter 149 Section 44A.

### New Growth

- Assessors have reviewed and do not anticipate a problem as a lower estimate was used in anticipation of lower activity.

### Departmental Management Meeting

- A Departmental Management Meeting was held on August 16<sup>th</sup>, next quarterly meeting to take place in November.

### Petition

- Sara Holbrook of 9 Elm Street has requested to tie into the Worcester sanitary sewer system. Request forwarded to Town Counsel.
- (JM) would like to see costs associated with a raised septic system, BOH should provide information.
- (CB) hold until BOH have reviewed the report.

### Surplus Equipment

- DPW would like to declare the 1997 Ford F350 and snow plow as surplus equipment.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to declare the equipment as surplus equipment. Unanimous.

### Other Business

- (CB) Sen. Harriette Chandler would like to have comments on need for Public Transportation in Paxton.
- (CB) to contact Sen. Chandler to set up a public meeting.
- Town Accountant is making good progress on FY06 and expecting to close FY06 by the second or third week of October. Hope to have a better idea by next meeting.
- Vision Appraisal data complete.
- Safety Building preliminary layout complete, need to do topography and wet land delineation of the Fire Station site, Light Department and residence next to the building. Owners of property have given permission for this to take place.
- RFP for AMC/Public Safety Educational Complex due on August 24, 2006.
- Town Hall study complete, will arrange for architect to attend September 18th meeting to answer

any questions. (JM) Need to move forward in a logical factual way to use the building for the next 10 – 20 years.

- Towers on Asnebumskit making progress – survey and testing taking place. (JM) Leicester and Spencer having communication problems, maybe they would be interested in hiring our new tower.

**Public Session**

- Chris de. Marcken spoke out regarding the WRSD High School construction; he believed that \$81 million would not be sufficient to complete project, as DEP preparing to sue the school district for water pollution problems.
- Chris de. Marcken asked the BOS what action they were taking regarding the political signs in Town.
- (CB) political signs are exempt from bylaws, Rick Trifero, Zoning Enforcement Officer is contacting the campaign managers to convince them that signs as large as these are not popular in this area.

**Motion** (MQ) and seconded (JM) to adjourn meeting at 8:45pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant  
Paxton Board of Selectmen