

**Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2006**

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

Attendees: Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator
See Attendee Sheet

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

Meeting Minutes

- (MQ) approve next week when (JM) present.

First Congregational Church Sign Request

- First Congregational Church requesting to post signs on the Common to advertise the Barbecue on September 30th two weeks before the event.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to allow no more than three signs to be posted one week before the event on the understanding that there is no obstruction to traffic. Unanimous.

Trash Abatement- 10 Red Oak St

- Request for abatement during renovation of property. Will have a dumpster on site no need for trash pick up.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to give an abatement for the period that the dumpster is on site, pending sight of the dumpster contract. Unanimous.

Town Administrators Update

Fall Paving Schedule

- DPW Superintendent would like to undertake a full reclamation of Lincoln Circle and an overlay of Black Hill Road and the Fire Station.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept recommendations for paving. Unanimous.

Crowningshields

- DPW Superintendent stated that he would be taking care of the island on Crowningshields this week by planting a tree and cleaning up the area.

MEMA

- MEMA requesting the appointment of a Community Emergency Response Coordinator to represent the Town on the Northern Worcester Regional Emergency Planning Committee.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Jeffery Wentzell as the Town's Community Emergency Response Coordinator. Unanimous.

Financial Policy Manual

- (MQ) will review at the next meeting when (JM) is available to give his comments.

Water Commissioners

- New water rates adopted by the Water Commissioners effective September 1, 2006. Increase necessary due to slowing down of new construction, debt service and water purchase charges.

Wachusett District Strategic Plan

- First meeting of the committee held on August 17, 2006. Eight focus group meetings to be held to obtain input from the community for the plan.

MIIA Loss Control

- MIIA conducted a tour of the Town Building on August 3, 2006. Issues are being addressed and a

response to MIIA will be as completed prior to September 22, 2006.

November Ballot

- Question 1 on the November ballot, if passed, authorizes local licensing authorities to allow the sale of wine at grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores and some gas stations. Information provided for BOS.
- Search Committee for new AMC President would like to meet with Town Government officials on either September 19th or 20th.
- (MQ) and (FG) will meet with Search Committee on September 20th at 1pm.
- (CB) Kathleen Griffins looking to create a calendar comprising of the top dogs in Paxton requested a list of dog owners from the Town Clerk and would like to use a picture of the Town Hall on the cover.
- BOS agreed that they would not like a picture of the Town Hall to be used as this may be viewed as if the Town sponsors the calendar.

Correspondence

- Ad- Hoc Committee meeting on September 13 at 7pm.
- False Alarm Report.
- Memo regarding property on Richards Avenue – problems with removal of stonewall on property – refer to Fence Viewer and Building Inspector.
- STAR subscription- BOS agreed to pay \$25 again this year.
- WRSD letter notifying of Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting on September 13, 2006 to discuss the downsizing of the School Committee

Other Business

- (FG) Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee – need to review their assignments.
- (FG) requesting Ambulance Update – (CB) nothing new.
- Michael Pullings of Health Care Management Associates presenting the Preliminary market and Feasibility Review at the PHP meeting on September 18, 2006. BOS agreed to start their meeting at 7:30pm in order to attend.
- Agricultural Committee meeting on October 2, 2006, (FG) would like to attend as going to discuss a petition and bylaw. BOS agreed to start their meeting at 7:30pm. (CB) committee was to ask to come up with a recommendation for the BOS, more flexibility to accept the bylaw rather than a petition. This would lead to a Public Hearing and an article for the Town Meeting.

Public Session

- No questions.

Motion (FG) and seconded (MQ) to adjourn meeting at 8:10pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
Paxton Board of Selectmen