



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2018

Meeting Location: Paxton Town Hall, 697 Pleasant St, Paxton, MA 01612

Members Present: Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman
John F. Malone, Vice-Chairman
Julia N. Pingitore, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Regional Meeting

- **(PB)** with the first item on the agenda I have a concern that we are going to discuss what should be a reasonable increase for the FY20 budget for Wachusett and they were not even invited to the meeting. Just about a year ago Holden was saying that they wanted to put more money into their own schools and now they are calling a meeting to discuss holding back on spending. The second item up for discussion is agreeing to request a line item budget from Wachusett for FY20. I feel that the responsibilities of the school committee versus the towns has become a grey area. It is the responsibility of the school committee to provide the towns with their budget and then the towns review the budget and decides whether they will support it or not. Who are we to tell Wachusett that a certain line item should be changed. Lastly how do you expect Wachusett to set a 5 to 10-year plan for capital and operational expenses. There are too many unknowns so the best you could do is look at past years and draw a line in the middle for your best estimate. These are the concerns that I would like to express at the meeting.
- **(JP)** I agree with the points that you have made.
- **(JM)** I would like to see us come together and to set a percentage that we can all work with.
- **(PB)** My concern with that is we would have people that do not understand what the school's needs are trying to come in and dictate what the school should get.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2018. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators update

- **Recreation Commission**

The Recreation Commission have determined that the tennis court at the center field is in such bad repair that they could not justify spending a large sum of money to make it safe for players. The commission intends to instead remove the netting etc. and use for additional parking.

- **Dropbox**

For the convenience of residents and others doing business with the Town Hall we will be installing a drobox/mailbox at the foot of the side steps at Town Hall. The mailbox attached to the front of the building is no longer secure and we will discontinue its use.

- **Town Clerks position**

We have done three interviews to date and are looking to invite one of the candidates back for a second interview.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:55pm, Unanimous, all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24 , 2018 at 7:00pm.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Town Administrators report

Agenda

Attendance list

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons
Executive Assistant