



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 26, 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.

We will enter into Executive Session and will return to the regular meeting only for the purpose of adjourning.

Classification Hearing

- Kathleen Stanley, Principal Assessor along with Kateri Clute, Doris Huard and Maryann Belanger from the Board of Assessors were present for the Annual Classification Hearing to set the tax rate for FY19.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the use of Factor 1 to calculate the tax rate. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) that the Town will not provide a discount for Open Space. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) that the Town will not provide a discount for Residential Exemptions. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) that the Town will not provide a discount for Small Commercial Exemptions. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- With these four items voted on a tax rate of \$19.74 was set.
- The Board signed the tax rate recap.

Police Appointments

- Pass over until next meeting

Holden Rd Order of Taking

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the signing of the order of taking. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Brigham Rd

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) for discussion, to close off the unpaved section of Brigham Road to through traffic. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- (PB) How is Mike Putnam doing in working with the state on this matter.
- (CR) Currently Mike is working with the state on the turnaround at the top of the road.
- (JM) Do we need to notify the residents that we are going to close the road.
- (CR) It's the Town's road and your decision.
- (JP) Did we clear it with Moore State Park?
- (PB) It's going to be gated so Mike Putnam can work with the state on getting access if they need it and in the spring Mike can close it off. We will leave it for Mike to work out the details.

Appointment of Larissa Kennedy

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the appointment of Larissa Kennedy as the Town Accountant effective December 3, 2018 for a three year term. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment of Donna Couture

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the appointment of Donna Couture as the Treasurer/Collector effective December 3, 2018 for a three year term. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment of Deirdre Malone

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the appointment of Deirdre Malone as the Assistant Treasurer/Collector effective November 26, 2018 for a six month term which will then be revisited if an extension is needed. Selectmen Malone recused himself. Select members Bogren and Pingitore both voted in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2018 and the Executive Minutes from November 13, 2018. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **Wachusett Earthday**

I attended the recent Wachusett Earthday meeting and was provided with the attached information. There was discussion of whether the assessment to the towns should include more of the Center's expenses. They agreed to keep the same assessment for FY20 as currently (\$2,566), but reconsider for following years.

I encourage all residents to use the center to dispose of their unwanted household and hazardous waste items.

- **Holden Road Project**

We have received a signed "Agreement Notice to Proceed" for the project. This is a \$3,086,193 project. Amorello was awarded the bid and it is my understanding that work will begin as soon as possible.

- **Lions**

The Lions Club is once again requesting whether they can set up a toll road at the intersection of Rt122 & Rt31 on Saturday, December 15th 9am to Noon. The Police Chief has been notified and addressed any concerns.

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to allow the Paxton Lions so set up a toll road along the intersection of Rt122 and Rt31. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:25pm and we will return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.

Returned to Regular Session at 8:00pm

Adjourned Meeting at 8:00pm, Unanimous all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 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