



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2019

Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

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

Town Administrator: Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

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

Right of First Refusal for lot on David Hill Rd

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to waive the Town's right of first refusal for Lot #1 on Davis Hill Road which is currently held in the Faucher Land Trust. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Discuss FY2020 budget with Bay Path

- Present for Bay Path, John LaFleche, Dean Iacobucci, Robert Wilby and Peter Schur.
- Mr. Iacobucci went through a presentation that covered Bay Paths FY2020 budget. (A copy of the presentation is available in the Selectmen's Office).
 - Chapter 70 & 71 estimates
 - Financial Information
 - Financial Highlights
 - Budget Summary
 - Budget Highlights
 - Assessments
 - Minimum Contribution
 - Required net spending
- Mr. LaFleche remarked that there are five vans that are being replaced for off campus work. These will be purchased by funds that have been set aside and no cost will go back to the Towns.
- **(PB)** What is extraordinary maintenance?
- Mr. Iacobucci replied that it is to cover unexpected maintenance issues.

- (PB) FY19 didn't have any ELL supplies but now you do for FY20?
- Mr. LaFleche replied that they are lacking in ELL services and needed to bring this area up with supplies for testing.
- (PB) What will be left in E & D?
- Mr. Iacobucci replied currently we have about \$1.2 million. After expenditures we will be down to about \$700,000.
- (JP) Will any debt service be falling off?
- Mr. Iacobucci replied it will be another 25 years.
- Mr. Fenton inquired about the additional computers being purchased.
- Mr. LaFleche replied these are in school computers for the high-tech shops.
- (JM) How much do you have in your OPEB account?
- Mr. Iacobucci replied currently we have \$370,000. We try to put in \$50,000 a year.

Congregational Church request

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the request from the Congregational Church to allow them to place signs in town for the a yard sale and cookout. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the request from the Congregational Church to use the Town Common for a yard sale and cookout. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Paxton Days

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the request from Paxton Days to allow the to placement of signs in town. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the request from Paxton Days to allow the usage of the Town Common. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Stormwater Bylaw

- (CR) Working on new permit. We took the revised bylaw from 2012 and made a few more changes. This is on file in the Town Clerks office.
- (PB) What about the strikethrough under Enforcement?
- (CR) This was a suggestion from the engineer and our Town Counsel agreed.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the revised Storm Water Bylaw be placed as an article on the May 6th Annual Town Warrant. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Resignation of Jean Parent

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept with regret the resignation of Jean Parent as the Animal Inspector. Unanimous, all in favor.**

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- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2019. Selectmen Bogren recused himself.**

Town Administrators Update

- **Mileage Allowance**
The IRS increased the standard mileage rate for 2019 to 58 cents. Would the Board like to vote to increase the current mileage rate from 54.5 cents to 58 cents?
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the increase for the mileage allowance. Unanimous, all in favor.

- **Snow & Ice**

With the late winter storms and early spring storms it is highly anticipated that the Snow and Ice account will go into deficit. I know that you will agree that the DPW have once again done an excellent job with our roads.

- **Holden Road**

MassDot will hold a pre-construction meeting on March 19th. Attendees will include the contractor (Amorello), any subcontractors, MassDot engineers and representatives from the Town's DPW, Fire, Light, Police and Water

- **Recreation**

Thank you to Kathy Card for putting on a last-minute sledding party with the help of the Fire Department.

Correspondence

- **(PB)** read a letter of recognition from Chief Savasta.

Camp Pike

- **(PB)** The residents of Camp Pike are requesting that the Town continue to do snow removal on Camp Pike. Will Camp Pike be brought up to Town Standards?
- Ms. Hopkins, resident of Camp Pike, stated that the residents can not afford to do so. Our concern is safety. Most private streets in Town are plowed. We were plowed for years and then it just stopped.
- **(PB)** Our Town Counsel has recommended that we don't plow unless it is brought up to Town standards.
- Ms. Hopkins replied that it was determined that Camp Pike is a road and not a right of way.
- **(PB)** That was stated just to allow for a building permit to be issued. Currently Camp Pike is well below Town standards. Previously the Town did ask for permission of a property owner to make updates and the Town was denied that request.
- Mr. King, resident of Camp Pike, expressed that there is not enough property available to widen the road to Town standards, which we were told was sixty feet.
- **(JP)** It was stated in 2005 that the standards to make the road plowable would be 12 feet wide.
- Mr. Howell, Camp Pike resident, stated that the 12 feet might be doable but there are some areas where they might not be able to do 12 feet.
- **(PB)** We are just trying to stick with what has been set before us from past proceedings.
- **(JP)** The only question I would have is since 2005 have the vehicles increased so much in size that the 12 feet is no longer adequate.
- **(PB)** At the end of this winter we could review this, and we would have the spring, summer and fall to bring it up to par.
- **(CR)** We should meet with the Camp Pike residents, the Select Board, the DPW Superintendent and myself at the site to review what needs to be done.
- Mr. King requested a copy of the letter from 2005.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:12pm, Unanimous all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Town Administrators Update

FY2020 Budget report from Bay Path Vocational

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons

Executive Assistant