



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2019

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

Members Present: Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman
Julia N. Pingitore, Clerk
Members Not Present: John F. Malone, Vice-Chairman
Town Administrator: Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

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

Discuss speed limit on Suomi Street

- Mr. Barris of 90 Suomi Street has returned to continue discussion about the speed limit on Suomi Street. Mr. Barris stated that since our previous meeting radar was put up to collect data. How do we determine the appropriate speed for this street? This is a narrow and windy road with no curb and a lot of new residents that have children and dogs and they walk along the street.
- **(PB)** I have heard from a couple of residents that they did not feel that speed was a concern.
- Mr. Barris stated that we need to look at the public safety aspect and this is a thickly settled area and you have the authority to make a change.
- **(PB)** According to MGL we would first have to get approval at Town Meeting for the Select Board to be able to change the speed limit on a Town Road.
- Mr. Barris asked if the Town had checked with Town Counsel to see if you have the independent authority to do this without a Town meeting. The Town should also determine the distance between houses to see if it is considered a thickly settled area.
- Lieutenant Bibeau stated that it is a thickly settled area. You will get those speeds with any street. I don't feel that dropping it to 25mph will make much of a difference.
- Mr. Barris expressed that he felt stating the area is thickly settled and dropping the speed limit to 25mph would allow for a shorter distance for vehicles to have to stop and would give people a quicker reaction time should they need to get out of the way of an oncoming vehicle.
- **(JP)** I have no problem with the speed reduction, but I do agree that it probably needs to go to Town Meeting first.
- **(CR)** I will check with Town Counsel on the independent authority.
- **(PB)** We need to make sure this is the direction that we want to head in because it will open up other streets to the same thing and I'm not sure if we want to take on that authority. This is something that all three Board members need to discuss.

Class II License for Pimentel Realty Trust

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve the Class II Dealers License to Pimentel Realty Trust. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Colin Novick with the Greater Worcester Land Trust

- Mr. Novick presented to the Board that the Greater Worcester Land Trust applied to the state for a partnership grant which was granted for the Difley Property. The Conservation Commission for the Town of Paxton will be the holder of this, and it also requires the approval of the Board of Selectmen.
- Mr. Novick also stated that this land has been in Chapter 61 so there will be no great loss in revenue to the Town. It is a great central location and not highly developable. There is a cellar hole in a one room cabin that could be a local historical high point.
- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to accept the Conservation Restriction in perpetuity and exclusively for conservation purpose for the Town of Paxton, acting by and through its Conservation Commission, under Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Update Liaisons for the Board of Selectmen

- (PB) I would suggest that we move the Emergency Manager, Fire Department and Hazardous Waste from the Clerk to the Chairman and move the Board of Health from the Clerk to Vice-Chairman.
- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve the new Liaison assignment as provided with the noted changes. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appoint Christina Olson to the Recreation Commission

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to appoint Christina Olson to the Recreation Commission until the next Annual Town Election. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appoint Stephanie Trainor as a part time Dispatcher

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to appoint Stephanie Trainor as a part time Dispatcher. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Annual Appointment

- Hold these until the next meeting when Selectmen Malone is present.

WRSD Maintenance Agreement

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve and sign the WRSD Maintenance Agreement for the next three years. Unanimous, all in favor.**

End of year transfers

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve the following end of year transfers. Unanimous, all in favor. Unanimous, all in favor.**

<u>Account transferred to</u>	<u>Account transferred from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0100-1161-5400-0000	0100-1162-5103-0000	\$1,250.00
0100-1210-5400-0000	0100-1210-5103-0000	\$5,800.00

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- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2019. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2019. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **Memorial Day**

I want to thank the Memorial Day Committee Kathy Card, Keith Demarski, Adam Dowd, and Robin Tasca for arranging the Memorial Day Ceremony and to everyone who played a role. I would also like to thank Donna Graf Parsons for arranging for the flagpole to be painted and repaired.

- **Ladder Truck**

As a follow up to the Ladder Truck, I did contact Town Counsel and his comments were that although there is a “lifetime” warranty on the vehicle there are provisions within that may be problematic.

1. The fire truck would need to be returned to Pennsylvania.
2. The fact that we first noticed various problems with the truck in May 2018 and did not contact them direct.
3. The vehicle is 17 years old.

Town Counsel did suggest that rather than sending the truck to Pennsylvania, contacting the company to see if they would fly technicians out to examine the truck and provide accommodation at the Town’s expense.

Please advise whether you wish Town Counsel to pursue the warranty or any other action?

- **(PB)** We should call KME to see if they will send someone up to look at the truck.

- **Paxton Day**

June 8th from 10am to 2pm on the Town Common.

- **Rain Barrels**

You can purchase rain barrels through the town at a discounted rate. They will be available for pick up on June 8th from 10am to 12pm at the Town Hall.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:51pm, Unanimous all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

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Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons
Executive Assistant