



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 17, 2019

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

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

Town Administrator: Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

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

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

Annual Appointments

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to renew the annual appointments.**
- (PB) Any Discussion?
- (JP) I would like to revisit the ACO position. We are looking into filling the Animal Inspectors position and there may be someone that would be interested on doing both positions. We could also look at possibly regionalizing this position.
- (JM) I will withdraw my motion.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to renew the annual appointments for FY20 as presented except for the Animal Control Officer. Unanimous, all in favor. The list of appointments is available in the Board of Selectmen's office.**
- (JM) Do we have any concerns about the Zoning Officer?
- (PB) I get comments both ways that sometimes he's difficult to work with on the other hand he always follows the codes. I don't have any problem with Mr. Trifero.
- (PB) I have received calls with concerns about how the Capital Committee handled the budget this year with questions directed at Public Safety by getting involved on the operation side and not just the capital side.
- Mr. Kent, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee, was present and expressed that most of the money requested was related to the Fire Department, so we did dive a little deeper into what their requests were. I'm looking forward to what the Collins Group is going to bring to the table. We've learned a few things. We need to start our work earlier in the year. We need a consolidated list of questions for each request that

comes to us. Going forward we need to ask the same question throughout all the departments.

- **(PB)** Where was Capital going with the operational side?
- Mr. Kent replied that in the Capital guidelines it does put forward that you should look into the operations as part of your evaluation. We question the operations just for understanding not criticizing.
- **(PB)** Just trying to make sure that this is strictly for knowledge and there's no personality conflict and that going forward the same questions will be asked of all departments.
- Mr. Kent replied it was never personal. We have a good demographic of individuals on the Committee.
- **(CR)** With the Collins Group it will put a new plan in place that will go forward this year.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the renewal of the Town Administrators Annual Appointments for FY20. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **(CR)** Would the Board have any interest in putting the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and DPW Superintendent under a contract.
- **(PB)** Yes, we should move forward with these contracts.

Suomi Street

- **(PB)** The question was raised as to whether the Board of Selectmen has the authority to lower the speed limit on a road in Town and our Town Counsel has advised us that it would need to be brought before a Town Meeting.

End of year transfers

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

<u>Account transferred to</u>	<u>Account transferred from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0100-1192-5200-0000	0100-1193-5200-0000	\$1,600.00
0100-1192-5200-0000	0100-1193-5200-0000	\$3,800.00

Class II Dealers License

- The Board signed off on the Class II Dealers License that was approved at the last meeting for Pimentel Realty.

Request for One Day Liquor License

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the request from Saint Columba Church for a one-day beer and wine liquor license. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Sign request from the Recreation Commission

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the request from the Recreation Commission to put up a sign for the Summer Concert Series on the Town Common and the corner of Camp and Pleasant Street . Unanimous, all in favor.**

Camp Pike

- The Board will meet on either the second or forth week in July to walk Camp Pike with the DPW Superintendent.

Summer schedule for Select Board meetings

- July 8th , July 29th , August 19th and September 9th.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2019. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **Paxton Days**
I want to thank the Paxton Days Committee, Town Departments, Boards and everyone involved in Paxton Days on June 8th. We had a great turnout and could not have asked for better weather. I big thank you especially goes out to Donna Parsons for all her hard work in organizing the event so that everything went off so smoothly. Everyone appeared to have a great time throughout the day.
- **Ladder Truck**
I contacted the vendor to consider sending a technician out to view the ladder truck, I have not heard anything back on this request.
- **Summer Hours**
Just a reminder that the Town Hall will be closed Fridays during the months of July and August. We will also be closed on Friday, June 28th.
- **Real Estate Taxes**
Real Estate Tax bills will be going out shortly and will be due August 1st. This will be a preliminary bill and include two coupons. The second bill being due on November 1st.
- **Rain Barrel Program**
Twenty Rain barrels were distributed on June 8th. People who participated in the program were pleased with product. I want to thank the Water Board for agreeing to subsidize the program by contributing \$10.00 per barrel.
- **Wage Study & CIPC Grant Kick off**
Both programs have started to meet with the appropriate personnel and will continue to move forward as planned.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:49pm and we will return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.

Returned to Regular Session at 8:17pm

Adjourned Meeting at 8:17pm, Unanimous all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Town Administrators Update

FY20 Annual Appointments

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Assistant