



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2019

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

Members Present: 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.

Land Acquisition of 20 Briarcliff Lane

- Colin Novick with the Greater Worcester Land Trust is requesting the support of the Select Board to place a Conservation Restriction on a 67 acres parcel located at 20 Briarcliff Lane. The Greater Worcester Land Trust in conjunction with the Paxton Land Trust would like to see that this land is preserved. The parcel has a slope and wetlands so it would not be taking away any developable land from the Town. The parcel is in Chapter 61 already so there would not be a great loss in taxes for the Town. This is a prime forest soil area and feeds the drinking water.
- **(JP)** Who retains ownership of the land?
- Mr. Novick stated that the White Oak Land Conservation Society along with the current owners then it will be donated to the Worcester County Land Trust.
- **(CR)** How long until that takes place?
- Mr. Novick replied this will go to Boston next, so fairly quickly.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to allow the Conservation Restriction on the 67 acre parcel located at 20 Briarcliff Lane, Paxton. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Sign request from the COA

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the sign request from the COA to advertise for their craft fair on November 2nd. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appoint Anita Fenton to the Historical District Committee

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the appointment of Anita Fenton to the Paxton Historical District Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

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- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2019. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **Meal Tax**
We received \$5,025 in Meal Tax for the months of June through August 2019.
- **Recycling Grant**
MassDEP has awarded the Town through the Board of Health a recycling grant of \$4,550. Although not a large grant, it requires a great deal of effort from Sheryl Lombardi, TSC and I appreciate that she does the work necessary to apply for this grant.
- **Real Estate Taxes**
Just a reminder that quarterly real estate taxes are due November 1st. This is the second payment of the preliminary bill that was sent out with two coupons for payments due on August 1st and November 1st. Residents with questions should contact the Tax Collector. The office will be opened on Friday, November 1st until 1pm for payments. There is also a drop box on the front of the building.
- **Special Town Meeting**
We will be holding a Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 18th. We will be opening and closing the warrant on October 29th.

The last day for residents to register to vote at this meeting is November 8th. The Town Hall will be open until 8pm on that day for anyone in Town who is currently not registered to vote.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:14pm, Unanimous all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 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