

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 8, 2007

Members Present: Michael Quinlivan, Chair, John F. Malone, Vice Chair
Fred Goodrich, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 26, 2006. Unanimous.

Trash Abatement Fee Request 6 Sherbrook Drive

- After further consideration of the information that property has been vacant for over one year.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept abatement of trash abatement fee from this date forward, not retrospective. Unanimous.

Town Administrator's Update

911 Equipment

- Chief Desrosiers reported that as of January 2, 2007 all CJIS OUI screens have been deactivated. Paxton police officers will have to book prisoners out of Town until the new 911 equipment is installed and Dispatch is moved to the Police Department. This has created an impact of budget for Prisoners Fees.
- (JM) asked that the Chief inform Finance Committee that a request from Reserve may be needed this year.

Bay Path Vocational School

- The Towns Capital Buy-In for Bay Path Voc. is \$147,224, which assessed over 10 years is \$14,723 per year commencing FY08.
- Bay Path is seeking special legislation for assistance for new member towns. Rep. Spellane to contact Sen. Moore this week regarding this legislation.

Maternity and Paternity Benefits

- Summary provided of other area towns policy on Maternity and Paternity benefits.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to take no further action regarding this policy at this time.
- (CB) asked that the BOS review the Sick Time policy as new policy indicates that if an employee takes a sick day, no accumulate of sick time can be earned for that month.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) not to continue with the implementation of this policy. Unanimous.

Audit

- Bill Fraher, Auditor to visit the Town Hall on January 16th to work to complete the FY06 Audit. FY08 budget package to be put together after this review.

Local Historic District and Local Historic Commission

- May 1, 2006 ATM Article #3 establishing a Local Historic District and Local Historic Commission has been approved by the Attorney General. Some typographical errors pointed out that may be addressed at the next Annual Town Meeting.
- (FG) start process for forming this Commission consisting of members from the Library Trustees, Cemetery Commission, Planning Board, and Historic Commission.

Chapter 79 of Acts of 2006

- C79 of Acts of 2006 allows a community to accept the authority to allow members of a municipal board, committee or commission who miss a session of session of a hearing to still vote on a matter by certifying in writing that they have reviewed the matter relating to the missed session.
- (CB) suggested contacting the various boards as to whether they are interested in adopting this act. BOS agreed to get the opinion of Town boards/committees.

Compensatory Time Policy

- (CB) provided a revised policy, with suggested changes made by (JM).
- This led to a lengthy discussion involving Nancy Wilby, Town Service Coordinator, who expressed concerns that she either needed compensatory time to accomplish her many tasks, a reduction in the work load in her office or additional help. (NW) stated that she puts in an average of 45 hours a week and that she would like the BOS to honor the policy under which she previously worked the many extra hours.
- (NW) believed that the day-to-day requirements have increased, but the help to her office has not.
- (JM) responded that (NW) had previously commented that if she no longer had the Planning Board work she would be okay. This work was removed, but nothing changed for (NW), still overburdened.
- (NW) maintained that she still does work for the Planning Board as well the ZBA, BOH and Building Commissioner and has numerous time consuming interruptions.
- (MQ) compensatory time is not for ongoing extra hours but for emergency events outside of normal duties.
- (FG) and (CB) commented on the excellent customer service provided by (NW).
- (JM) asked that (CB) take a look at the work in TSC office and come back to the BOS.
- (CB) will write up policy change for the next meeting.

Other Business

Street Light Request – Wildewood Drive

- Request from resident for a street light at the entrance to Wildewood Drive. BOS to visit the street and requested that the Police Dept. and DPW Superintendent do the same.

Street Light Request – Brigham Road

- Reza Alavian, previously requested additional street lighting on Brigham Road, not yet taken care of.
- BOS asked that previous minutes be reviewed to see what action was to have been taken.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to go into Executive Session at 8:19pm under MGL Chapter 39, S.23B to discuss litigation proceedings and only return to the Regular Meeting for the purpose of adjourning.

Unanimous.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Regular Meeting at 8:46pm Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant