

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 17, 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.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2007. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept Regular Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2007. Unanimous.

Farmers Market

- Request to hold a Farmers Market on the Common May 31st to the end of September. 3:00pm to 6:30pm.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to allow Farmers Market May 31st to Middle of June 3:30pm to 6:30pm and then to end of September 3:00pm to 6:30pm, as in the previous years. Unanimous.

Lot 32 Howard Street

- (CB) brought forward information of interest in developing Lot 32 Howard Street and a copy of the contract that was drawn up in 2005 but was never followed through.
- (FG) stated that no change in this only that owner now looking to build the road rather than DPW. Asked that (CB) contact Light Dept. Manager and DPW Superintendent to ensure everything is covered and review at next meeting.

Town Administrators Update

ADA Coordinator

- (CB) recommended that as Town Administrator he should take over as the Town's ADA Coordinator and 504 Coordinator. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept (CB) as ADA Coordinator and 504 Coordinator.

Unanimous.

Overlay Surplus

- Board of Assessors has declared an Overlay Surplus of \$300,073.85 for FY06.

Highland Village

- (CB) Planning Board minutes indicate that the Town never intended to take over the responsibility of selling the unit that the developer designated as Affordable Housing. (CB) informed attorney of same.

East National Water Contract

- Water Commissioners completed a performance review of ENWS and voted to extend their contract for another three years with an increase of 3.25% each year.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to sign contract. Unanimous.

Article 22 – Annual Town Meeting

- (CB) recommends removing this article relating to adoption of Chapter 79 of Acts of 2006 from the warrant as needs specific Board or Committees to be named in the article and only the BOH showed interest in this article and they do not generally hold extended public hearings.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to remove article from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Unanimous.

Town Administrator's Performance Review

- (MQ) Read aloud the Chairman's report on the Town Administrators Evaluation. Copy attached.
- Chairman declared that the BOS would be going into Executive Session to meet with attorney regarding litigation issue and contract discussion for a non-union employee, this being the Town Administrator

Correspondence

- Thank you letter from United Way for Town of Paxton employees 2006 campaign contributions.
- Letter from COA Director and accompanying letter from resident thanking Pierre St. Laurent for his assistance.
- Town Counsel believe WRSD have a responsibility to pay for the removal of the oil tank at Paxton Center School and if any spill occurs the liability is with the WRSD..
- (JM) would like to see what Town Counsel has to say regarding this, see estimates of cost involved and then make a decision.

- Letter from Secretary of Defense looking for the Town to support the Nation Guard or Reserve employees by signing a declaration.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to sign declaration of support. Unanimous.
- Roll Call taken at 8:00pm (MQ), (JM) & (FG) to go into Executive Session under MGL Chap. 39, S.23B to legal issues regarding Mary Stone injured on duty. Unanimous.
- Meeting will return to Regular Meeting to discuss FY08 Budget. Unanimous.

8:25pm resumed Regular Meeting

FY08 Budget

- BOS & (CB) discussed WRSD budget and what they expected the other four towns to vote for their WRSD budget.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to recommend WRSD FY08 budget as \$4,537,281. Unanimous.

Roll Call taken at 9:15pm (MQ), (JM) & (FG) to go into Executive Session under MGL Chap. 39, S.23B to discuss non-employee contract. Meeting will return to Regular Meeting to continue budget discussions. Unanimous.

- BOS joined the Finance Committee meeting and a **Motion** was made (FG) seconded (JM) to recommend the total WRSD budget as \$4,600,074, with RASA as \$408,691. The Finance Committee also agreed with this figure and this would be shown in the Town Warrant. Unanimous.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 10:30pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant