

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 4, 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** (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2007. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept Executive Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2007. Unanimous.

One-Day Liquor License Request – Recreation

- Recreation Director, Candice Ross, requesting reconsideration of the request for a one-day liquor license for a date in August at the old Town Pool area.
- Ms. Ross pointed out that the liquor side was only a small portion of what she had planned, which included a full catering staff and kids games.
- Several people present including the Fire Chief and Recreation Committee members, spoke out on Ms. Ross behalf of how cable she was of organizing controlled events, and that they had every confidence that liquor consumption would not be abused.
- (FG) Issue has never been the Recreation Director, merely liability of Town
- (MQ) Objecting to alcohol in a public park.
- (JM) concerned with the amount consumed, a couple of drinks per person – no problem. If license approved, would like to see the Recreation Commission set guidelines for this event.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to take under advisement until the next meeting. Unanimous.

FY08 Appointments (per attached)

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept FY08 Appointments with the exception of (CB) to be noted as a non-voting member of the Capital Improvement Committee and Jeffery Wentzell as possibly no longer being the Emergency Manager, PAB and ZBA member.
- Committee vacancies to be put on the website.

Board of Selectmen Liaisons

- (JM) requested that BOS provide (CB) with their recommendation in time for the next meeting.

Request for Safety Sign on Suomi Street

- Resident on Suomi Street requesting a "Drive Slowly" sign on Suomi Street.
- (FG) request that the Police Chief conducts a traffic study on the street.
- (JM) request that the Police Chief recommend and coordinate with the DPW Superintendent as to whether a sign would be beneficial.

Town Administrators Update

Wind Farm on Asnebumskit Hill

- Diane Dillman, Light Department Manager stated that her department had filed the final wind report in October 2006. The site had height limitations for a turbine, needed a height clearance of 200ft.
- Ms. Dillman has spoken with the monks and asked that they keep the Town in mind for any wind farm development on the property that they now own on Asnebumskit Hill.
- Ms. Dillman also mentioned that they have been looking to a Berkshire project that consists of 15 towns and are continuing to meet on this subject.
- (JM) asked that Ms. Dillman come in periodically and keep the BOS up to date on the Light Department.

Public Safety Complex Building Committee

- Received 7 applicants for the committee.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to have 5 public members, the Town Administrator, one BOS all as voting members and the Police Chief and Fire Chief as non-voting ex-officio.
- BOS voted as follows:
 - Veda Anne Ulcickas **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) all in favor.
 - Harold Smith **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) all in favor.
 - Richard Gaffney a current member of the Fire Dept. no motion.
 - Richard Sansoucy **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) all in favor.

- Paul Crowley **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) all in favor.
- Paul Belsito no motion.
- Charlie Blanchard Town Administrator **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) all in favor.
- Fred Goodrich **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) all in favor.
- (JM) would like to see a timetable for this project next meeting and each meeting a report from the Town Administrator.
- Ms. Dillman asked whether solar could be incorporated in the new building, (CB) responded that this would be considered.

Validation Surveys Request

- Chief Desrosiers is looking for the BOS Chair to sign a letter requesting speed validation surveys from the state.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to authorize the Chair to make this request. Unanimous.

Council on Aging Associate Members

- Jerry Ryan, COA Chair, provided a copy of the COA bylaws for the BOS which states that the board can have unlimited number of Associate members but they would like to limit this to 12.
- (CB) suggested that they do a survey of other towns.

Bay Path

- (CB) has contacted Bay Path to ask what the Board can do to assist in gaining the approval for plumbing students to work under their instructor's license. The Administration is getting information together regarding this.

Other Business

Town Hall Renovation Committee

- Defer to the next meeting.

Capital Improvement Committee

- Next meeting will be in August.

Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to go into Executive Session at 8:35pm under MGL C39 S.12B to discuss impending Litigation, Acquisition of property and Employee Contract, BOS will only return to Regular Meeting for the purpose of adjourning.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Meeting at 9:20pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant