

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 18, 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 and announced that the Board would go into Executive Session after the Regular Meeting to discuss Employee Contract.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

### **One-Day Liquor License Request – Recreation**

- (JM) stated that their attention had been brought to the fact that there was a bylaw in place resulting from the June 18, 1991 ATM that stated no alcohol should be consumed on public property, consequently going forward they would not be approving any liquor licenses on public property.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to get this message out to the Town Departments and appropriate boards. Unanimous.

### **Wachusett Regional High School Building Committee – Duncan Leith**

- Committee toured fields last week and will set up a tour for the BOS in the near future.
- New England Turf has now taken over completing the fields and it is expected that the Football Field will be ready by the end of August, and Tennis Courts ready in December.
- “Head room” for electrical wiring needs completing so that the temporary “head room” can be utilized as an office.
- Second floor will be ready by September; this is the last part of the renovation.
- Auditorium will be ready by September.

- Huntress has taken over as landscape engineers.
- Mr. Leith stated that they would not be asking for more money from the Towns, but will be looking to the architect and builders for money owned after the project is complete.

#### **Scenic Bylaw – CMRPC, Steve Wallace**

- Mr. Wallace stated that the Scenic Bylaw concept had come from the 2003 Open Space Plan.
- Each town has two voting members and an alternate member.
- Encompasses five towns (Paxton, Rutland, Oakham, Barre and Petersham) in a 20 mile stretch of road, first priority will be a visitors brochure.
- Project will take two years to complete at a cost of \$110,000, funded by Federal Scenic Byway program (80%) and MassHighway (20%) and managed by CMRPC.
- Next public meeting will be early 2008.

#### **Emergency Manager**

- (CB) stated that Jeffery Wentzell did not have plans to leave the area as yet so agreed to be reappointed as Emergency Manager.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to reappoint Jeffery Wentzell as Emergency Manager. Unanimous.

#### **Public Safety Complex Update**

- (CB) July 31<sup>st</sup> would be the design development submission by Reinhardt Associates.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> would see a submission to the Central Registry and newspaper advertising.
- First meeting of committee was today, the committee appointed Richard Bedard as Chair, Harold Smith as Vice-Chair and Fred Goodrich as Clerk.
- Preparing the RFP would be the first task for the committee.

#### **Town Hall Renovation Study Committee**

- (FG) would like to defer for now, (MQ) believed that the Town Meeting vote was clear to appoint the committee.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to appoint Richard Fenton (Finance), Paul Robinson (Historical) and Jay Gallant (Historic District Study Committee). (FG) abstained.

#### **Street Light Request – Pond Street**

- BOS asked that the Police Chief and DPW Superintend give their input.

### **Town Administrators Update**

#### **Massachusetts Health Reform Act**

- (CB) has a call into Town Counsel for clarification. Lively Insurance believes our section plan may be adequate.

#### **Board of Selectmen Liaisons**

- BOS agreed on the attached liaisons.

#### **Municipal Representative for Negotiations for the WRHS**

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) that (MQ) to the meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Unanimous.

#### **Public Safety Building Committee**

- (CB) provided a proposed project schedule.

#### **Council on Aging Associates**

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to limit the number of associates to 6. Unanimous.

#### **Sign Request – Suomi Street**

- BOS reviewed the Police traffic study report. (JM) asked what could be done to control the speed, what signs would the DPW suggest?

#### **Public Safety Complex**

- Pre-application for the Rural Development loan is nearly complete. Diane King will review on June 19<sup>th</sup> prior to submission.

#### **Oil Tanks at PCS**

- The underground tank is only a 50-gallon storage tank and will be removed by Peak Environmental. Letter of thanks to go to Gerry Bernier for providing the information.

#### **Town Hall Roof**

- We are receiving proposals for a new mansard roof on the Town Hall.

#### **Quarterly Department Managers Meeting**

- Minutes presented from the June 13, 2007 quarterly Managers meeting.

#### **Asnebumskit Dam**

- Tighe & Bond inspected the Asnebumskit Dam on May 25<sup>th</sup>, report to DCR should be submitted prior to June 30, 2007.

#### **Town Hall Renovation**

- A project such as the Town Hall Renovation could not be completed all at one time by Bay Path. They have suggested that we determine the specific work that we would want doing and they will see what is feasible.

- (FG) commented that the outside of the Senior Center is looking bad – table for next meeting to discuss.

**Any Other Business**

**Municipal Partners Act**

- Need to start pressurizing State Representatives regarding cable companies. (FG) believes a petition is needed.

**Bay Path Voc. School**

- (FG) asked why no Bay Path representative was allowed to visit PCS to speak with the students.
- (CB) will contact Bay Path regarding this.

**FY06 Audit**

- Place on next week's agenda for discussion.

**Cable Equipment**

- (MQ) to contact the committee to establish how the new equipment can be best utilized.

**Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to go into Executive Session at 9:15pm under MGL C39 S.12B to discuss Employee Contract, BOS will only return to Regular Meeting for the purpose of adjourning.

**Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Meeting at 9:30pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Administrative Assistant