

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2005

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Minutes

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept the Special Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2005. Unanimous.

Special Town Meeting Warrant October 11, 2005

- Five articles already included in the warrant discussed adding a further three articles.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to reopen the Special Town Meeting Warrant for October 11, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to include three further articles for the Paxton Center School Replacement windows. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant for October 11, 2005. Unanimous.

Approval of Articles

- Article 1: **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the article. Unanimous
- Article 2: approved September 19, 2005.
- Article 3: make recommendation at the Town Meeting.
- Article 4: make recommendation at the Town Meeting.
- Article 5: make recommendation at the Town Meeting.
- Article 6: make recommendation at the Town Meeting.
- Article 7: make recommendation at the Town Meeting.
- Article 8: make recommendation at the Town Meeting.

Grove Street Fields

- Laurie and Patrick Moran present to discuss an incident that took place at the Grove Street Soccer Fields.
- Mrs. Moran reported that Craig Masterman, Parks Director had cut a path through the 50ft buffer zone (produced photographs) and when confronted he informed her that he had permission to do so.
- Mr. Moran was very angry that a Town employee had spoken to his wife in what he termed a “threatening manner”.
- (FG) there is a 50ft buffer zone around the entire fields and nothing else is to be cut.
- Mrs. Moran stated that correspondence from the BOS in July 2003 stated that seven days notice should be given prior to any work being done in the area on this occasion she was handed an unsigned letter on the day that the cutting was to take place.
- Mrs. Moran is concerned that cutting the trees down invokes on her privacy.
- (MQ) suggested more evergreens in the area would give protect privacy.
- (FG) take under advisement and request that the Recreation Commission meet with the BOS in the presence of Town Counsel. (CB) advised to inform Recreation that no more cutting was to take place in the area.

Emergency Manager

- Robert Barrett attended a Table Top Exercise for Emergency Situations and is looking to schedule a mandatory seminar in December for key personnel in Town to go over emergency procedures.
- Richard Bedard has agreed to run the seminar.

Town Administrator's Update

Senior Work Abatement

- Auditors informed (CB) that Senior Work Abatement is not excluded from Medicare and FICA.

Municipal Law update Seminar

- (CB) attended a seminar last week and informed that gifts to the Town are not really gifts and should go into the general fund.
- Also learnt that the laws for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund are broad; and legislature may be revising.

Handicap Accessibility of the Town Hall

- (CB) presented a proposal and asked that the BOS review for a discussion at a later date.

Meeting Dates

- Reviewed the dates for future meetings and decided to meet on October 25th rather than October 24th.

Annual Town Report

- (CB) provided a copy of his 2005 annual town report.

Website

- (CB) the Town's website will be available to the public from October 1, 2005 the address is www.townofpaxton.net.

Correspondence

- Fire Department Report.
- WRSD correspondence regarding the Foundation Reserve Program.
- Request from Friends of Richards Memorial Library to post signs to advertise the Book Fair.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to allow Friends of Richards Memorial Library to post signs to advertise the Book Fair. Unanimous.

Other Business

- Cemetery Commission – hope to appoint new members October 24, 2005.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Regular Meeting at 9:40pm. Unanimous.
- (FG) referred to previous correspondence regarding Cutler Road and stated that they needed to know what the plans are for the future development of Muir Farm.
- Health Insurance costs, Lively Insurance already reviewing, (CB) to contact MIIA for costs.
- CMRPC (MQ) offered to join Municipal Planning Committee.
- (FG) intends to send a letter to Rutland BOS to inform them that Paxton BOS are still interested in regionalization.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Riches
Administrative Assistant