

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2007

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:26pm.

Meeting Minutes

- (JM) Minutes of August 20, 2007 to be approve at next meeting.

Paxton Public Safety Complex- Update- (Charlie Blanchard)

- Currently in negotiations with Coast & Harbor Inc. to come to an agreement in respect of the Owners Project Managers /Clerk of Works position.
- 30% plans were delivered to Town Hall September 7th. Everything went through okay, but may need to change the position of the elevator.
- 70% plans expected by the end of September.
- (CB) and BOS to attend Light Commissioners meeting on September 11, 2007.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept \$925,000 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN). Unanimous.

Local Historic District Commission Appointments

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to appoint Donna MacLean as an Alternate to the Local Historic District Commission. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to appoint Roger Brunell to the Local Historic District Commission. Unanimous.

Town Hall Renovation Study Committee

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to appoint James Stone to the Town Hall Renovation Study Committee. Unanimous.

Paxton Youth Soccer

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to give permission to waive the fee for a raffle permit for Paxton Youth Soccer. Unanimous.

First Congregational Church

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to give permission for the First Congregational Church to use the Common on Saturday, September 29, 2007 to hold a Pig Roast, and that they contact the Police Chief to cover safety issues. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to allow the First Congregational Church to obtain a One Day Liquor License to serve beer as requested. Unanimous.

Correspondence

- Wachusett Regional School requesting a Municipal Representative to attend the meeting on September 24th, to participate in the School Committee Collective Bargaining.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to send (MQ). Unanimous.

Town Administrators Update

Police Department

- Officer Scala has left the Police Department and Officer Johnson will be out on Injury on Duty for a month. Chief Desrosiers will fill the full-time position internally and use qualified Dispatch Officers to fill vacant shifts.
- A modified Dispatcher job description provided to the BOS for review.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept modifications and send on to the PAB for review and rating. Unanimous.

Asnebumskit Dam

- Tighe & Bond have stated that the Asnebumskit Dam has been reviewed by the State and has been reclassified as a Low Hazard Dam.

Ambulance Service Agreement with Spencer Rescue

- Town Counsel's suggestions for revisions to the Ambulance Service Agreement with Spencer Rescue have been accepted.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to authorize the BOS to sign the Agreement for Ambulance Service with Spencer Rescue and Emergency Squad including the authorization to provide mutual aid including emergency aid in the Town of Spencer under MGL C48 §59A. Unanimous.

Wachusett Earthday

- Wachusett Earthday has applied for a DEP grant for \$50,000 over two years to support the development and initiation of the regional waste reduction program.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to allow Paxton to be the host community for the DEP grant application and to authorize the BOS Chairman to sign a letter of support. Unanimous.

MORE

- CMRPC/MORE have requested a letter of support for a grant application to Greater Worcester Community Foundation for a Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$32,000 in an effort to aid municipalities in Policy and Legislative Research & Action, Municipal Research Management and Technical Support and Collective Procurement activities.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to authorize the BOS Chairman to sign a letter of support. Unanimous.

Other Business

- (CB) provided the BOS at the last meeting with an Employee Recognition Program document, (CB) open to suggestions for any changes before voting to implement.
- (CB) provided the BOS with sample of Bylaws for review and asked for their suggestions before completing.
- Previous discussion regarding the need for a sign on Pond Street to avoid trucks using the end of Pond Street; resulted in the BOS agreeing that the present sign there is adequate.
- New WRSD Budget received shows the E&D account is reestablished.
- (CB) reported that he is looking into the cost of replacement windows but mentioned that Reinhardt Inc. had stated that in order to obtain any Historic Grants the windows would have to be the original.
- (CB) stated that there was still a problem with the trash receptacles at the playground, the school will not empty them. (CB) suggested removing with the receptacle with the intention that users of the playground would take the away with them. BOS agreed to give this a try.
- (FG) stated that he had contacted the WRSD Building representative to ask that he look into whether the playing fields are being laid according to the specs.

Public Session

- Chris de Marcken noted that the Paxton Fire Dept was not recognized in the Newspaper with all the other towns for providing mutual aid to a recent mill fire. BOS believed that it was just an oversight and other towns could also have missed off the list.
- Chris de Marcken is to encourage the Legion to become more involved with the Memorial Day Ceremony and other patriotic events.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:25pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant