

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 9, 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 7:00pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2007. Unanimous.

Paxton Public Safety Complex- Update- (Charlie Blanchard)

- 70% drawings received October 5, 2007 and to be reviewed by Committee.
- Netco (OPM) & Reinhardt (Architect) are meeting to discuss cost saving ideas.
- Revised budget received, still in \$8.8 million range.
- 5% contingency for design and construction bidding.
- Conservation agreed to replication areas
- BOS took time to review the 70% plans.
- Next committee meeting October 22nd.

Capital Improvement Committee

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept with regret the resignation of Kirk Huehls from the Capital Improvement Committee. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to appoint Gerald Ryan to the Capital Improvement Committee. Unanimous.

Anna Maria College – Change of Manager on Liquor License

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the application to change the name of the manager on the AMC liquor license to Jack Calereso. Unanimous.

First Congregational Church – Request for a One-Day Liquor License

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to allow the First Congregational Church to have a one-day liquor license to sell wine only on November 10, 2007. Unanimous.

Town Administrators Update

580 Pleasant Street

- Chapter 59 §72A allows the Assessors to abate the remaining taxes on a property acquired by a municipality.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to abate the taxes on 580 Pleasant Street. Unanimous.

EOPS Police Station Grant

- Notification received that Paxton were not chosen to receive funding through the recent EOPS Police Station grant program.

Asnebumskit Road

- (CB) provided a copy of the email sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the state of Asnebumskit Road and the request for monetary help from Verizon.

Access Road – Illigs Pond to Center Fields

- (CB) provided correspondence from the Police Chief and emails to Recreation regarding the ongoing problem of parking on the access road leading to the Center Fields. Police have been present at the site and believe that ticketing offenders is difficult to enforce. Recreation did place barrels and signs at the entrance to the road requesting that no one use the road, but these were removed, consequently a more permanent cable was placed there to stop entrance.
- Two members of the Paxton Youth Soccer Board (PYS) (Jim Lang and Katie Siemen) requested consideration be given to reopening the road, as they believed that parents have got the message and would not park there in the future.
- (JM) BOS concern was kids safety.
- (FG) should have talked more with Recreation and Police before taking action, suggest a meeting.
- (MQ) C40 §21 regarding private and municipal land. Limiting access to park is wrong. Recreation has no authority to gate off a road without our authority and it is not for a Recreation Commission to tell a soccer coach to enforce parking and dog laws.
- (JM) need a solution not animosity.
- (FG) suggested to meet with all parties, to come up with a long-term solution.
- (JM) would like to see co-operation with all groups. Responsibility of the access roads ours.
- (CB) believed the access roads and fields were the jurisdiction of the Recreation

Commission and responded this to Recreation Commission. Under the former pool site Masterplan, landscaping around this area it has been included with areas of the Recreation Commissions.

- (JM) not access road, our authority.
- Jim Lang stated that the first that they knew of the road closing was from parents of children having evening practice; the kids were scared walking the road in the dark. They had tried to contact Recreation but had received no response.
- (JM) resolve for now and then come up with a permanent solution going forward.
- (CB) Police are concerned with the parking and vehicles traveling on the access road, whilst young children are running around cars, and have received emails on this.
- (JM) asked that (CB) contact Town Counsel regarding parking in this area.
- (JM) proposed taking down the barrier and put up caution tape on both sides of the road to stop people parking. Request that the Chief takes appropriate action against anyone parking there.
- (MQ) imposing fire will solve solution. It worked with the Grove Street Fields.
- (FG) to discontinue this conversation. No second.
- (JM) proposed opening the road for the next two weeks until the end of the soccer season as a short-term solution with no parking allowed on the access road. Meeting for long-term solution to be held with Recreation, Town sports representatives and public safety officers to reach a long-term solution. (JM) asked that PYS communicate with the parents to co-operate and not park on the access road and to inform the Police of the game times this weekend and next.
- It was agreed between the BOS and PYS to stagger the Saturday and Sunday games an hour apart to alleviate congestion.
- (JM) asked that (CB) convey message to Recreation Commission prior to PYS informing parents.

Correspondence

- Thank you note from Kevin Quinn in respect of the work done by DPW under Michael Putnam at Meadowbrook Road.
- Notice of Worcester County Retirement meeting October 17, 2007, (CB) to attend.
- Reviewed recent False Alarm charges, (JM) asked (CR) to confirm whether charges have been paid.

Other Business

- (FG) PHP meeting October 15, 2007 to review survey that is going out to residents, he would like a BOS member to attend.
- BOS reviewed the preliminary plans for Muir Meadow Development and requested that a memo be sent to the Planning Board with their concerns, these being, wetland issues and the exiting from the development on to Rt122 across from Indian Hill Road.
- BOS reviewed the plans for Spaulding Woods and requested that a memo be sent to the Planning Board with their concerns, these being, wetland issues and the site of the old Town dump.

Public Session

- Richard Hafey asked for clarification of BOS action to the access road.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:45pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant