

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 3, 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.

Minutes

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of November 19, 2007 with one amendment regarding (FG) comment regarding the bylaw, minutes amended to reflect change. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept Executive Session Meeting minutes of November 19, 2007. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of November 26, 2007. Unanimous.

Paxton Public Safety Complex- Update- (Charlie Blanchard)

- Plans and provisions being made for Light Dept. to have access throughout construction.
- Building still within estimated budget.
- Additional hazardous testing found no further hazardous material, cost of \$18,000 should be correct.
- Conservation Application filed and notices to abutter sent out, ready for hearing with Conservation December 13th at 8pm.
- 100% drawings received looking for any response by December 10th.
- Plans have been sent to the Building Inspector to review.
- Fire Dept. has begun training at 580 Pleasant St.
- Will need to look into the costs of moving and temporary facilities for the Fire Dept.
- Next meeting of the committee December 10th at 4pm.

False Alarm Appeal – 15 Shanandoah Drive – John Lock

- Dr. Lock stated that his home was burglarized 15 years ago and up until now no problems with the alarm, he was not aware of the False Alarm Bylaw.
- Dr. Lock took action after the reported violations of false alarms and the alarm company has refined the motion detector to avoid further false alarms.
- Dr. Lock asked that the BOS reconsider the charges and should there be further false

alarms, he will pay the charges previously accrued.

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to relieve the fines at this time, if another instance of a false alarm occurs the charges will be retroactive. Unanimous.
- (CB) requested clarification that should there be a further false alarm, Dr. Lock would be expected to pay the amounts due at this time of \$950.00. (JM) confirmed that was the motion.

Agricultural Commission

- Post notices for volunteers to fill the 5 regular member position and 3 alternate member positions.

Sign & Light Request – Camp Street

- Defer to next meeting to give time for BOS to visit area.

Town Administrators Update

Regional Selectmen's Meeting

- Meeting set for December 6 at 7pm at Chocksett School, Sterling. (FG) asked whether the Regional Household Hazardous Water/Recycling Facility will be discussed. (CB) stated that it was a little preliminary but could be a topic of discussion for the next meeting.

Regional Household Hazardous Water/Recycling Facility

- (CB) provided a preliminary draft of Memorandum of Agreement between the Wachusett area towns and Wachusett Earthday, Inc.

Bay Path Collective Bargaining

- (CB) attended the Bay Path Collective Bargaining Representative selection meeting and was elected as the Municipal Government representative.

Health Insurance

- A representative from Harvard Pilgrim and Lively Insurance met with the Retirees taking or considering taking the Harvard Pilgrim Plan.

New Committee Handbook

- BOS have still not reviewed the handbook – schedule for the next meeting.

Building Department

- September report from the Building Dept. for the BOS review.
- (FG) stated that he has been following up on fees not collected in the Building Dept from files still open.
- (JM) asked where they were with the Technical Assistance Grant to streamline some of the permits. (CB) stated that CMRPC have visited and expect something in the next few months.

John Bauer Senior Center Heating System

- Chet McDonald – McDonalds Heating Company was asked to attend to explain the recent

problems with the heating system at the Senior Center. New boiler put in last year with the understanding that this would save 20% in heating bills. This did not happen.

- McDonald stated that the problem was due to a faulty sensor that malfunctioned around December 2006, these have since been recalled by the manufacturer Now replaced, so should see a reduction in the oil consumption.
- McDonald stated that he would like to see a service agreement with the Town to service the burners. (CB) stated that he would like to see a better rate.
- (FG) would like to see new windows for the Senior Center presented to Capital Committee.

Bylaw – Obstruction of Fire Lanes

- (CB) provided a response from Town Counsel to the BOS request and will address at the next meeting.

Other Business

- Water problem at the Senior Center. DPW Superintendent advised BOS to wait until spring and have a ¾" line come in from West Street. In meantime look into the cost of a filter and installation.
- (FG) would like to write to Legislature and make it known that Lottery Money needs to come back to Town, objects to not taking out of 2.2-billion. (FG) to provide a draft letter.
- (FG) recent vote on Holidays for Town Hall, did not intend to alienate anyone.
- (JM) did not intend to give three extra holidays, merely to close the Town Hall and give a chance for everyone to take the time off using their vacation time.
- **Motion** (JM) to rescind the vote to give the days before Christmas Day and New Years day off. No second, motion did not pass.
- (MQ) proposed a **Motion** seconded (FG) to appoint (FG) to investigate how we lost the entire Recreation Commission in 21 days. (JM) opposed.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn Regular Meeting at 8:50pm Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant