



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Members Present: Julia N. Pingitore, Madam Chairman
Peter Bogren, Jr, Vice Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

We will enter into Executive Session and will only be returning to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning.

Bay Path Vocational High School

- John LaFleche, Robert Wilby and Peter Schur were present to discuss how things are going at Bay Path.
- Robert Wilby stated that the renovation project is on time and on budget.
 - Another borrowing was done yesterday for 9.2 million.
 - Next year's budget is currently being worked on.
 - 79 seniors received the John Abigail scholarship.
 - I am concerned about the number of students from Paxton that attend Bay Path. Currently there are eleven students enrolled and we should be up in the twenties.
- John LaFleche presented some information in regards to the Central Ma Foundation meeting at Nashoba. There will be three more meetings through the end of February and then they will meet on a monthly basis.
 - We just borrowed 9.2 million on a thirty year loan at an interest rate of 3.18% versus the projected 5.8% which will result in a reduced rate to the towns.
 - We are still on target for the completion of the project. We may have some money left which can only be used on capital projects, so we will see where that goes. The Grand opening will be next September.
- (JP) Very refreshing to hear how well things are going.
- (JM) Very proud of what Bay Path has done.
- (PB) Any suggestions on how we can try to increase Paxton's enrolment?

- Robert Wilby stated that they will try to promote as much as possible within PCS, and the school is looking at some ideas such as videos on the bus because it's a long ride for the students to get to school.
- John LaFleche stated that they will be adding additional AP courses.
 - They are looking to partner with Quinsigamond College for college credit towards courses there.
 - They will look at adding some additional sports programs.
 - We know that students are provided a strong education at Wachusett so that is hard to compete with.
 - We will be adding a dental program in the fall of 2017.
- Robert Wilby thanked Bay Path for their assistance with the 250th celebration. They have made the banners that will be hung in town and made the time capsule for us as well as a birthday cake for the Founders Day celebration.

250th Celebration

- Anita Fenton was present to extend an invitation to the Founders Day Celebration to be held at the 1st Congregational Church on February 8th from 1 to 3pm. I have provided you with a copy of the town's proclamation and we would like to ask Julia if she would be available to read it and if not perhaps one of the other board members could. There will be music provided and a birthday cake. We also have new hoodies for the 250th available at the Paxton Market and COA. We will be decorating the cake on the common soon as well.

AMC license

- Due to there being a new interim president an application has been provided for a change of manager.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve and sign the application presented by Anna Maria College for the change of manager. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014 . Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Executive Session of December 15, 2014 . Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 23, 2014 . Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

Stormwater Management

The long anticipated *draft* new MS4 Permit (Stormwater) has been released and is undergoing a comments period. It is expected that the final permit will be issued in the summer of 2015 and be effective for 2016.

Comments have been formulated and submitted by several groups including the Central Mass Coalition of which we are a member, MMA, DEP and the DCR. At this stage it is not clear what additional expense this new permit will have on the Town, as you know Mike Putnam and myself have actively taken part in meetings, workshops and seminars presented by the coalition and these have been very helpful.

The new permit concentrates on six control measures:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post Construction Stormwater Management (New Development and Redevelopment)
6. Good House Keeping and Pollution Prevention for Town Owned Operations and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Town-owned Facilities

The Regional Stormwater Coalition has put together the attached letter for support from the Board of Selectmen in order to protect the Town once the permit is released. I would ask that you please sign this letter for submission to the EPA.

Holden Road Project

As an update to this project we have received a request to attend the January 28th meeting of the CMMPO to present the Holden Road project to the commission. As you are aware 25% of the engineering work has been completed and will start the 75% design stage in April 2015 and begin the 100% final stage July 2016.

COA

The COA will be kicking off the year with new activities including bingo, board games and the return of the men's club.

PCS will also be hosting the senior brunch on January 28th at 9am; seniors are asked to RSVP to the COA office by January 23rd.

Senator Gobi

Senator Anne Gobi will hold office hours at noon to 1pm on January 14th at the John Bauer Senior Center. This is open to all residents to stop by, meet the senator and discuss anything that they are looking for assistance with from the senator.

Annual Audit

Anthony Rosselli will be in the Town Hall on January 16th to meet with the Town Accountant to prepare for the FY14 Audit. His company will then return on January 19th to work with the rest of the Town employees to gather the relevant information required.

Conservation Agent

The Conservation Commission has a new Conservation Agent Mia McDonald. Mia will be working on creating a Wetlands Bylaw on behalf of the committee and out in the field.

Scenic Byway Committee

The first kiosk has been installed by Rutland as part of the Scenic Byway's attempt to provide information to visitors. The committee is still working on a location for Paxton.



Barre has also now installed their kiosk

Correspondence

- Letter from Charlie Bakers office letting the town know about the increase in Chapter 90 funds.
- Letter from Charter with an update that rates will be changing but they do not appear to be anything to significant.

Other Items

- **(CR)** I would like to recognize Scott Wilson and Nick Powlovich for all the work they have done recently in straightening up the cable room and updating the system. The board meetings will be done in live cast in the near future.

Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 8:06pm and we will only return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 9:00 pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

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Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons

Administrative Assistant