



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

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

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

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

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

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

Appointment to the Board of Health

- There has recently been an opening on the Board of Health. The two remaining members, Judi Hatstat and Tom Carroll are both present to talk to two residents that have show interest in filling the open position.
- The first candidate was Seth Peters. Mr. Peters provided a history of his work experience which includes an extensive background in the medical field, and he expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Board of Health. The second candidate was Julia Pingitore, current Select Board member. Mrs. Pingitore also provided her work experience and interest in the open position.
- The current Board of Health members provided some insight as to what their Board does and how the responsibility is currently divided amongst the members. Mr. Carroll also expressed that he felt Mrs. Pingitore would bring an interesting aspect to the Board since she is already a member of the Board of Selectmen.
- **(PB)** I greatly appreciate that we have two such highly qualified individuals looking to fill this current opening.
- **(JM)** I agree. The Board of Health has done a great job over the years.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to appointment Seth Peters to the Board of Health with discussion.**
- **(PB)** Again I feel that both candidates are highly qualified so I will agree to go along with which ever candidate Mr. Malone supports.
- Mr. Malone voted for Mr. Peters, Mr. Bogren voted for Mr. Peters, Judi Hatstat voted

for Julia Pingitore, Thomas Carroll also voted for Julia Pingitore.

- Mr. Malone rescinded his original vote and placed a vote for Julia Pingitore, and Peter Bogren adjusted his vote for Julia Pingitore as well, giving Mrs. Pingitore a unanimous vote for the open position on the Board of Health.

Appointment of Robert Pelczarski

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the appointment of Robert Pelczarski to the Capital Improvement Committee effective January 8, 2019 for a term until June 30, 2019. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment of Michael Benoit

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the appointment of Michael Benoit to the Light Board effective January 8, 2019 until the next Town Election. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Resignation of Mary Ann Paquette

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept with regret the resignation of Mary Ann Paquette from the Board of Registrars. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment of Karen Doherty

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the appointment of Karen Doherty as a part time Dispatcher. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Fire Dept Contract

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept and sign the contract for the Firefighters. Unanimous, all in favor.**

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- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2018 and the Executive Minutes from December 10, 2018. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **Massachusetts Office of Disability**
We received notification that I was unsuccessful in my submission of a grant from the MOD to rebuild the Town Hall ramp and improve accessibility. I contacted the MOD and will work with them to improve my application for FY20.
- **Meal Tax Option**
We received \$4,509 meal tax distribution on December 30, 2018. This covered the months of September through November. Total amount received to date is \$5,867.
- **Sick Leave**
As I often do, I reviewed the Town's Employee Policies and would like to revise the Sick Leave policy that is currently included in our handbook. The existing and revised policies are attached. Please take a vote to accept the revision.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to approve the revision of the Sick Leave Police for the Town employees. Unanimous, all in favor.

- **Taxes**

Real Estate Taxes have been issued to Paxton residents. The bill contains two coupons one payment is due February 1st and the second is due May 1st. Both payments can be made by the first due date if residents wish to pay ahead.

For residents looking for tax information for the previous year to complete their state and federal tax returns, the Collector has a form available on the website and at the Town Hall.

- **Census**

The annual census has been issued by the Town Clerk's Office. Residents are asked to return these as early as possible.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:30pm and we will return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.

Returned to Regular Session at 7:38pm

Adjourned Meeting at 7:38pm, Unanimous all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Town Administrators report

Agenda

Attendance list

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons
Executive Assistant