

# **Town of Paxton**

## **Board of Selectmen**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 24, 2005

Members Present: Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman,  
Michael Quinlivan, Vice Chair John F. Malone, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator and Peter Dawson Town Counsel

Attendees: See attendee list

The meeting was called to order at 7:04.p.m.

#### **Minutes**

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2005. Unanimous.

#### **Detective Appointment**

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to appoint Jason Silvestri as a Detective for the Paxton Police. Unanimous. This is the first appointment of a detective in Paxton.

#### **Camp Pike Residents – Plowing**

- Maria Hopkins stated that a court case determined that Camp Pike Road is a private road. All residents and landowners are now in agreement that Camp Pike Road should be plowed by the Town. Repairs to road were made in 2000-2001 to bring the road to a condition it could be safely plowed.
- (MQ) asked that they hear from the DPW superintendent as to what is needed to be done to allow the Town equipment to be able to plow this road.
- Steve Howell stated that the Right of Way is 20' wide and that plows have been able to plow . All vehicles and trucks can get down the road.
- Stan Zerko has property at the end of Camp Pike Road and feels it is a safety issue that the road must be plowed.
- (FG) issue is not time or expense it has been an issue of damage to Town equipment.
- Nathan Fitzgerald stated that he owned the land that formerly was at issue for improving and that he has no problem of having the road improved, as long as it is not widened.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to take under advisement. BOS will tour the road with the DPW Superintendent and get back to the petitioners next meeting. Unanimous.

#### **Cemetery Commission Appointments**

- Two letter interest received from Christopher Stone and Melinda Johnson. One other candidate may be interested but no letter received.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Christopher Stone to the Cemetery Commission until the May 2006 election, will be a three year seat at that time. Unanimous.
- Lois Breault Melican (Cemetery Commission) also in favor of this appointment.

- (FG) concerned that Melinda Johnson would not be the right person for this position.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to appoint Melinda Johnson to the Cemetery Commission. (FG) and Lois Breault Melican not in favor of this appointment. Votes 2-2, **Motion failed**.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to re-advertise for applications to be submitted by November 4, 2005 and reconsider at next meeting on November 8, 2005. Unanimous.

#### **One Day Wine License**

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to allow a one day wine license for the Council on Aging for Saturday, October 29, 2005. Unanimous.
- (FG) informed the BOS that Carol Goodrich and friends had collected 15 baskets of food from the Worcester Age Center Farmers Market, this was distributed to Paxton residents today and continuing tomorrow.

#### **Council on Aging Appointment**

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to appoint Peter Siemen to the Council on Aging Board to replace Dory Huard. Unanimous.

#### **DPW**

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to declare the 1960 Austin Western Grader as surplus equipment. Unanimous.

#### **Town Administrators Update**

##### **Master Plan Proposal**

- (FG) referred to previous discussions with Planning Board on the subject of Master Plan and feels we should get touch with them.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board to discuss the Master Plan proposal, including CMRPC, attempt to arrange the meeting for November 14, 2005.

##### **Senior Service Program**

- Annette Aubertin has applied to work in the Collector/Treasurer/Clerk office.
- **Motion** and seconded to accept Annette Aubertin as part of the Senior Service Program. Unanimous.

##### **Town Hall Renovations**

- (MQ) questioned the grant matching funds
- (JM) believed that the proposal had merit.
- (FG) liked the idea but had concerns about additional costs, the condition of the foundations, ceilings, walls, storage space ground offices and septic system.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to get cost for evaluating other structural problems to do with this proposal. Unanimous.

##### **Elder Bus**

- Request from COA Director for an increase in this account from \$500 to \$3,000 to cover additional trips required for a senior to receive Chemotherapy.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve this request. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to forward this request to the Finance Committee. Unanimous.

##### **Gas Mileage Rate**

- **Motion** to increase the gas mileage rate in line with the Internal Revenue rates from 34.5c to 40.5c. Unanimous.

#### **Meeting**

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to move the next BOS meeting from November from November 7<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous.

#### **Ethics Seminar**

- Seminar to take place October 27th at 7pm at Anna Maria College.

#### **Sewer Feasibility Study**

- Approximately 150 residents attended the informational night.
- (CB) to prepare a survey and provide more information for the BOS
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to continue with survey. Unanimous.

#### **Other Business**

- DPW and Communications monthly reports, information only.
- Letter from Thomas Carroll regarding the Sewer Study meeting – no comments.
- Request for signs on Laurel Street – contact Police and DPW for comments.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded to table until the next meeting. Unanimous.
- (MQ) to report on this at the next meeting.
- (FG) has a regionalization meeting on October 25, 2005.

#### **13-15 Cutler Road**

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to request a letter from Planning Board with a decision and reasons. Unanimous.

#### **Pine Street**

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) for (CB) to contact Town Counsel for advice.

#### **Trick or Treat**

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) for Trick or Treating hours to be 5pm to 8pm. Unanimous.
- **Motion** to close the town hall on October 31, 2005 at 3:30pm and not open in the evening

**Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to adjourn meeting at 9:15pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant from the notes of Charles Blanchard , Town Administrator  
Paxton Board of Selectmen