

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 7, 2008

Members Present: John F. Malone, Chair
Fred Goodrich, Vice Chair
Michael T. Quinlivan, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

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

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2008. Unanimous. All in Favor**

Public Safety Complex Update – Charles Blanchard

- 580 Pleasant Street demolished, Fire Department demolition will be next week.
- Steel building is currently being dismantled
- Asbestos abatement continues.
- Groundbreaking will take place April 12, 2008 at 10am.

Street Light Request – Corner of Marshall Street and Hemlock Street

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to take under advisement until BOS have had a chance to take a look and input received from the Police Chief and Light Dept. Manager Unanimous. All in favor.**

License Renewals

- **Motion (MQ) seconded FG) to renew the following license. Unanimous. All in favor.**
 - Paxton Marketplace Inc. - Weekday Soft Drinks
 - Paxton Marketplace Inc. - Sale of Ice Cream on Lord's Day
 - Paxton Sports Center Inc. - Weekday Soft Drinks
 - Paxton Sports Center Inc. - Ice Cream on Lord's Day
 - Paxton House of Pizza - Sale of Ice Cream on Lord's Day
 - Howe's Nursery Stand - Sale of Ice Cream on Lord's Day
 - Howe's Nursery Stand - Fruit and Vegetable
 - Howe's Nursery Stand - Jam/Syrup/Bread/Candy/Seeds/Honey
 - Howe's Nursery Stand - Nursery Stock & Florist
 - Pleasant View Nursery - Nursery Stock & Florist
 - Paxton Petals and More - Nursery Stock & Florist
 - Robinson's Greenhouses - Nursery Stock & Florist
 - Coffee on the Common - Sale of Ice Cream on Lord's Day
 - JLC Donuts Inc. – Weekday Soft Drinks

Polling Location

- Defer to next meeting and request Town Clerk to be present.

Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard

DPW Summer Hours

- Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent is requesting to start summer hours on Monday, May 5, 2008 and ending Friday, September 12, 2008.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept DPW summer hours. Unanimous.**

Earthday Memorandum of Agreement

- Final version of the Memorandum and License between Wachusett Earthday and the DCR for the use of the DCR land in West Boylston for Hazardous Waste Collection.
- (JM) asked that a copy be provided to BOH.

Budget Review

- Laptop provided to review effects of any changes that are made by the BOS during the budget review.

Other Business

- (CB) wanted to clarify that a story ran in the T&G indicated that he left the last meeting of the Town Government Study Committee on April 4th prior to it being adjourned, this was not the case. The meeting was adjourned prior to him leaving the meeting.

Annual Town Meeting Articles

- BOS reviewed all 29 articles and recommended placing 28 of them on the warrant.
- Article 1. Budget. **Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 2. Overlay Surplus. **Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 3. DPW Mack Truck. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 4. Police Cruiser. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 5. Fire Dept. Pumper. **Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to not place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 6. Chapter 90. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 7. RML new Revolving Fund. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**

- Article 8. Town Clerk new Voting Booths. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 9. Reauthorization of the Revolving Funds **Motion(MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 10. Reduce the Tax Levy. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 11. A sum of money to put into Stabilization. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place an article on the warrant to take a sum of money from the Stabilization.. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 12. Public Safety Complex legislation. **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 13. Town Government legislation. **Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Robert Hall stated that he will ask that the Moderator pass over this article and pass Article 14, the committees report will be presented.
- (FG) there is no report, just an act. The completed report should be filed and then visit the Finance Committee and address the public
- (MQ) stated that the report was accepted at the meeting prior to the Town Government Study Committee last week.
- (JM) asked that the committee be present to answer any questions
- Robert Hall went on to say that the Committee feels that they were disbanded on receipt of the report last week.
- (JM) committee still in existence.
- Robert Hall suggested that the BOS call the 3 members and inform them of this.
- Article 14. Town Government legislation Petition. . **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 15. PHP request for an additional 15 acres of land. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 16. PHP to increase the SRD Overlay density. . **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**

- Article 17. Earthday. . **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 18. Petition regarding Mooreland Cemetery Petition. **Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. (FG) no.**
- Article 19. \$2,000,000 for WRSD oil spill. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. (JM) no.**
- CB stated that some communities are making this contingent on a debt exclusion and that a Yes/No paper ballot is required for this article.
- Article 20. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement . **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 21. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 22. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 23. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 24. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 25. Citizens Petition concerning Cemetery Commission appointments. **(MQ) This bylaw would put someone out of office.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. Contingent on not putting anyone out of office. All in favor.**
- Article 26. Citizens Petition for \$50,000 for engineering and design services for the Town Hall. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 27. Citizens Petition to name the Grove St fields. **Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 28. Citizens Petition to name the Grove St Field House. **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 29. Citizens Petition to name the Grove St Baseball Field. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to place on the warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to close the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Unanimous. All in favor.**

Correspondence

- (MQ) Letter from Historic District last week looking for assurance that records not removed from the Records Building until reviewed by them.
- Lois Beault- Melican stated that they would like to scan the documents in.
- (JM) no problem with them doing this.
- Letter from WRSD regarding the Business & Finance Committee
- Letter from Governors Office providing details of \$143,519 C90 award.
- Memo from Paxton Local Historical District Commission providing application for changes of properties within the Local Historic District.
- Copy of letter sent by Charlie Blanchard to USDA regarding Insurance coverage for the Contractors working on the Public Safety Complex.

Wachusett Regional School District Budget

- (FG) stated that the Regional Selectmen and Finance Committees would be meeting again to morrow to discuss the WRSD budget.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the 4.0% increase. (JM) opposed, believes the percentage should be 3.7%.**
- **Discussion continued with Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept a maximum 4% increase to the WRSD budget for FY09. Unanimous. All in favor.**

FY09 Budget Review

- Finance Committee has chosen to use all Free Cash and settlement that is expected from the Insurance Company.
- (CB) figures do not include this reimbursement.
- Waste Collection budget will need to include the fee for Earthday.
- No decision made on the budget, defer to the next meeting.
- Martha Asktin came into the meeting just before adjourning and stated that if either of the two warrant articles for the Paxton Housing Partnership do not pass, the project will be "dead in the water". The consultant states that the project cannot be built on the amount of land that they currently have.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 10:25pm Unanimous. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant