

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 3, 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 7:02pm.

(JM) stated that he would ask that all questions or statements be kept to a minimum and that he would just one minute.

(JM) read out loud his previously prepared statement – copy attached.

Motion (JM) to rescind (and I hope my colleagues will do the right thing) Mr. Quinlivan's initial motion "to reprimand the Town Administrator for insubordination in not carrying out the directive given by the Board of Selectmen on September 24th and that was why we lost the Recreation Board." Seconded by (FG) for discussion.

The audience was allowed to speak and several residents spoke out strongly in support of the Town Administrator including the Police Chief who stated that the accusation of insubordination was a very harsh thing and implies that he did not follow the Selectmen's wishes.

(FG) responded that the report was a chronological order of the events and did not blame anyone and that the reprimand that took place in the form of a motion was spontaneous and did not come through the proper handbook procedure.

(CB) provided the BOS with a copy of his memo in response to the previous meetings action.

Motion (JM) to revoke and rescind Mr. Quinlivan's initial motion, the reprimand and the acceptance of the report. (FG) seconded (MQ) No. Motion passed 2-1 to revoke the reprimand and report.

Motion (JM) to accept the report of the Investigation in to the Loss of the Recreation Commission written by (FG) to be accompanied by the report by (CB). (MQ) motion for discussion.

Motion (FG) to accept the report without (CB) addition.

(JM) responded his motion first.

(FG) stated that he thought that the comments made in (CB) report were inappropriate and that

there were some errors that needed clearing up.

Several people from the audience spoke up and said that they did not feel there was a need for the report, that it was questionable, having been written by someone who was also going to vote on it. Other felt that if one report was to be accepted then the Town Administrator's should also be accepted.

(MQ) responded that he felt the investigation was appropriate.

(CB) added that Town Counsel had stated that this was the right of the BOS, although it may not be wise to do, but advised that if such an investigation was conducted, an independent investigator should complete it.

After further discussion, (JM) amended the motion to accept (FG) report and (CB) report and include within a reasonable anyone else's report.

(FG) stated that the vote was allowing for this subject to be continued.

(FG) will vote on accepting (CB) report if corrected, can get together and make any changes (referring to (FG) and (CB)).

Motion (JM) to accept (FG) report along with (CB) report on the understanding that both parties get together and agree on any changes. Second (FG). (MQ) No. Motion passed 2-1 in favor

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Unanimous all in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant