

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 14, 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.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2008. Unanimous. All in Favor**

### **Local Historic District Study Commission**

- Lois Beault stated that the commission is still not up to full membership and that the BOS could appoint someone.
- Ms. Beault questioned who had jurisdiction over the common, she would like to see if taken care of and restored. With a view to applying for grants.
- (FG) stated that the BOS have jurisdiction.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to take under advisement. Unanimous. All in favor.**

### **Street Light Request Marshall Street**

- Area viewed by (FG) and (JM). (FG) suggested taking the light from Pole 20 and putting on Pole 18.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to suggest relocating light from Pole 20 to Pole 18. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

### **Girl Scouts Memorial Day Request**

**Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to allow the Girlscouts to hold a bake sale and sell patriotic goods on the Common, during the Memorial Day Celebration. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

### **Farmers Market**

Cindy Cheever requesting to hold a Farmers Market on the Common, Thursday evenings 3:30pm to 7:00pm May 15<sup>th</sup> to the end of October.

**Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to allow this. Unanimous, All in favor.**

### **Public Safety Complex Update – Charles Blanchard**

- Groundbreaking took place April 12, 2008.
- Asbestos abatement complete.
- Demolition of the Fire Station will be complete this week.

### **Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard**

#### **Kettlebrook Golf Course Liquor License**

- Approval received from ABCC for the transfer of the liquor license for Kettlebrook Golf Course. The Board signed the license for mailing to the new owners.

#### **Recreation Commission**

- Recreation Commission has met with the Baseball group and Paxton Youth Soccer and provided a report for discussion at the BOS meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Town Hall Renovation Study Committee**

- Committee would like to meet with the BOS prior to their Public Hearing on April 24<sup>th</sup>. BOS agreed to meet with them at 6:30pm.
- **FY09 Budget**

#### **Town Clerk – Deirdre Malone**

- (JM) recused himself.
- Discussed the need to relocate the polling site from the Paxton Center School. Nothing can be done for this year's elections, but at a future time this should be addressed in the presence of the Police Chief.
- The Town Clerk provided a salary survey for both her own and the Assistants position. The Town Clerk believes that this position should be full time (37 hours). The State System has created an increase in work for this position. She is also requesting an increase in the hourly pay rate for the Assistant Town Clerk.
- (FG) stated that the PAB should conduct a full review of the position to establish the full extend of the responsibilities of the Town Clerk, and compare this with the job description and the duties of other Town Clerks included in the survey.

### **Town Treasurer – Deirdre Malone**

- Town Treasurer provided new borrowing documents in the amount of \$128,000 for the BOS to sign to reauthorize the borrowing for the Sweeper.
- (CB) The loan was paid off in January 08, when there was no authority do so, should have rolled over.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to sign the borrowing. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

- (MQ) requested a copy of the debt schedule from the Treasurer.

### **Other Business**

#### **Annual Town Meeting Articles -Attached**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to leave all articles in current order.**
- Article 1. Budget. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 2. Overlay Surplus. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 3. DPW Mack Truck. **Motion (FG) seconded JM) to recommend approval by borrowing. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 4. Police Cruiser. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to recommend approval with funding from the Capital Depreciation Account. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 5. Chapter 90. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 6. RML new Revolving Fund. **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to recommend approval . Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 7. Town Clerk new Voting Booths. **Motion (FG) seconded JM) to make recommendation at the Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 8. Reauthorization of the Revolving Funds **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 9. Reduce the Tax Levy. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 10. A sum of money to put into Stabilization. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at the Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 11. To take money from Stabilization. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at the Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 12. Public Safety Complex legislation. **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 13. Town Government legislation. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at the Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**

- (MQ) stated that he had been asked that the article be sponsored by the Town Study Government Committee as their article rather than the BOS.
- Article 14, Town Government legislation by Citizens Petition. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at the Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 15. PHP request for an additional 15 acres of land. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at the Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- Article 16. PHP to increase the SRD Overlay density. CB) this will require a Public Hearing by the Planning Board prior to the Town Meeting. Planning Board came into the meeting later and stated that they had taken no action on this and would not be able to schedule a meeting prior to the Town Meeting.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to reopen the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to remove article 16 from the warrant. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to close the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- Article 17. Earthday. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 18. Petition regarding Mooreland Cemetery Petition. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to make recommendation at the Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 19. \$2,000,000 for WRSD oil spill. **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to make recommendation at the Town Meeting. (JM) Disapprove..**
- Article 20. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 21. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 22. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 23. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 24. Amendment to WRSD Regional Agreement. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 25. Citizens Petition concerning Cemetery Commission appointments. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**

- Article 26. Citizens Petition for \$50,000 for engineering and design services for the Town Hall. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 27. Citizens Petition to name the Grove St. fields. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 28. Citizens Petition to name the Grove St Field House. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- Article 29. Citizens Petition to name the Grove St Baseball Field. **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to recommend approval. Unanimous. All in favor.**

**Motion (JM) at 9:40pm seconded (FG) to continue the meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. Unanimous. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant