

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 28, 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 14, 2008. with one amendment to the date. Unanimous. All in Favor**

Public Safety Complex Update – Charles Blanchard

- Wetland replication consultant for the Town is EcoTec
- Design of the Third Floor of the Safety Complex is proceeding with the Committees approval.
- Netco have hired a Clerk of Works.
- USDA has sent a letter to our Bond Counsel, Legal Counsel. Engineer and Fiscal Agent requesting information.

Recreation Commission – Access Road

- Paul Riches, Recreation Commission briefly went over the information provided to the BOS two weeks ago, outlining the Commissions short-term and long-term solutions for the access road at the side of Illigs Pond.
- (PR) stated that they had met with Baseball and Soccer and all were in agreement that the road should be kept open.
- Short-term goals being signage, lighting with sensors, staggering of games, cordoned off walkway, some practices moved to Grove St, identification of area to be kept clear and communication.
- Long-term goals being increased parking space, one-way traffic and a barrier for pedestrian safety. Next step to seek input from DPW and Conservation.
- (FG) stated that his vote would be to keep the road closed, it is not a town road and would need a bylaw to get police involved.

- (PR) asked for clarification as to whether (FG) wanted the road closed until short-term planned implemented or long-term plans implemented.
- (FG) closed until you have a plan.
- (JM) commended the Commission for bringing the people together and would like to see a discussion with the Light Department and DPW, to see what can be done for lighting and clearing the area. Would like to see this decided as a group and not leave it solely to the Recreation Commission to do.
- (MQ) stated that he would like to see the speed bumps reinstated on the road at the side of the playground.
- (PR) would like to meet everyone involved and walk the area.
- (FG) asked the Commission to remind the Parks Director that the trash containers at the playground need to be emptied.
- Commission would like to know whose responsibility this is.

False Alarm Appeal – James Stevens

- Pass over to next meeting as Mr. Stevens not available.

Street Light Request –Camp St

- Hold until next meeting to give the BOS a chance to visit the area.

Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard

Town Warrant

- The Finance Committee Report and the Town Meeting Warrant are completed and appear on the website.
- The Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Annual Town Election Warrant were signed by the BOS and posted by the Constable.

Public Safety Complex

- Builder's Risk Insurance proposals received and Great American Insurance Companies provided a competitive quote

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the proposal of \$7,132, subject to the approval of Town Counsel. Unanimous. All in Favor.

Office of Attorney General Martha Coakley.

- Request for a Town of Paxton contact, for the Municipal to the Attorney's office.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to name the contact as (CB). Unanimous. All in Favor.

PILOT

- Dennis Rindone has reported that 31 legislators have signed on to the amendment to restore the PILOT fund in the State budget.

Departmental Meeting

- The quarterly departmental meeting was held on April 16, 2008.

Outreach Coordinator

- Marcy Kelleher has left the Outreach Coordinators position at the COA and has been replaced by Rosemary Buckley.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to approve appointment.

- (FG) stated that the COA is advisory and cannot put people into training, procedure has to be followed.
- (JM) stated that he would talk to Gerry Ryan and ask that he contact (CB).

Town Article

- Town Counsel has reviewed Article 24 the Citizens Petition to create a bylaw to stop anyone or his or her family associated in the funeral business not to hold a seat on the Cemetery Commission.
- Town Counsel has advised that this would be an impermissible exercise of local authority and that the article should be passed over at Town Meeting.
- (JM) asked that a copy of the letter be sent to the Petitioner of the article.

Other Business

Waste Collection

- (CB) provided a memo that he had sent to the BOH providing a summary of the recent Paxton Waste & Recycling Proposal results.
- (CB) believes that single stream recycling is the better option and asked that the BOH invite both Casella and Central Mass Disposal into discuss this program.
- (FG) would like to see the Town go forward and provide the single stream recycling.
- (MQ) would like to know who is the decision maker for this, BOH or BOS.

Town Meeting Articles

- The Capital Improvement Committee has stated that they support using the Capital Depreciation Fund to pay for the Town Clerk Voting Booths and the Police Cruiser.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 7:50pm. Unanimous. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant