

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 28, 2008**

Members Present: Frederick Goodrich, Chair, Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice Chair  
John F. Malone, Clerk  
Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

### **Public Safety Building Update**

- Footings for apparatus building are in.
- Crews continuing to work at DPW steel building.
- Finishing up pouring foundations.
- Stormwater provisions in, as well as septic.
- Wood framing will begin shortly.

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

- Committee before the BOS to adopt the July 2008 procedures and appoint a Town Hall Designer Selection Committee.
- (FG) would like to see other people other than the Town Hall Renovation Study Committee members on the Selection Committee.
- (JM) commended the committee for an excellent job and suggested that they continue as the Selection Committee.
- (FG) a BOS office is needed for the selectmen to meet with public, when necessary.
- Richard Fenton, committee member, stated that BOS don't generally have offices other than the place where they hold their meetings.
- (MQ) concerned that space requirements not addressed and does not want offices in a windowless basement.
- Jay Gallant, committee member, responded that the basement would be designed with windows.

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Jay Gallant, Paul Robinson, Richard Fenton, James Stone and Rick Trifero to the Town Hall Design Selection Committee, Fred Goodrich will be ex-officio. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

### **Trash Contract**

- (FG) stated that he had reviewed the contract and would like to ask who would be collecting the data to support going to single stream recycling and who would be responsible for implementing this January 2009. Also questioned whether any arrangements were made for special pick-ups.
- BOS asked the BOH attend their next meeting to discuss the contract and single stream recycling.

### **Town Administrators Update**

#### **MIIA Awards**

- Insurance credit of \$885 received through MIIA awards program.

#### **DPW**

- DPW Superintendent has advertised for a Heavy Equipment Operator.

#### **TSC**

- Sue Stone had expressed an interest in providing part-time assistance to the TSC. She is seeking an exemption from MGL C268A § 20 from the BOS.
- (FG) concerned with the hours worked, which could amount to health insurance entitlement. (CB) to look into hours.

### **Wachusett Greenprint**

- July 24<sup>th</sup> 20 people attended the presentation of the results of the Wachusett Greenprint.

### **Other Business**

#### **Water Board**

- (JM) the Water Board has three articles for the next Special Town Meeting.

### **Recreation Commission**

- (MQ) has been asked by a Recreation member who is responsible for the playground.
- (FG) Recreation responsible, a note was sent to them recently regarding the fence down there that needs fixing.
- (MQ) Recreation member had noticed that the playground surface needed taking care of, with a further covering of wood chips or some like material.

### **Martha Akstin, Paxton Housing Partnersip**

- Martha Akstin, explained they would be hoping to utilize the \$10,000 grant from CHAPA to pay Housing Partners to educate residents by sending out flyers and producing a model of the 46 acres

and 10 acres as a footprint. They are also looking to arrange a luncheon for dept heads and board/committee chairs to answer any questions or concerns.

- (JM) asked why Housing Partners hadn't given more guidance to get the article passed at the last Town Meeting and Martha responded that they were not been asked to do that.
- (CB) when PHP brought forward the two Town Meeting articles, Planning Board did not feel that there was sufficient time to hold an hearing.
- First thing would be to meet with the Planning Board and hold an hearing.
- (MQ) asked whether the town was subject to zoning.
- (CB) responded that municipal use allowed in every zone but are expected to comply with zoning bylaws.
- (JM) asked whether PHP had permission from the Water Bd.
- (MA) believed that they did.
- (FG) advised to talk with the Planning Bd. and Water Bd. prior to talking with Worcester Water.

**Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Respectfully submitted

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