

READ ALOUD AT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING ON MARCH 3,
2008 BY JOHN F. MALONE.

(To be part of said meeting minutes)

A few years back residents of the Town of Paxton had the vision to support the concept of a professional Town Administrator. During this time, many folks new to Town and residents to the Town for several generations expressed their desire to run our community more professionally and effectively i.e. get rid of small town thinking/politics mentality. This Board did what you, the residents of this Town asked by searching and hiring a Town Administrator. Under his leadership we have established balanced budgets, worked more effectively and cooperatively with the Regional School District, have a public safety complex on track even below budget and have established a long range capital plan.

In my opinion it is unfortunate that the members of this Board of Selectmen continue to micromanage this Administrator. This should not be our role. Our role is to advise and have him report back to us not micromanage. If we are unhappy with his overall performance, there are avenues to take.

My actions and my decision to resign are out of frustration. Frustration that this board is abusing and misconstruing their role as Selectmen. Frustration that some Board members want to return to small town thinking and small town politics. The type of thinking that got us into this position in the first place. The thinking that existed prior to a Town Administrator. The type of mentality that forced other to resign this type of action and the vote that was taken last Monday night does nothing to unite and move our community forward. Paxton is a great community. Small in numbers but strong in heart and involvement. We have people committed to making this community great including all the members that serve and have served on our Town boards.

At this time I wish to make a motion to rescind 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."

I hope that my colleagues on this board will do the right thing for our Town.

Thank you

John F. Malone
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