

TOWN OF PEMBROKE  
APPROVED  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
15 OCTOBER 2018

Stephen Curley, Chairperson opened the meeting of the Advisory Committee in Pembroke Town Hall at 7:00PM on 15 October 2018. Also present were Linda Peterson, Stephen Walsh, and Matthew Norton  
Maria Karas was not present

**Absent:** Elizabeth Monks

Maria Karas joined the meeting at 7:02PM

**Guests:** Erin Obey, School Superintendent and Patrick Chilcott, School Committee Chairperson  
Stephanie Hagan – Petitioner of Article 17  
Lisa Cullity – CPC Chairperson

Advisory adjourned to meet with the Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator at 7:01PM

Stephen Dodge, Town Moderator thanked Advisory and the Board of Selectmen and explained that the purpose of this meeting is not to come up with preordained decisions but to review the process and recommendations. The conclusion is decided at Town Meeting by the residents. He encouraged the residents viewing this live meeting to attend the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the Pembroke High School at 7:00PM. There are 20 important Articles to be voted including setting the tax rate and paying bills. We need a quorum for this meeting.

Stephen Dodge reviewed the Article Recommendation and Motions to be presented at the Special Town Meeting as follows:

Article 1 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 2 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 3 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 4 – Advisory has not yet voted on their recommendation and may not be in favor of some

Article 5 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 6 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 7 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 8 – Advisory voted Favorable Action; the Board of Selectmen voted Take No Action. Advisory will discuss prior to the meeting and may revote – Ed Thorne will speak to this Article at Town Meeting

Article 9 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 10 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 11 – Advisory & Board of Selectmen voted “Take no Action” – Advisory will move the motion

Article 12 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Articles 13 & 14 – Board of Selectmen will move the motions

Article 15 – Recreation Commission should move the motion

Article 16 – CPC recommendations A-H Lisa Cullity will move the motions

Article 17 – Petitioners will move the motion – Stephanie Hagan

Article 18 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Article 19 – Favorable Action – Advisory

Stephen Dodge thanked Advisory and the Board of Selectmen.

Stephen Curley addressed the viewing and listening audience about vacancies on Advisory and said they are looking for members. He explained that you don't have to be an accountant; using common sense is important. If interested, you can obtain an application from the Board of Selectmen's office.

Advisory adjourned from the Board of Selectmen meeting and reconvened their meeting at 7:28PM

Stephen Curley directed the attention of members to the letter received from Michael Buckley, Town Accountant and gave them time to read the letter.

<sup>2-6</sup> The Chairperson did not vote on these motion.

Erin Obey, School Superintendent and Patrick Chilcott, School Committee Chairperson joined the Advisory meeting to discuss their request for \$55,000 for Technology to be funded by Overlay Surplus. Stephen Curley referenced the letter received from Michael Buckley, Town Accountant; the School Committee was copied as well. Both Erin and Patrick had not yet seen the letter but was given a copy to read. Mike's letter urges the Board of Selectmen not to recommend any capital items under Article 4 at the Special Town Meeting that require general fund borrowing, free cash or overlay surplus.

Patrick said they need the vote of the board. This request is part of a three year plan replacing technology. Laptops are past their useful life; it isn't optional. Technology needs to be on a rotating scale. The grant received was used for teacher laptops. Patrick said the School Committee meets with State Representatives twice a year to discuss vocational transportation and tuition. Chapter 70 does not go up like tuition does. Erin said that **phase one** would purchase 5-8 devices, **phase two** would purchase 8-10 devices and **phase three** is to rotate devices. Not receiving this funding would put fewer devices in student hands. The life span of devices (ipads and laptops) is 3-5 years.

Linda Peterson asked about student enrollment. Erin said they have a good Kindergarten class this year; 87 students moved in over the summer. Erin explained they are struggling with HVAC and have some funds put away for this but are waiting for "Green Money". Green Money matches the funds you have put aside. Maria Karas asked what is done with used technology. Erin said it's kept as spare and used in the Mobile Computer Lab.

Advisory thanked Erin and Patrick for coming.

Stephanie Hagan Petitioner for Article 17 to amend the general bylaws by adopting a bylaw entitled "Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags" joined the meeting to ask for Advisory's recommendation.

- Linda Peterson asked if this Article includes every business. Stephanie said the definition does not include every establishment. Stephen Curley noted Section 3 – churches, food pantries not required.
- Stephen Walsh noted that the Board of Health only inspects food establishments and wondered about enforcement and how this would impact the BOH; would they have to hire another person. Stephanie said there would be little impact on enforcement and they would not have to hire another person. She has a volunteer team willing to do it, Pembroke citizens and the Board of Health sub-committee. There is a 6 month compliance period.
- Stephanie explained that there is no law that requires business establishments to provide bags to customers. She said plastic bags cost 4¢ and paper 6¢. Linda asked about the impact to Pizza shops, hardware stores, and small Mom & Pop stores. Stephanie said all surrounding towns are moving towards this; Marshfield, Hanson. It fell off the state Legislature bill for February. Linda asked if she knew what percent of people use reusable bags. Stephanie said 3%. Stephanie said she understands that it is a matter of inconvenience; will still have newspaper bags, dry cleaner bags, fruit and meat bags. She said you can't put these plastic bags in regular trash as it breaks down the machines. She said it takes 1,000 years to breakdown versus 1 year for paper bags. It's the third largest litter in the world. It comes down to costs; Pembroke spends \$400,000 a year in plastic bags. It's an environmental issue; these bags blow out of trash barrels and litter the environment. Lisa Cullity mentioned BJ's and that it has not impacted their business.

The committee thanked Stephanie for coming.

Lisa Cullity, CPC Chairperson joined Advisory meeting to discuss Article 16 Recommendations.

- She first commented on Article 17 noting that most restaurants are using paper; there are 136 food store establishments in Pembroke and half are using plastic bags. Lisa said that they're all aware this is coming. In regards to enforcement, at the town level you have authority to forgive, state level enforcement would not be flexible. She said this will be a learning curve but does not believe this enforcement would exhaust her budget and would not be asking for a raise.
- Recommendation B: \$10,000 for exfoliating poison ivy from the stone wall in front of Friends Quaker Meetinghouse. Lisa said that at the CPC's last meeting to prepare Article Recommendations they had only received one application, the other 11 applications were received in one week, 3 days prior to the Warrant closing. This left one meeting for the CPC to review and vet these applications. They

<sup>2-6</sup> The Chairperson did not vote on these motion.

were told that the Historical Commission supported this recommendation and that was written on the application. The committee had no choice but to act as submitted. She said the CPC has one duty – fulfill for citizens. It's not CPC's position to support or defend any request. They look at does it meet the criteria. She said that this one could be indefinitely postponed if the proponent doesn't come to the podium at Town Meeting. Stephen Curley and Linda Peterson are members of the Historical Society. Linda asked if it would be postponed as information is in question. Should be tabled until fully figured out. Lisa said going forward CPC will request all applications be submitted 60 days in advance.

- Recommendation C: \$12,000 for funding a study and engineering costs for new ADA compliant facilities at the town landing. Lisa said this is part of a grant, showing how much we have spent toward ADA compliance. Beach mats have been provided; need to get up over cement burn. We don't have water wheel chair but can borrow from Duxbury and Scusset Beach.
- Recommendation E: \$25,000 for signage at 190 Barker Street. Lisa said a conservation signage part of parcel purchase, something historical double facing; sign had merit. Part of the qualifications, you have to show template. Linda asked about seeing 3 bids. Lisa said they have never been asked to; non-enforcement requirement.
- Recommendation F: \$7,500 for restoration of the Pembroke Historical Society building's ceiling. Stephen Curley asked if quotes were received. Lisa said CPC member Paul Whitman ask applicant about quotes.
- Recommendation G: \$20,000 granted to the Pembroke Historical Commission for an archaeological survey of the property at 369 Washington Street. Lisa said they will excavate around the Turner house and recover anything of value. This is a teaching opportunity by a Professor and his students.
- Recommendation H: \$20,000 purchase and installation of handicap ramp for the GAR Hall. This is the Boys Club building and the same detailing as original building will be used.

The committee thanked Lisa for coming.

Stephen Curley said the committee must consider Michael Buckley, Town Accountant's letter. He is recommending taking everything off the table except for the borrowing. Matthew Norton asked if this was because the Board of Selectmen supported the Police Department Articles. Free Cash and Overlay Surplus will support that. Stephen Curley said how well can Advisory make that argument? We can make decisions tonight or meet next Monday and vote on CPC Articles tonight and see how the Board of Selectmen handled the Police & Capital requests.

**Recommendation B:** To appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from FY19 historic resources funds and that said funds be granted to the Pembroke Historical Commission for the restoration and preservation of historic resources by exfoliating poison ivy from the stone wall in front of Friends Quaker Meetinghouse, or take any other action relative thereto.

Upon motion moved by Stephen Walsh and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Karas following the discussion it was

**VOTED<sup>1</sup>:** **Take No Action** for Recommendation B, Matthew Norton supported the motion. Linda Peterson and Stephen Curley recused themselves.

**Recommendation C:** To appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from FY19 open space funds and that said funds be granted to the town administrator for the purpose of funding a study and engineering costs for a new American with Disabilities Act compliant facilities at the town landing on Wampatuck Street, thereby rehabilitating and for recreational use, or take any other action relative thereto.

Upon motion moved by Matthew Norton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Peterson following the discussion it was

<sup>2-6</sup> The Chairperson did not vote on these motion.

**VOTED<sup>2</sup>: Favorable Action** for Recommendation C, Stephen Walsh and Maria Karas supported the motion.

**Recommendation E:** To appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from FY19 open space funds and that said funds be granted to the Pembroke Conservation Commission for the execution of a conservation restriction and signage at 190 Barker Street, thereby creating and preserving open space, or take any other action relative thereto.

Upon motion moved by Linda Peterson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Norton following the discussion it was

**VOTED<sup>3</sup>: Town Meeting Floor** for Recommendation E, Stephen Walsh and Maria Karas supported the motion.

**Recommendation G:** To appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from FY19 annual revenue and that said funds be granted to the officers of the Pembroke Historical Commission for an archaeological survey of the property at 369 Washington Street for the purpose of preserving historic resources, or take any other action relative thereto.

Upon motion moved by Matthew Norton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Peterson following the discussion it was

**VOTED<sup>4</sup>: Favorable Action** for Recommendation G, Stephen Walsh and Maria Karas supported the motion.

**Recommendation H:** To appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from FY19 annual revenue and that said funds be granted to the town administrator for rehabilitating and for recreational use by the purchase and installation of a handicap entrance ramp with associated construction accommodations at the GAR Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Upon motion moved by Linda Peterson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Walsh following the discussion it was

**VOTED<sup>5</sup>: Favorable Action** for Recommendation H, Matthew Norton and Maria Karas supported the motion.

**Article 17 –** To see if the Town will vote to amend the general bylaws by adopting a bylaw entitled “Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags,” the full text of which is printed in Appendix A of this warrant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Upon motion moved by Matthew Norton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Karas following the discussion it was

**\*VOTED<sup>6</sup>: Favorable Action** for Article 17, Stephen Walsh and Linda Peterson opposed the motion.

**\*This is considered a No Vote – Stephen Curley did not vote**

Advisory adjourned at 9:15PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Peterson, Clerk

<sup>2-6</sup> The Chairperson did not vote on these motion.