# MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2018

PRESENT: Matthew J. Furlong (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), John G. Brown, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Kathleen McCarthy (Treasurer/Collector), Richard Wall (Police Chief), Stephen Dodge (Town Moderator), Stephen Curley, Linda Peterson, Stephen Walsh, Elizabeth Monks, Matthew Norton, Maria Karas, Donna Badger, Mark Sotir, Gino Fellini, Charles Mathewson (WATD), Brooke Young, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant to the Town Administrator) and others.

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Furlong opened the meeting and advised that this meeting is being made available to the public through a live video and audio broadcast on Comcast Government Access Channel 15 and is also being recorded for airing on the channel at future dates. Comments made in open session will be recorded.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Boulter announced that the Selectmen's office has received notification in the form of a letter that elected Pembroke Constable, Robert Dorsey, is resigning his elected position effective October 12, 2018 to pursue a new career, which creates a vacancy in the role of Constable from October 13, 2018 through the town election May 18, 2019. Discussion ensued; consensus was achieved on tasking the Town Administrator with advertising the vacancy on the town website and social media platforms to develop a pool of candidates to be considered by the Board for an interim appointment.

# REQUEST OF TREASURER TO VOTE TO DEFINE USEFUL LIFE OF EQUIPMENT

Mr. Boulter moved that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) to be as follows:

Borrowing Am	ount <u>Authorization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	Maximum Useful Life
\$140,000	10/24/2017 (article 1)	Fire Equipment- Turnout Gear & Locker	Storage 10 Years
\$70,000	10/24/2017 (article 1)	Fire Equipment- Extraction Equipment	10 Years
\$625,000	10/23/2018 (article 4)	Fire Pumper Truck	8 Years
\$625,000	10/23/2018 (article 4)	Fire Pumper Truck	15 Years
\$75,000	10/23/2018 (article 4)	Fire Hose & Appliances	10 Years
\$75,000	10/23/2018 (article 4)	DPW Dump Truck and Plow	10 Years

and he further certified that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located, or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the subject matter of this vote were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

# 7:10 (7:00) JOINT STM DISCUSSION: SELECTMEN, MODERATOR, ADVISORY

Town Moderator Steve Dodge stated that this joint meeting serves as a preview of October 23<sup>rd</sup> special Town Meeting, the purpose of which is to orchestrate a process, not an outcome. The intent is to determine how and by whom the motions will be presented. Mr. Dodge advised that Special Town Meeting will be held at the Pembroke High School on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. The warrants of articles to be heard are available on the town website with paper copies available at Town Hall. Discussion ensued; Mr. Dodge confirmed that Advisory Committee will move articles one through three. There was no decision made on article 4, and Mr. Dodge confirmed that Advisory Committee will move articles five through twelve. The Board of Selectmen volunteered to move articles 13 and 14. Mr. Dodge stated that he will have Recreation move article 15, CPC Chairman Cullity move article 16, and petitioner Hagan move article 17. Mr. Dodge further confirmed that Advisory Committee will move articles 18 and 19.

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## 7:30 JOINT POLE HEARING: NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON RE: 15 CORPORATE PARK

At 7:30 pm, Mr. Furlong declared the Pole Hearing on the joint application and petition of National Grid and Verizon to be open. Engineer Tim Lyford was present on behalf of the applicants; they are petitioning to install pole P6-1 on Oak Street to be located approximately sixty feet (60') east of existing pole P7 to provide service to 15 Corporate Park Drive. Mr. Boulter moved to grant approval to National Grid and Verizon on their petition to install pole #P6-1 on Oak Street to be located approximately sixty (60) feet east of pole #P7 in accordance with work order and plan# 25813951. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

# 7:45 MARK SOTIR, CONSERVATION COMMISSION: SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENT POLICY

Conservation Commission Chairman Mark Sotir is present before the Board to present the rules that the Conservation Commission adopted on October 1, 2018 regarding volunteer vacancies. Mr. Sotir stated that he is requesting that Board agree to these rules, understanding that these appointments are the Selectmen's role. Discussion ensued on the four rules; first rule requiring a 14 day advertising period; second rule requiring attendance at two meetings prior to the submission of an application; third rule requiring the interview of each candidate by unspecified board; and fourth rule of deliberation of merits, vote and submission of recommendation for appointment to the Board of Selectmen to execute. Discussion ensued; several board members expressed concern over inflexibility and wide array of boards with multiple vacancies. Mr. Boulter expressed concern with the implied time lapse between these items of unspecified time period, potentially leading to month long vacancies, even on boards with multiple candidates showing interest. Consensus was achieved on taking the matter under consideration at this time.

## ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SANDRA DAMON FROM BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the resignation of Sandra Damon effective immediately, with regret. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## Foundation for Humanity Nature Preserve

Mr. Trabucco updated the Board on the walk of the nature preserve that he coordinated with Richard Iacobucci. Gino Fellini was present to state that the Preserve is a wonderful place with diverse flora and fauna. Mr. Trabucco stated any interested resident can walk the Preserve provided they register ahead of time at no charge at <a href="https://www.7818268888.com">www.7818268888.com</a>.

# **VOTE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2018**

Mr. Trabucco moved to accept the minutes of October 1<sup>st</sup> as written; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

## Special Town Meeting

Mr. Boyle inquired that the Town Administrator's staff to ensure that the hearing assisted devices for the special town meeting are in working order on Tuesday, and further research an ASL interpreter for future town meetings.

## High Water Levels

Mr. Boulter advised that the Herring Fisheries Commission removed boards four days ago to help alleviate the high water issues in Furnace and Oldham Ponds. He also stated that Brockton Water will not divert until the herring migration ends.

## Record of Approved Bills and Payrolls

Mr. Brown moved to accept his record of approved bills from October 2, 2018 and October 9, 2018. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

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# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## **Recycling Center Sundays**

Mr. Thorne recommended that the Board open the Recycling Center for the disposal of fall leaves on October 28 and November 4; Mr. Boyle moved to open the Recycling Center on October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was 4/0/1 with Mr. Boulter abstaining.

## Hill Bog on Valley Street

Mr. Thorne stated that the Planning Board held an informal conversation with the representatives of the owner of the Hill Bog project on Valley Street; if an application is submitted to the Town, Mr. Thorne will further update the Board concerning the development.

At 8:15 pm, Mr. Furlong read the upcoming issues from the agenda.

Mr. Boyle moved to adjourn; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

## **MATERIALS & EXHIBITS**

Letter, R. Dorsey RE Resignation (Clerk/BOS/TA Office)

Letter, Bond Motion, K. McCarthy (Treas/BOS/TA Office)

Letter, R. Keller RE: Rules of Appointment (ConCom/BOS/TA Office)

Letter, S. Damon RE Resignation (BOS/TA Office)

Final STM Warrant (BOS/TA Office)

Draft Minutes of October 1, 2018

Record of Approved Bills and Payrolls October 2 and October 9, 2018 (BOS/TA Office)