

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MAY 7, 2019**

PRESENT: Matthew J. Furlong (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), John G. Brown, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Interim Town Manager), Stephen Dodge (Moderator), Stephen Curley (Advisory Committee Chairman), Rebecca Coletta (Planning Board Chairman), Linda Peterson, Stephen Walsh, Donna Badger, Larissa Curley, Brooke Young, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant to the Town Manager), and others.

NOT PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk)

At 7:30 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.

**7:30 JOINT MEETING: SELECTMEN, MODERATOR, ADVISORY, PLANNING BOARD
CHAIRMAN: TOWN MEETING PROCESS AND REVIEW OF WARRANT ARTICLES**

Mr. Dodge stated that this joint meeting serves as a preview of May 14th annual Town Meeting. Mr. Dodge stated that the purpose of this meeting 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 Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Pembroke High School on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 pm. The warrants of articles to be heard are available on the town website with paper copies available at Town Hall. Mr. Dodge introduced the Consent Agenda which contains Articles 1, 7, 8, 9, and 33; all of these articles should be able to be voted by consent as they have not generated controversy in the past. The Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen concurred. Discussion ensued. Mr. Dodge stated that both boards are in agreement on most of their remaining recommendations, and it is customary for the Advisory Committee to present articles that they support. Mr. Dodge confirmed that the Advisory Committee will present the articles on the annual warrant numbers one through fifteen and number seventeen. Planning Board chairman Becky Coletta was present on behalf of the Planning Board to provide additional summary detail on articles eighteen through thirty-two, inclusive, stating that the Planning Board will move these articles. Moderator Dodge advised that he will request that the Library Director move article sixteen, that the CPC Chairman move article thirty-four and that the two petitioners each move their articles, numbers thirty-five and thirty-six. Mr. Dodge confirmed that the Advisory Committee will move each of the four articles contained on the special within the annual warrant. Discussion ensued on town meeting procedure regarding potential amendments and their execution.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE: ESTABLISH A PEMBROKE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

Mr. Furlong updated the Board on additional research done into funding opportunities and possible opportunities for a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce or the County. Mr. Boyle stated that he supports a development of a corps of new business owners partnered with retired executives in a mentoring format. Mr. Brown voiced concern for the town assumption of liability for the Center's potential debts and assets. Mr. Trabucco recommended a less bricks and mortar approach with more focus on a shared meeting space for individuals to network using their own devices and materials; he suggested that a Committee be formed to allow the concept to be fully explored and for funding sources to be developed. Mr. Furlong stated that he would join the Committee to participate in the process. Mr. Boyle moved that the Selectmen support the idea of an Entrepreneurship Center and a Committee to create it. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2019, APRIL 30, 2019

Mr. Boyle moved the minutes of April 23, 2019 as written; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Boyle moved the minutes of April 30, 2019; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Furnace Pond Beach Improvements

Mr. Thorne advised that there is a need for seasonal work/boat ramp improvements at Furnace Pond.

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Discussion ensued on specific work required at an approximate cost of \$1,000 total to be transferred from the Camp Pembroke Fund. Mr., Boyle moved the Town Manager's recommendation; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Trabucco informed the Board that he was present at a meeting of MassDOT, PA Landers and DPW representatives at 2 Pleasant Street in the layout for the traffic signal project. He advised that some issues can be and were resolved and other issues regarding the proximity of the retaining wall are unresolved. Mr. Brown advised that he was notified by a resident that there is a pothole at 28 Taylor Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thorne stated that residents will receive an E-911 reverse automated call concerning paving of Route 53 from Route 139 to Water Street causing significant delays tomorrow and all residents are advised to avoid the area. Mr. Brown shared the Brick program to fund the ADA improvements at Veteran's Memorial Park and provided contact information for those interested to have a brick engraved and placed for \$50 each.

At 8:15 pm, Mr. Furlong read the upcoming issues from the agenda. Mr. Boyle moved to enter executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares: River Marsh, LLC. Mr. Furlong declared it to be so and stated that the Board would not return to open session. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Boyle – yes, Brown – yes, Trabucco – yes, Furlong – yes.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Annual Town Meeting Warrants (BOS/TM Office)

Article, Proposal and Commercial Real Estate RE: Entrepreneurship Center (BOS/TM Office)

Draft Minutes April 23, 2019 and April 30, 2019