

At 7:30 pm Mr. Boulter opened the meeting.

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING: TAX ASSESSOR'S FY20 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Mr. Boulter opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm. Chief Assessor Cathy Salmon and members of the Board of Assessors appeared before the Board to request they vote on whether to keep a uniform tax rate or split the rate between residential property and commercial/industrial/personal property. Ms. Salmon also requested the Board vote on a small commercial property exemption. Ms. Salmon provided the current finalized value of the Town at \$2,956,350,289. The estimated levy based on the votes from Town Meeting will be \$42,833,943 resulting in a uniform tax rate of \$14.49 per thousand dollars of assessed value. This is an average of \$5,979 per residential taxpayer on an average single family assessment of \$412,650; \$14,663 per commercial tax payer on an average assessment of \$1,012,000. Pembroke has 87.5% in the residential class, 8.06% in commercial class, 3.0% in industrial class and 1.41% in personal property class. Ms. Salmon stated that, in order for the residential taxpayers to save \$85.16 per year, the shifting burden to commercial taxpayers would result in an increase of \$1,466.27. The Board of Assessors recommends staying with the single rate. Ms. Salmon introduced the small commercial exemption; only ten towns in the state have adopted it. This shifts the tax burden from small commercial to large commercial. To qualify the business must have less than ten employees in a property worth less than \$1million. The problem is, the owner of the property then gets the exemption, not the qualifying business owner. The Board of Assessors does not recommend this exemption. Discussion ensued. Mr. Boyle moved to accept a uniform tax rate for the Town of Pembroke for FY20 for the Town of Pembroke; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Boyle moved that the Town of Pembroke not adopt the small commercial exemption; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco moved to keep the public hearing open until further information is received from the Assessors. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Boulter declared this Tax Classification Hearing in recess, remaining open and that it remains open until the call of the chairman, and further to authorize the Chief Assessor to attest to the details of this hearing.

7:45 FIRE CHIEF REQUEST FOR TO AUTHORIZE THE LEASE OF ONE (1) AMBULANCE

Chief Hill was present before the Board to advise that a vote is required to lease an ambulance for three years; the down payment plus two years. Mr. Trabucco moved the Chief's recommendation. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

7:50 REQUEST OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS: VOTE TO RATIFY EXISTING MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Ms. Cullity and Chief Hill advised the Board that a formal vote to opt in to statewide mutual aid agreement; Pembroke has actively participated but requires the vote of the Board for compliance. Ms. Cullity requested that the Board vote to authorize the participation of the Town of Pembroke by opting in, in accordance with MGL c.40 §4J, to the Statewide Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement; and further to authorize the participation of the Town of Pembroke by opting in, in accordance with MGL c.40 §4K to the Statewide Public Works Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Boyle moved the Health Agent's recommendation; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

7:55 CONSIDER REQUEST FOR BOARD VOTE OF SUPPORT FOR MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS (MVP) PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Brandon Gulnick was present to introduce an update and request for a vote of support for Pembroke's plan under the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program. The MVP provides support for cities and

**8:00 PUBLIC HEARING: GRIEVANCE UNDER TOWN BYLAWS ARTICLE XXIII §25(5)
RIGHT TO FARM “RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES” OF BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC
NUISANCE DESIGNATION AND VIOLATION ORDER ISSUED 10/11/2019 UNDER MGL C.111
§31 “LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS”, PART III SECTION A (4) – ROOSTERS BY KAITLYN
BERGIN AT 94 MATTAKESETT STREET**

Materials or other exhibits used by the public body in an open meeting are available to the public within 10 days upon request.

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ACCEPT RESIGNATION: LINDA MACDONALD FROM ZBA ALTERNATE

VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

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