

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MARCH 31, 2020
REMOTE MEETING HOSTED BY PACTV ON ZOOM PLATFORM**

PRESENT: Video: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), John G. Brown, Jr. (Clerk), Jessica M. Rushing (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), State Representative Josh Cutler, Lisa Cullity (Health Agent/PEMA), Steve Dodge (Moderator), Rebecca Coletta, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager),

Audio: Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Manager)

At 3:00 pm Mr. Boulter opened the meeting and advised that, pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public hearing of the Pembroke Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but the public can view this meeting while in progress. PACTV is providing this service live on Comcast Government Access channel 15, and for those without cable, on their PRIME streaming channel by visiting www.pactv.org/live. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, by emailing selectmen@townofpembroke.mass.org or calling 781-709-1402. All votes taken during this meeting will be roll call votes.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Health Agent and PEMA representative Lisa Cullity was present before the Board with a brief emergency management update concerning the closure of non-essential businesses and government operations order in effect through May 4th, and advised that the PEMA team meets every morning at 10:00 am to review all new alerts, receive updates on number of cases reported, measures taken to date, challenges faced and recommendations and guidelines to be issued. Ms. Cullity advised that the website has been adapted to launch an Urgent Alert COVID-19 Update landing page that is updated between noon and 2:00 pm every day with resources and information for the public.

3:00 PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Rebecca Coletta was present before the Board representing Lori and Jason Cook on their application submitted as Somewhere Else Tavern, Inc., Lori Cook, Manager, for a Transfer of the Common Victualer All Alcoholic Beverages License currently exercised at the premises located at 65 School Street and an application for Pledge of License – pledge of license, inventory to North Easton Savings Bank. Ms. Coletta advised that they have been an active part of the Pembroke community for many years and they are buying the Old School Café on School Street. She stated that they seek to provide excellent service and more diverse offerings to the public. Mr. Boyle and Mr. Boulter expressed support for the Cook's current business and volunteerism in the community. Ms. Coletta advised that the Small Business Administration supports the project and is ready to approve the loan with a vote of the Board. Ms. Rushing move to grant the application of Somewhere Else Tavern, Inc for a Transfer of Common Victualer All Alcoholic Beverages license # 00050-RS-0960 from Olde School Café, Inc. d/b/a Olde School cafe as exercised at 65 School Street and described as "premises consists of one building, approximately 40 feet by 56 feet, with both a front and a rear entrance and a basement exit. There is a bar area, as well as tables and benches with seating at the bar for approximately 30 people. There is a smoke free dining area with seating for approximately 56 people." and transfer the Common Victualer's license CV-32 as described. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Ms. Rushing moved to grant the application of Somewhere Else Tavern, Inc. for a pledge of license # 00050-CV-0960

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held by Somewhere Else Tavern, Inc. to North Easton Savings Bank. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative Josh Cutler was present before the Board to update the Board on actions taken at the state level and advised that the Governor had just finished a daily briefing in which he extended his Non-Essential Business and Government Operations Closure and his Stay at Home Advisory through May 4th which aligns with the date set for school closures. Mr. Cutler explained that clarification was also provided concerning essential business with the addition of health care providers such as optometrists and chiropractors as well as disinfectant and sanitation services. More information can be viewed at www.mass.gov/COVID19. He thanked Pembroke Town Moderator Steve Dodge for support for legislation concerning local elections.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne advised that the Board will need to consider moving the May 12th town meeting date and stated that the town will require a fall town meeting this year. He concluded by stating that he meets each morning with the Pembroke Emergency Management Agency at their 10:00 am briefing and they are doing a good job.

Ms. Rushing advised that PEMA has made the decision to close the Recycling Center as of 10:00 am Monday after reviewing space and the inability to maintain social distancing protocols.

At 3:25 pm, Mr. Trabucco moved to enter executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21 (2) to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel; Town Manager's contract. Mr. Boulter advised that the Board will not return to open session. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. By Roll Call Vote: Boyle – yes, Brown – yes, Rushing – yes, Trabucco – yes, Boulter – yes.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

ABCC and Local Applications/Addenda, L.Cook RE: Liquor License Transfer (BOS/TM Office)