

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010

PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Gregory M. Hanley (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), Dana Forsythe (Pembroke Mariner/Reporter), Michael Buckley, Linda Peterson, Hilary Wilson, Catherine Salmon, Cindy Long, Ben Bastianelli, Jim McCollum, and others.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Veteran's Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Furnace Pond Treatment: Chairman Boulter noted that the chemical treatment of Furnace Pond was completed today by Aquatic Control Technology of Sutton, MA.

Road Repair Projects: The DPW Director informed the Selectmen that the road repair and paving projects for Furnace Colony, West Street, and Lapham Avenue have been completed.

ICMA Award to Town Administrator: Selectman Stone noted that Pembroke's Town Administrator, Edwin Thorne, will receive an award from the International City Manager's Association to recognize his 30 years in government service.

Passport Processing: Mr. Stone shared information that the Selectmen's Office reports processing 356 passports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

SEPTIC BETTERMENT BONDS: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, that the Town shall issue a bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$400,000 pursuant to Chapters 29C and 111 of the General Laws and a vote of the Town passed April 27, 2010 (Article 14), which authorized a total borrowing of \$400,000 for a community septic management loan program, and to authorize the Treasurer to issue an interim loan note or notes from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$400,000 with the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust and to execute other necessary actions thereon, as per attached language. So voted unanimously in favor.

MINUTES: Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of July 26, 2010 as prepared, with amendments.

GATRA: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, that the Board of Selectmen sign the agreement with GATRA to renew the contract from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, as recommended by the Council on Aging. So voted unanimously in favor.

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31 PATRIOT WAY: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, that the Pembroke Board of Selectmen waive their option for the right of first refusal with regard to the property at 31 Patriot Way in the Center Commons development in Pembroke, with the understanding that DHCD will exercise their right of first refusal and is proceeding to locate an eligible buyer for the property which will remain as an affordable unit. Voted unanimously in favor.

BOARD OF HEALTH/CORI REPORTS: Mr. Thorne moved to table discussion of requiring that all carnival and circus workers provide a CORI report as part of the permitting process. Seconded and so voted. The members of the Board of Health will be invited to come to the next Selectmen's meeting. The Police Chief will also be requested to attend this discussion.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: Chief Assessor, Cathy Salmon, explained to the Selectmen that this is a certification year for assessments and the timing of the fall town meeting is very important to the process. They are requesting that the Fall Town Meeting be held prior to late October in order to allow the bills to go out in a timely manner. A November meeting would be much too late and would jeopardize the process.

Town Clerk, Mary Ann Smith, advised that an October 26th meeting would interfere with the elections but October 19th would be okay. Town Accountant, Michael Buckley, advised that the October 19th date would be okay but it will compress the amount of time to make preparations for the warrant and the review of the articles by Advisory. Ms. Smith also noted that the Moderator and the High School need to be available for this date.

Selectman Boyle moved, seconded by Selectman Trabucco, to schedule the Special Town Meeting for October 19, 2010 at the Pembroke High School Auditorium and to open the warrant tonight for the submission of articles, and to close the wararnt on September 13, 2010. So voted unanimously in favor.

69 CENTER ST. DOG COMPLAINT: Town Administrator Thorne informed the Selectmen that the Clerk Magistrate upheld the decision of the Board of Selectmen to ban the dogs residing at 69 Center Street. The owner of the dogs had 10 days to appeal this decision and that time has passed. The Animal Control Officer recommends giving the owner two weeks to comply and remove the dogs. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, that an Order be delivered by a police officer or a constable to remove the dogs from the premises at 69 Center St. So voted unanimously in favor.

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THOMAS READING PARK AT HERRING RUN: Permission was granted to Millie Gaeta to use the park at the Herring Run on Sunday, August 29 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING STUDY COMMITTEE: Ben Bastianelli advised the Selectmen that he is the chairman of this committee that has been meeting weekly for the last 26 weeks to review the current system of curbside collection and recycling at the center. They are looking at possible options for change. They reviewed funding and modifications, collections of fees, and administration of programs. He noted that Mr. Thorne and Mr. Valenti are seeking an extension with Semass and the committee recommends a 5-year extension to 2019. The committee feels the 4 barrel limit must be enforced and new ways have to be explored to better manage the recycling center.

At this time, the committee is proposing the possibility of building a transfer station in an effort to save money in the long run. There would be initial costs and the current system would remain until the transfer station was ready. Town Administrator Thorne will present a proposal on Aug. 23rd for an extension of the Semass contract. He advised that it will also require a Town Meeting vote to extend this contract and an article would have to be submitted to town meeting for the proposal to build a transfer station. It is expected that Mr. Valenti will be submitting an article to town meeting for a \$2.7 million dollar landfill capping program.

Selectman Boyle inquired about single stream recycling. Mr. Bastianelli responded that the program had too many variables. Selectman Boyle noted that the committee was supposed to study a way to get recycling up and solid waste and tipping fees down. Selectman Trabucco noted that there will still be tipping fees with a transfer station. Town Administrator Thorne explained that resident Gordon Martin, who manages the solid waste transfer station in Wellesley, offered numbers for cost comparison and can be made available to the Selectmen within two weeks. Mr. Martin claimed that he town could see a \$900,000 year savings with a transfer station. The committee also determined that Pay As You Throw program for Pembroke appears to have the potential to cost more.

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Selectman Stone informed that he is a member of the Solid Waste Study Committee and he does not agree with the proposal for a transfer station. He offered information to the Selectmen with his recommendations to extend the Semss contract, enforce the 4 barrel limit, form a Recycling Committee to promote town-wide participation and to study the recycling center operation, continue a new system of collecting fees, print rules on the bills, and review the management structure.

There were several residents in attendance and some of the comments included the fact that residents, especially senior residents, do not want to haul their rubbish to a transfer station. It is like a step backwards since we used to have to bring our own rubbish to the landfill. This option is not giving people any service.

Mr. Bastianelli asked the Selectmen to charge the committee with holding public hearings to present their findings and proposals.

JIM MCCOLLUM/RECYCLING CENTER: Mr. McCollum presented a study showing that the Recycling Center is costing the Town money because of the limitation of disposable plastics they will accept. He explained that in order to make a profit the town must use compactors and accept other plastics. He requested that the Selectmen charge the Solid Waste/Recycling Study Committee with the installation of two compactors for #1-#7 plastics and requested a \$60,000 budget. \$20,000 is already budgeted. The Selectmen would like to hear Mike Valenti's comments on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.