

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010

PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), Dana Forsythe (Pembroke Reporter/Mariner), Moderator Stephen Dodge, Supt. Frank Hackett, Linda Peterson, and others. Selectman Gregory M. Hanley was not present this evening.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 pm in the Veterans Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Voter Registration: The Town Clerk sent a notice to advise that Friday, October 8, 2010 is the last day to register to vote in the Oct. 19th Special Town Meeting.

Thank You to Fire Dept.: The Selectmen acknowledged receipt of a letter of thanks from a resident of Halifax who expressed gratitude and praise to the Pembroke Fire Chief and his department for the prompt response and attention he received after an emergency event he suffered.

Skatepark Grant: A copy of letter was received from Senate President Terese Murray expressing her strong support for an application by the Friends of the Pembroke Skatepark to the Tony Hawk Foundation for a grant to help with the development of a Skatepark in Pembroke.

Rowell Dedication: The Family of the late Recreation Director Pamela Rowell has invited everyone to attend a special dedication in Pam's honor at the Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 16th at 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: The Selectmen accepted with regret the resignation of Paul Dwyer as the Selectmen's designee to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Stone also noted that a letter was received from the Conservation Commission that Mark Ames has resigned from the Community Preservation Committee. The Conservation Commission appointed Carey Day to be their new designee to the committee. Mr. Day agreed to an appointment beginning on Nov. 1st to continue through the end of this year. He will then decide if he wishes to continue to serve in this capacity. Mr. Stone commended and thanked Mr. Ames and his wife for their efforts in getting the Community Preservation Act passed in Pembroke and paving the way for all these significant projects to have been accomplished through these funds.

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MINUTES: The Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2010 as printed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT: Selectman Boyle moved, seconded by Selectman Trabucco, to open the Special Fall Town Meeting Warrant to include an article for a utility easement for the Birch Street Park cell tower project. Voted 4/0 unanimously in favor.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to include the article as submitted. So voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to close the warrant for the Special Fall Town Meeting Warrant. So voted unanimously in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the articles on the warrant and voted the following recommendations on the articles to be presented to the Special Fall Town Meeting on Tues., Oct. 19th :

Art. #1 – Favorable Action on all except the request for the Council on Aging for a new phone system which will be recommended for Town Meeting Floor decision.

Art. #2 – No Action Needed since there are no outstanding bills submitted.

Art. #3 – Supt. Hackett explained the amount entered for the School. Favorable Action is recommended.

Art. #4 – Favorable Action

Art #5 – Town Meeting Floor – not recommended by Town Administrator and Town Accountant

Art. #6 – Favorable Action - snow & ice deficit \$368,093

Art. #7 – Town Meeting Floor – not recommended by Town Administrator and Town Accountant

Art. #8 – Town Meeting Floor

Art. #9 – Favorable Action

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Art. #10 – Favorable Action – to clarify that the Selectmen have the authority to convey this property

Art. #11 – Favorable Action – Moderator suggests that Greg Hanley should make motion on this article

Art. #12 – Favorable Action – Bill Boulter will make the motion on this article

Art. #13 – Favorable Action

Art. #14 – Favorable Action – Selectmen should make motion on this article

Art. #15 through Art. #22 – Favorable Action

Art. #23, 24 and 25 – Unfavorable Action

Art. #26 – Favorable Action – Town Treasurer will move this article

Art. #27 – Favorable Action – Mr. Thorne will explain the town's share of additional funds as a result of the Silver Lake Withdrawal.

Art. #28 – new addition – Favorable Action

SPECIAL MEETING on TUES., OCT. 12, 2010: The Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall for the purpose of entering executive session to discuss pending litigation. The Selectmen will then attend a meeting with the Pembroke Advisory Committee along with the Town Moderator to go over the procedures for the upcoming special town meeting.

WINE RECORKING LAW: Information was provided for the Selectmen's review to acquaint them with the new Mass. General Law that provides for restaurants to recork and seal an opened bottle of wine for transit. It was noted that restaurant owners are not obligated so a patron may want to call ahead to be sure it will be allowed in a particular restaurant if that was their intent.

ASK THE SELECTMEN: Mr. Stone informed the public that Phase II of the traffic study on the streets in North Pembroke will begin this week.

ROLAND BEDARD, WWII VETERAN: Chairman Boulter's father-in-law, Roland Bedard, received a special presentation of the medals and ribbons that he earned during his service in World War II. Veterans' Agent David McPhillips helped to retrieve lost medals for Mr. Bedard and read a documentary of the soldier's service experiences and

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accomplishments. A letter of gratitude and congratulations from Senate President Terese Murray was read by Mr. Boulter. A citation from Governor Patrick was read by Mr. Boyle, and Representative Daniel Webster personally delivered a citation from the House of Representatives and spoke eloquently in thanks to Mr. Bedard for his service to the United States of America.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Tobin