

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2010
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Gregory M. Hanley (Selectman), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), Hilary Wilson, Ben Bastianelli, Catherine Salmon, Cindy Long, Elizabeth Bates, Mary Quill, Gerard Dempsey, and others. Town Administrator Thorne was absent due to surgery.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Boulter asked for a moment of silence for John Buckley, a 46 year old lieutenant with the Plymouth Sheriff's corrections department who passed away this week.

Pembroke Community Group: An announcement from Linda Porazzo was read to advise that the Pembroke Community Group will once again be accepting names for needy families in town who would like some assistance with their holidays. The group is also accepting donations of unwrapped toys and clothing as well as monetary donations.

Monroe St. Pit Project and Landfill Capping: Mr. Valenti submitted a letter to the Selectmen to advise that the excavation, loading and trucking project at the Monroe Street Pit will begin this week and last for approximately 7-10 days. The DEP has given approval to accept much of the excavated material to be used for the landfill capping project so trucks will be hauling from Monroe St. to Hobomock St.

TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING: Chief Assessor Catherine Salmon presented the proposed levy estimates to the Selectmen indicating that a majority of property in the town is residential with an average home price of \$325,750. She noted that we have a very small commercial base and a split rate is not recommended by the Board of Assessors. They also do not recommend accepting the Small Commercial Exemption. Ms. Salmon also requested that the hearing be kept open until the final state certification for the tax rate is received.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, that on the recommendation of the Board of Assessors, the Board of Selectmen vote to adopt the single class tax rate. So voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, that the Board of Selectmen, on the recommendation of the Board of Assessors, not recognize the Small Commercial Property Tax Exemption. So voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to continue this hearing until such time as the State certifies the town's tax rate. So voted unanimously in favor.

8-TOWN ECONOMIC TARGET AREA: Gerry Dempsey, the Town's representative to the Old Colony Planning Council, told the Selectmen that he met with legislators at a public hearing today and Pembroke was accepted as a member of the 8-Town Economic

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Target Area group. This will have an impact on such things as the brownfield exposure in relation to the area on School Street across from the Junior High school. Selectman Hanley recognized Mr. Dempsey for his efforts and expressed congratulations on this great accomplishment for the town. Mr. Dempsey applauded the efforts of the staff at O.C.P.C.

BROCKTON POWER PLANT: Selectman Trabucco met with representatives from the Brockton Power Plant today and got an update on the project. He learned that Brockton made a deal to take 4 million gallons of water per day from the desalinization plant but is not taking any right now. Two million is needed per day for tower cooling but the first priority is to use wastewater. The City of Brockton needs to sign the deal to allow this use and they will charge for it.

Mr. Trabucco informed that the original agreement between Pembroke and Brockton to use the water in Silver Lake was done in the Victorian era but in the mid-1960's an emergency act changed the use. Mr. Boyle cautioned that Pembroke must remain vigilant because the town seems to be in the middle between the power plant and the city of Brockton.

Mr. Dempsey also cautioned to keep an eye on the South Weymouth project and their proposed daily consumption for the buildout. He would be curious to know what the State's policy is on moving water from one basing to another.

GATRA: Hilary Wilson addressed the Selectmen with a preview of what Frank Gay from GATRA will be discussing with the board at their meeting of Dec. 6th so that the board can be prepared with questions for Mr. Gay. He explained that there is a small amendment to the agreement to reflect the replacement of a van.

Mr. Wilson also spoke about the proposed routes for the GATRA bus and talked about the parking areas that have been suggested. He also mentioned long distance and medical transportation. He explained that parking arrangements for the buses is being discussed and one location proposed is behind the Community Center. The DPW Commissioners agreed to put up signs, mark spaces, and do plowing and sanding of the lot.

The other proposal was to use space at the Mattakeesett Ballfields but the DPW does not agree with that since they have drainage concerns there. Mr. Hanley was also concerned about a public hearing to be held so that the Recreation Commission might have some input.

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MINUTES: The board voted unanimously in favor to approve the minutes of Nov. 8 and Nov. 15, 2010 as presented.

ASK THE SELECTMEN: The Selectmen noted a request from James Traynor for a dead end sign on Cypress Road. The DPW Director has been consulted and advised that he is assembling a list of similar requests and hopes to secure funding at the next town meeting to address these requests. He also suggested that if an applicant would like to pay for the sign and appendages, Mr. Fulmine will arrange for the DPW to install.

4 PARKER ROAD: Mr. Boulter noted that a Cease and Desist was issued by the Building Dept. for the pet sitting service that exists at this residential address.

44 PINE TREE LANE: Relative to the dilapidated condition of this unoccupied property, Mr. Boulter noted that the Building Dept. has had the electrical service turned off at this address and the owner has been ordered to comply with the water shut off.

SURPLUS PROPERTY AND VEHICLE SALE: Mr. Stone informed that he spoke with the Town Administrator and there will be some information for the Board to review in January in preparation for a sale.

CENTER STREET TRAFFIC LIGHTS: Mr. Boulter requested that the lights in the Center remain on flashing to allow traffic to flow until a pattern has been established. There will be an informational meeting of the Planning Board and the Center Plaza Project engineer on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m..

SOLID WASTE: Mr. Stone advised that he attended a meeting in Bourne last Wednesday and learned that at least 6 towns' contracts will expire with SEMASS in 2015. They are trying to get towns to sign up again soon. Mr. Stone talked with the manager from SEMASS about scheduling a meeting with the Pembroke Board of Selectmen in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.