

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011  
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), Edwin J. Thorne (town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), David Lopes, David Skolnick, Mary Lopes, Alan Zaff, Ben Hartley and others.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Trash Pick Up: An announcement was read to advise residents of the policy of the trash pickup contractor, DelPrete and Sons. Their policy is that if six or more inches of snow, pick up will be suspended. They will resume the day after, beginning with the trash route that was missed and then proceeding to the current days trash routes, completing as much as possible. When there is a holiday, pickup is moved back one day following the holiday for the rest of the week. They honor all banking holidays.

Friends of the Public Library: The Friends will be hosting a Trivia Bowl on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall to benefit the Pembroke Public Library.

Emergency Federal Funding: Governor Patrick notified us that the Mass 2-1-1 call center is on high alert for residents seeking emergency assistance for fuel and shelter and that additional federal fuel assistance has been received by the state.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:** David Lopes of Troop 105 presented his plan for an Eagle Scout project. He would like to install granite posts with a chain link rope around the monuments in Veterans Memorial Park in the Town's Center and put benches on the park. He would like to begin making these improvements in March and finish in time for the Memorial Day Parade in May. He has already spoken to the American Legion and to the Veterans Agent, David McPhilips. It was suggested that he should talk to the Town Memorial Committee also. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley to approve this plan as presented. So voted unanimously in favor.

**TRAILER PERMIT:** Ben Hartley, engineer for the Pembroke Center Plaza project requested permission to place a temporary trailer on the premises to house the Candy Jar Florist until the new building is ready for occupancy. The existing buildings are expected to be torn down about Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. They hope is to have the new buildings ready to open by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The trailer would measurer 12 x 56 with limited facilities and would be needed from February to April. The Selectmen expressed concern about the safety and accessibility to patrons. Mr. Boyle moved to approve the temporary trailer permit to be in compliance with the ADA regulations and to be approved by the Building, Gas/Plumbing and

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Electrical Inspectors and by the Board of Health. Seconded by Mr. Hanley and so voted unanimously in favor.

MINUTES: The Selectmen voted to accept the minutes of January 10, 2011 as prepared by Clerk Lewis Stone.

TAX POSSESSION PROPERTY: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to accept the parcel of land located on Pembroke Assessor's Map A6, Lot 170, 46 Fairview Ave, as tax possession property. So voted unanimously in favor.

This property may be considered for sale on the list of surplus town-owned property along with the Monroe Street Pit lot.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER: The Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the request of the Pembroke Association for the Performing Arts to use the front of the community Center on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for a fundraiser car wash.

GRAND OLE' FISH FRY: The Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the request of the Pembroke Historical Society for their Annual Fish Fry event to be held at the Thomas Reading Herring Run Park on Sunday, May 1, 2011.

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License for South Shore Field House at 340 Oak Street, for a fundraiser for a cancer patient on March 12, 2011 from 7pm to midnight, conditional on the discretion of the Pembroke Police Chief for any requirement of a police detail for the event.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE: The Selectmen accepted with regret the resignation of Jim McCollum from the Affordable Housing Committee and extended many thanks for his service. Mr. McCollum will serve as the newest member of the Pembroke Advisory Committee. Applicants for the vacancy on the Affordable Housing Committee were encouraged to apply.

PEMBROKE MEDIA BROADCAST: Mr. Boulter explained that the Board of Directors on the PMB would like to make some changes to the bylaws of the committee. One request is to change the number of the directors from 5-7 which needs a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Boulter has contacted town counsel for assistance in preparing the language so that it will be properly changed for more than just one year. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to approve the change to the PMB Board of Directors as presented by Mr. Boulter. Voted unanimously in favor.

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**BIRCH STREET T-MOBILE CELL TOWER:** Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to accept the opinion of Town Counsel to sign the consent of the assignment of the Lease for the cell site on Birch Street from T-Mobile to Mobilitie. So voted unanimously in favor.

**PEMBROKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** In response to a letter from members of the Pembroke Historical Society it was noted that clear and concise questions were being formed in order to seek counsel's opinion on the matter of the Society's requests for Community Preservation funding.

**ASK THE SELECTMEN:**

Mr. Stone informed the other members of the Board that he had received a question about the availability of emergency shelters in Pembroke. Mr. Boulter explained the process of how it was determined which shelters will be opened and how to reach the emergency management personnel. The Hobomock Elementary School, Police Station basement and the Center Fire Station are designated emergency shelter locations. If there are not enough people in need of shelter to open those facilities, residents can seek shelter at Silver Lake High School or the Whitman/Hanson High School. The emergency management telephone number is 781-293-5413.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Hanley brought up the subject of possibly joining GIC in stead of staying with the Mayflower Plymouth County Health System. Mr. Thorne noted that the Insurance Advisory Committee looked at this several years ago and it brought about some changes but that they need to re-examine GIC offerings and other groups.

**300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** The committee is planning several events for 2011 and 2012. They will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January and February and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Prepared by Diane M. Tobin, Executive Assistant