

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

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), Eugenie King, Jim Quigley and Danielle Hennessey, Linda Peterson, Kathy Hassey and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pembroke Cultural Council member, Genie King, informed the Selectmen that the State allotted \$4,500 worth of grants was awarded for 2011 to six local cultural efforts. The Pembroke Cultural Council provides partial funding to support programs for cultural needs of the community.

Library Trivia Bowl 2011 will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5th at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee has established plans for a golf tournament on May 14, 2011 at the Pembroke Country Club as a fundraiser event.

Congressman Bill Keating sent his aids, Jim Quigley and Danielle Hennessey, to introduce themselves to the Selectmen and to let the community know that their lines are always open to hear constituents needs and concerns. They can be reached at 617-770-3700 or through the website at www.keating.house.gov. The congressman plans to set up congressional coffee sessions in all of his communities. Mr. Quigley stated that Pembroke has the full support of Congressman Keating and the Selectman noted that Pembroke does have some projects that will require federal assistance and will stay in touch with the congressman's office.

7:15 – CONTINUED DOG HEARING: The Chairman opened the continuation of the dog hearing that began on Jan. 10th regarding the loose dogs at 66 Dwelley Street. The owner reports that the chocolate Lab has been adopted and was taken to a new home on Friday and the St. Bernard has been listed with an adoption agency and there is a potential new owner interested in him. Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, that the Selectmen give the owners a little more time to find a home for the second dog and then close this hearing after 30 days. So voted unanimously in favor.

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL NICU FUNDRAISER: The Board voted unanimously in favor to grant permission to Chris Munstis to hold a fundraiser event to benefit the South Shore Hospital NICU. This will be a Family Fun Day held on the Town Green on Sunday, July 10, 2011 from Noon to 4:00 pm. The Recreation Director has informed that the Town Green is available for this event on that date.

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MINUTES: The Selectmen approved the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2011 as written.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT: The Selectmen approved the proposed timeline for submission of articles and preparation of the warrant for the annual town meeting as presented to the Selectmen by the Executive Assistant. A copy of this will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to open the warrant as of this evening, Jan. 31, for submission of articles for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on April 26, 2011 at the Pembroke High School, and to close the warrant at Noon on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011.

So voted unanimously in favor.

A notice was received from the Pembroke Planning Board that any article for a zoning change must be submitted to them by Feb. 11th to be reviewed by the Planning Board at their meeting of Feb. 14th.

MCGEE PRE-OWNED AUTO SALES: Complaints have been received in the Selectmen's office relative to advertising and sales practices by McGee Pre-Owned Auto Sales. The Chairman opened a hearing and swore in Mr. Robert McGee who stated that all facts presented will be true statements. Mr. McGee told the Selectmen that they had a problem with a manager who had been with them for four years but was let go as of January 4th. He said that the manager had been doing a great job but recently things were going wrong and the manager was arrested by the police. A thievery problem was discovered and has been rectified.

Mr. McGee explained that the advertising by internet listed the dealer cost but when a customer responded they met with the additional overhead costs and many complained that this was misleading advertising. McGee met with the Attorney General and explained that he was not trying to be deceptive but will no longer use this practice. After the hearing with the Attorney General, Mr. McGee believes that all customers have been satisfied. Mr. McGee stated that this advertising was something different that he tried but realized it was not working for them.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to continue this hearing for one week to be sure that the complainants to the Selectmen's office have been satisfied and had their money returned. So voted. Chairman Boulter would like to check with the Attorney General's Office to see if they are also satisfied with the resolutions. Mr. McGee will be informed if there is any need for him to come back next week.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Thorne informed the Selectmen that the FY12 budget is almost complete. Mr. Buckley reviewed the numbers in the debt schedule. Mr. Thorne will present the budget to the Advisory Committee next week. The budget will not include the use of Free Cash or Stabilization funds. There has been an increase in the tax levy, state aid was reduced by \$34,000 and local receipts is level funded. Mr. Thorne expressed appreciation to town departments for submitting level funded budgets. He noted that health insurance accounts for 10% of the town's budget. Copies of the budget to be presented to Advisory will be included in the Selectmen's packets next week.

UPCOMING ISSUES: The town of Canton will install solar panels on their capped landfill to provide power for 750 homes. The will work with Southern Sky Renewable Energy Co. It was suggested that Pembroke might look into this to possibly provide power to the high school and Hobomock Elementary school. Mr. Stone asked the Energy committee to investigate this subject and provided information to each of the Selectmen. He will also talk to Mr. Valenti about this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to go into executive session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, and upon conclusion no further public business to be discussed.

Roll call vote: Boyle, yes – Hanley, yes – Trabucco, yes – Stone, yes – Boulter, yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Prepared by Diane Tobin, Executive Assistant