

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 24, 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), John Mattinson (PEMBTV), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), Dana Forsythe (Pembroke Mariner/Reporter) and others.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Veteran's Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AFFORDABLE PROPERTIES: The Selectmen read a reminder announcement of the sale of two affordable properties in Pembroke in the Pine Grove Condominiums on School Street. Applications are available in the Town Administrator's Office and the deadline for submission is June 15, 2010.

MATTAKEESETT GARDEN CLUB: The annual plant sale will be held on Saturday, June 5th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the bandstand on the Town Green.

GATRA: Hilary Wilson was present to explain that the budget for the GATRA contract needs to be amended and it requires a vote of the Selectmen. The amended budget would be \$122,400 which is the amount needed to operate the required services. GATRA will reimburse the Town up to this amount. Mr. Gay was not able to attend this evening due to a family emergency but he will try to attend the Selectmen's meeting on June 7 to advise the Selectmen that he is trying to secure more funding from grants to get more shuttle services in town.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to sign the amended contract as presented and send the contract back to GATRA for their meeting on June 3, 2010 to be approved and accepted. Voted unanimously in favor.

GRANGE GANG LEASE: Mr. Thorne explained that the Selectmen entertained a 25 year lease but since it is beyond the statutory 3 year lease, it would need a town meeting vote. The Town Meeting vote was favorable so the Selectmen can now vote to confirm that and sign the lease. Mr. Hanley expressed his concerns and expectation that other town leases will get equal consideration for extended lease time. Discussion ensued with Mr. Ken Corti of the Lions Club in attendance.

Mr. Trabucco moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to enter into an agreement with the Grange Gang for 25 years. So voted unanimously in favor.

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MINUTES: The Selectmen voted to accept the minutes of May 17, 2010 as written.

COUNTRY CORNER STORE: It was a consensus of the board that there are no objections to the Country Corner Store obtaining a KENO license from the state.

RESIGNATION FROM C.O.A.: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to accept with regret the resignations of Lillian Murphy and John Leydon from their seats as members of the Council on Aging Board of Directors.

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to re-appoint Mary E. Willis as the Town's Representative to O.C.E.S. and to re-appoint John D. Walsh, Jr. to continue as the Alternate Representative. So voted unanimously in favor.

THE WINERY: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to allow the owner and manager, James Powers, to change the name of the restaurant located at 615 Washington Street from The Winery to Brimstone Tavern, as per ABCC application and forms submitted. So voted unanimously in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

300TH Anniversary Committee: Mr. Boulter noted that the committee met last week and help is still needed for the parade committee.

Monroe Street Subdivision: There will be a public hearing before the Planning Board at 8:30 p.m. tonight to hear a petition for a new residential subdivision off Monroe St. Correspondence in objection to this proposal has been received in the Selectmen's Office but this is in the hands of the Planning Board to either grant or deny approval of this project. Neighbors will actively express their concerns to the Planning Board.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT:

Little Sandy Beach: Mr. Thorne will meet with the Conservation Commission this evening to Request a Determination of Applicability in order to replenish the sand at Little Sandy Pond Beach as a result of the recent severe rain storms.

Pond Clean-Up Project: A rare mussel was identified by the Div. of Wildlife and Fisheries in Oldham Pond which stopped the clean up program. A chemical was found that will not harm the mussels but it needs approval of the State Dept. of Agriculture for

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use of this product and the consent of the Town of Hanson. Mr. Boyle noted his fear that by the time it is approved, the algae bloom will have prevented the needed sunlight from getting to the bottom of the pond and the mussels will all die anyway. It is being requested that the Board of Health declare it a health hazard and allow the control program to proceed as soon as possible. The Pembroke Watershed Association has made great progress but the clean up is being held up because of this endangered species that will likely die during the wait. Assistance is being requested by the legislature to move this along.

Hydrilla in Hobomock: Mr. Boulter inquired about town ownership of any area of Hobomock and it was established that the beach area along the Hobomock Street side was town property. Boats are still banned from Hobomock Pond at this time because of the hydrilla weed but swimming and shoreline fishing is permitted.

PAMMY'S DAY: Mr. Hanley extended congratulations and thanks to the group who conducted Pammy's Day as it was a great success and raised \$5200 towards a skatepark.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to go into executive session to discuss a 111F request, pending litigation and contract negotiations, and upon conclusion of executive session no further public business to be discussed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.