

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

APRIL 5, 2010

PRESENT: Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Chairman), Donal P. Anderson (Vice-Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), Lewis W. Stone (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), Steve Annear (Pembroke Mariner/Reporter), Christopher Maffeo, Ben Bastienelli, Linda Peterson, and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Boyle asked that residents be cognizant of the 7th anniversary of Lt. Brian McPhillips who was killed in the Iraq War.

The Town Clerk's Office advised that the Registrar's would be in the office until 8 p.m. on Tuesday for voter registration.

An announcement was made that due to flooding, excess, non-recyclable items could be placed in trash bags at the curb for pick up with regular weekly trash, as long as residents came to the Board of Health Office for special stickers to be placed on the extra bags. This would be allowed twice before June 30th. Only one large non-recyclable item will be picked up each week at the curb. Carpeting should be taken to the recycling center for disposal.

The Board of Health cautioned that drinking water wells could be damaged from debris and water could be contaminated from flooding. MassDEP can provide assistance to private home owners. Go to <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drining/pwfaq.htm> for assistance.

C.J. AFFILIATES/CLASS II LICENSE: Christopher Maffeo has applied for a Class II Auto Dealer License at 201 Mattakeesett Street. At a public hearing, he explained to the Selectmen that he will buy and sell motorcycles through the internet and there will be no storage and no display of vehicles on site. Mr. Boulter moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to grant a Class II License with no storage on site to Christopher Maffeo at 201 Mattakeesett Street. Voted unanimously in favor.

MINUTES: Mr. Boulter asked to make note in the minutes of March 22nd that relative to the 300th Anniversary Committee, no liability insurance is necessary since they are a town committee and would be covered under the town's general liability policy. The Selectmen voted to accept the minutes of March 22, 2010 as written and amended.

SMART ENERGY CONSULTANTS: Mr. Stone requested to keep this topic and the topic of Municipal Health Insurance under Old Business and revisit again at another meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mr. Boulter extended personal thanks to the members of the Emergency Management Team during the recent flooding storms. He noted that sandbags were filled for the DPW and several officers showed up to assist. He congratulated everyone involved on the fine job performed through this emergency.

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CHAPA Property Sales: Notice was received of the intent of the owner of 29 Jessica Circle that this affordable property would be going up for sale. The Town has 60 days to exercise its right of first refusal to find an eligible, qualified buyer for this affordable unit. Or it can assign the right to an agency such as CHAPA to assist in finding a qualified buyer. When a new eligible buyer purchases an affordable unit, a new deed restriction is signed and recorded and the unit remains on the Town's subsidized housing inventory. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to assign the town's right of first refusal to CHAPA to find an eligible buyer for the property at 29 Jessica Circle. So voted unanimously in favor.

TRAILER PERMIT: The Board voted unanimously in favor to allow a temporary mobile home to be placed on the property of Elizabeth Cossette at 354 High Street for a period of one year while the home is being rebuilt after suffering a fire loss on March 31st.

Mr. Boulter commented on the Bonney Street property where a temporary mobile home permit was granted previously and was even granted an extension of time, but no construction has yet begun on a new home. There was a court issue about the construction but it seems to have been a long while since the extension expired and he feels we are not doing a service to the neighbors by allowing it to continue. The actual expiration date of the last extension will be investigated and the Selectmen would like to have the Building Inspector send another letter to the owners and ask them what their plan of action is. This item will be placed on the agenda under Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

300th Anniversary: Mr. Boulter noted that this effort is moving forward.

School Street Surplus Property: An easement had been granted to N.E. Villages to allow residents to pass over the town's property to get from one of their lots to another. Mr. Anderson inquired if this was a permanent easement and whether or not it can be rescinded. He feels this is a valuable single-family, non-conforming lot worth at least \$25,000. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to auction the town owned lot at D3-7D off School Street for a minimum bid of \$25,000. So voted unanimously in favor.

Town Planner: Mr. Anderson would like to see this item stay on the agenda for future discussions.

Medical Reimbursements: Mr. Anderson noted that the school department is reimbursed for Medicaid and the money is only spend when it would benefit both the town and the school. While he supports the use of these funds for a shared facilities manager, he is concerned about it being used as a budgetary backup.

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Community Center Budget: Mr. Anderson reviewed the files to see what was spent on repairs at the Community Center and is concerned about being able to afford the debt service to borrow for future repairs and renovations to that building.

Town Lease Agreements: Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Thorne to look at the leases to see if revenues could be increased anywhere. He suggested that the Grange Hall lease could require their payment of liability insurance. Mr. Boyle stated that he feels the Grange Gang put more into refurbishing that building than the town could ever have afforded.

With regard to the Community Center building, Mr. Anderson noted that the town bore the cost of putting in a new furnace so the hockey association must be realizing a decrease in the oil bill which they pay in lieu of rent. He suggested that maybe the town could now agree on a set price.

The Day Care Lease is currently expired and although Mr. Anderson recognizes that it is a benefit to many working families in town, he does not think it is beneficial to the town's budget.

Mr. Boulter explained that the karate instructor is leaving the Boys Club and there will be a new renter in that space. They depend on volunteers to help with repairs and upkeep of that building and they pay their own utility bills. Mr. Anderson feels it is a community entity and it is benefiting off the town. Mr. Boulter explained that the intent of the Boys Club is to make a place available for youngsters to be able to afford programs.

Mr. Trabucco agrees that the leases should be structured in a professional manner. But he noted that these programs make us a community and not just a town.

Mr. Stone feels that the town should look at equitable charges for the leased spaces but he agreed with Mr. Trabucco's philosophy.

Mr. Thorne told the Board that all leases would be visited again shortly.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Thorne reported that the Fiscal 2011 budget has been submitted to Advisory. He indicated that eight or nine positions may be cut. All department heads offered their suggested cuts in their individual budgets. There is no money for stabilization of the separation accounts. MTBE money will be needed to be voted into stabilization.

RESIGNATION FROM DPW: A letter was received from Kevin Crowley today advising of his resignation as a DPW Commissioner. The letter was submitted to the Town Clerk. The DPW Commissioners will have 30 days to bring names forward to the Selectmen for a joint appointment to fill the vacancy until the next annual town election.

TRUCK TRAFFIC: Mr. Stone noted that new signs are to be installed on Oak Street relative to the exclusion of truck traffic.

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CASH MANAGEMENT MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Cash Management Committee on Wednesday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING: The Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 with the Advisory Committee and the Town Moderator to review the warrant articles and town meeting procedure.

TOWN MANAGER ARTICLE: Mr. Stone reminded that there will be two public hearings to discuss the article on the warrant to change from a Town Administrator to a Town Manager form of government. Those meetings will be on Tuesday, April 6th and Tuesday, April 13th at 7 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to go into executive session to discuss strategy for collective bargaining, and upon completion no further public business to be discussed.

Roll Call Vote: Boulter, yes – Anderson, yes – Trabucco, yes – Stone, yes – Boyle, yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.