

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Mikaela Slaney (Pembroke Express), Senate President Therese Murray, Monica Mullen, Hilary Wilson, Ruth Ingalls, Mark Moneypenney, Wayne Woodard (Amer. Leg. Commander), David Lopes, David Skolnick, Len Rusczyk, Anne Marie Stanton, Chester Drown, and others. Selectman Hanley was absent due to a family matter. Chairman Boulter opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

DPW ROAD REPAIRS: The DPW will begin tomorrow to do road repairs and paving on Route 27.

HYDRILLA IN HOBOMOCK: Notice was received from the board of Health that Hobomock Pond is being treated for the non-native, highly invasive Hydrilla Plant. The pond is closed to all boating until further notice.

**REORGANIZATION:** As is customary at the first Selectmen's meeting after the local elections, nominations and motions were conducted for the reorganization of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Boyle motioned to put off the reorganization for one week in deference to Mr. Hanley's absence. There was no second to this motion.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to appoint Mr. Trabucco to serve as the Chairman. So voted unanimously in favor 4/0.

Mr. Boulter moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to appoint Mr. Stone to serve as Vice-Chairman. So voted unanimously in favor 4/0.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to appoint Mr. Hanley to serve as Clerk of the Selectmen. So voted unanimously 4/0.

**SENATE PRESIDENT THERESE MURRAY:** At the invitation of the Selectmen, Senate President Murray attended tonight's meeting and repeated the information she had previously shared at town meeting of the finances allotted by the State to our Town. We received an increase of \$70,000 in Chapter 70 funds, and approximately \$135,600 in Chapter 90 funds. She also noted that the Council on Aging had \$350,000 added to their formula using the 2000 Census figures. She said the April numbers are great and expect a better year in 2012. It shows we are finally pulling out of the recession.

Mr. Boulter asked about getting any money from the State for help with the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and she suggested that they apply to the Local Cultural Council and the Mass. Office of Travel and Tourism. She referred to the assistance Plymouth

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received from tourism for a 2 minute video produced for Jet Blue. She also suggested talking to Paul Krips about his program called "Destination Plymouth".

Regarding business in Massachusetts, Sen. President Murray noted that the state has done away with several quasi government agencies and the Economic Development Reform is working with insurance companies to bring increased business to the state.

Regarding health care, Ms. Murray said the Senate changed municipal health care in the last two years, but the House did not accept the plan. She also noted that redistricting will be by the numbers but Massachusetts will be losing a Congressional seat. She noted that her office takes a lot of calls from Pembroke residents.

**EAGLE SCOUT DAVID LOPES:** Mr. Lopes explained to the Selectmen that he had to make some changes to his original project after meeting with the Town Memorial Committee and the American Legion. He is looking for approval from the Selectmen for a change in the number of posts and location of the concrete benches. Another monument is expected to be erected and they want to be sure there will be room to accommodate it. Mr. Boulter moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to authorize the changes in Eagle Scout Lopes project plan as presented. So voted unanimously in favor.

**MINUTES:** The Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the minutes of April 24, 2011 as written.

**COUNCIL ON AGING RESIGNATION:** Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Boulter to accept with regret the resignation of Denise Hawes from the Council on Aging Board of Directors effective June 2011. So voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Stone expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board and the COA for the hard work and many contributions of volunteer service that Ms. Hawes has donated to the town.

**COMMUNICATOR SYSTEM:** James Muscato, from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Dept. sent notice that funding will no longer be available for the continuation of the Communicator Notification System. The Selectmen agreed that this is a valuable tool for the town in the event of emergencies and a most effective and efficient way to spread important information to residents. Mr. Boyle suggested and it was a consensus of the Board to have Town Administrator Thorne send a letter of support to the Plymouth County Commissioners to continue to operate this system. He suggested that if each of the 27 cities and towns that benefit from the program would allot \$4,000, the program could continue to operate.

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**RECYCLING DISCUSSION:** Chairman Trabucco thanked the voters for their favorable action at town meeting to buy the recycling bins and to renegotiate the contract with Covanta. Selectman Stone feels all can be accomplished by July 1<sup>st</sup>. A decision needs to be made on the extension of the agreement first. Town Administrator Thorne explained the options available and the anticipated costs. It was noted that the timing may be in our favor to sign at this time to get the best deal to fit our budget. Mr. Boyle's thought is that if we ride out the contract with Covanta and not sign an extension yet, they might get the message that we may move to another facility after the three years are up. As requested, the Town Administrator will prepare cost comparison spreadsheets with all of the information for the Selectmen's review, discussion and decision at next week's meeting. Selectman Stone noted that he would like to see monthly reports comparing the tonnage for the year after the curbside recycling is in place. He feels it is important to involve Michael Valenti to help with the implementation and reporting. There is a two month lead time to acquire the bins. The subject of the size of the bins continues to be discussed. Mr. Stone talked about any grants available for this purchase or any educational funding on recycling that may be available. Mr. Thorne will look into this. Mr. Thorne says that anyone who pays the full recycle fee now will be given a bin or the town will provide a means for them to recycle. There was discussion relative to the operating hours of the Recycling Center after the curbside program is in place. Mr. Boyle had questions and was worried about making a promise that might not be kept. He would like to know how people get abatements on their municipal trash bills.

Selectman Stone moved, seconded by Selectman Boulter, that the Board of Selectmen ask Town Administrator Thorne to place an order for 6000 – 64 gallon, green carts with the Toter Company. Voted 4/0 unanimously in favor.

**PEMBROKE MEDIA BROADCAST:** The Selectmen would like to invite the PMB Directors to attend the Selectmen's meeting in two weeks to talk about amending the PMB bylaws.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Surplus Real Estate: Mr. Thorne is waiting to hear from the Planning Board and the DPW on the proposed properties for sale.

Chairman Trabucco noted that the U.S. Military completed the somber duty of killing Osama Bin Laden this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm