

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 11, 2011**

PRESENT: Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice-chairman), Gregory M. Hanley (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (PMB Cable), Mary Polleys, Mikaela Slaven, Len Rusczyk, Chester Drown, Tom Driscoll, Tom Newman, Alan Peterson, WATD reporter, and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Retirement Acknowledgement: The Board of Selectmen congratulated the retirement of the Executive Assistant, Diane Tobin, with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, card and very kind words of appreciation. Ms. Tobin's retirement date is July 15th.

DPW Road Repairs: The Selectmen announced a notice from the DPW advising that weather permitting, permanent road repairs will begin on Monday, July 18th on the worst sections of Taylor St., Spring St., Pleasant St., High St. and Mountain Ave. These roads will be temporarily closed to traffic except for emergency vehicles.

Veterans' Fair: On Sept. 18, 2011 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the Town Green, Congressman Keating will sponsor an informational fair for Veterans.

Resident Concern/Debris at Windswept Bog Area: A resident informed the Selectmen that his wife and children were walking in the area off Glenwood Road and found a syringe. He complained of cars driving down there at night and hearing much noise and foul language. He noted that the area is being abused with littering of beer can, bottles and baby diapers. Selectman Boulter suggested closing the area at sunset and posting it accordingly and maybe even put up a gate. This would give the police the authority to remove someone from the site.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Boulter, to block and limit access to the Windswept Bog area and that a gate be executed and closed at sunset, seven days per week. Voted unanimously in favor. The police department should be notified.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE: Len Rusczyk, Chairman of the Recycling Committee, feels the program is going very well. His committee is collecting information on the collection numbers at the recycling center. He and the Selectmen expressed many thanks to those who volunteered to help stuff informational material into the plastic sleeves that accompanied the recycling totes that were delivered to each household. The next meeting of the Recycling Committee will be Wed., at 6:30 in the town hall.

OLDHAM POND: Tom Driscoll, Chairman of the Board of Health, advised the Selectmen that the test counts in Oldham Pond were still too high and the pond remains closed. Another treatment will be administered this week after obtaining clearance from the DEP and Heritage Preservation. We need two consecutive positive tests in order to re-open the pond. Selectman Hanley questioned any warranty on these treatments but Mr. Driscoll does not believe there is any warranty.

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPLICATION: Alan Peterson and Matt Newman were present to address the Selectmen's questions about the application to the CPC for funding of repair and renovation projects at the Community Center Building. Mr. Peterson explained that studies have shown that the building has adequate program space for the foreseeable future but all studies identify similar issues with the building. Mr. Peterson combined all the studies to determine the areas of greatest need. He submitted an application for funding through Community Preservation funds to replace gutters, fascia boards and soffits. He will work with the Building Dept. to go out to bid for these jobs. Masonry work is also needed. The 1934 building is a wooden structure with brick veneer and the metal strapping is wearing away because of water damage. Mr. Peterson feels that this building could be a centerpiece for the Town and he is trying to avoid critical emergencies. He feels the unique architectural features of the building are worth preserving. He suggests that if the building is repaired from the exterior, people may view the building differently and understand the need to preserve its use. Mr. Peterson requests the Selectmen's support of this application.

Mr. Newman was present and explained to the Selectmen that he is a representative on the CPC and also serves as a Recreation Commissioner. He wanted to assure the Selectmen that there is support from the Recreation Commission for this application and noted that the recommendations of the CPC still have to go to the Town Meeting for approval.

Selectman Hanley would like to establish another study committee that will look at the mechanical, electrical and plumbing issues of the building. He suggested that professionals in these trades who live in the community could help scope out the projects. After some discussion, it was decided that focus should be on the immediate projects in preparation for future goals.

Mr. Boulter moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to support the application prepared by Alan Peterson to the Community Preservation Committee for the repairs and restoration of the Community Center.

T-MOBILE: Michael Johnson, Tower Resource Management, was present to discuss the response to the Request for Proposals for the installation of cell phone equipment on the West Elm Street Water Tank. He explained that there would be a mounting system on the top rail and not on the tank itself. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the Town with T-Mobile to install cell phone equipment on the West Elm Street Water Tank. So voted unanimously in favor.

MINUTES: The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor to accept the minutes of the meetings of June 13 and June 27, 2011 as presented.

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COUNCIL ON AGING: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to appoint Thomas Tomasian, to serve on the Council on Aging Board of Directors, as per the recommendation of that board. So voted unanimously in favor.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS GOODS: There is a collection of recently retired computers and accessory equipment accumulating in the town hall storage area as well as some old telephones that were replaced at the Council on Aging. In order to dispose of this town property, the Selectmen voted to declare these goods a surplus.

70 REDWOOD CIRCLE: The Selectmen are in receipt of a letter of intent to sell the affordable 40B property at 70 Redwood Circle. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor to exercise the Town's right of first refusal and to accept the DHCD's offer to assist in marketing this property for sale as an affordable unit.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Thorne advised that property in Hanson is being placed on the EPA list as a National Fireworks site. Hanover asked if Pembroke would be interested in being part of the clean-up of the Indian Head River area. The Selectmen feel that Pembroke should be good neighbors and Mr. Thorne will keep them abreast of the situation.

LANDFILL CLOSING: Selectman Stone asked for an update on the progress of the landfill closing at a future meeting.

BOTTLE BILL: Mr. Stone noted that the Selectmen received a letter informing them of a legislative hearing on the updated Bottle Bill to be held on Wednesday, July 20th at 10:00 am and all are invited to attend.

TRAFFIC STUDY REPORT: A traffic study report was received regarding the truck traffic through Pembroke, Marshfield and Duxbury. Mr. Stone will review the report and advise the Selectmen of a summary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to go into executive session to conduct strategy for negotiations with non-union personnel and with regard to collective bargaining or litigation, and upon conclusion no further votes or public business to be discussed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Prepared by Diane Tobin