

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), Gregory M. Hanley (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (PMB Cable), Mikaela Slaven (Pembroke Express), Paul Mahoney, Bob Rizzi, Scott Harris, Ron Emma, Joseph Emma, James Mathias, Thomas Fleming and others.

Chairman Trabucco called meeting to order by recognizing Pembroke Military Support Group's Candlelight Vigil commemorating the tenth anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> on the Town Green Sunday evening and requesting a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Marcus Ford and in honor of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hazardous Waste Collection Day:** Will be held on September 17, 2011 at the Recycling Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and again on March 24, 2012 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with lists of acceptable/unacceptable items posted at Town Hall and on the town website.

**EEE Advisory from the Mass Department of Public Health:** There have been EEE positive results reported from Hanson by the Mass Dept of Pub Health. Dusk to nightfall activities should be curtailed and all should wear bug spray.

**Constitution Day:** On September 16, 2011 at 7:30 pm at Pembroke High School Dr. Paul Jehle will perform a historic re-enactment; sponsored by The Constitution Lives.

**Comcast:** It has come to the Board's attention that Comcast is not giving automatic rebates to customers who lost service during the storm. Residents must call 1-800-COMCAST themselves to obtain rebates.

**7:05 POWER OUTAGE**

Chairman Trabucco opened discussion requesting remarks be kept brief as there is meeting between Town Administrator, DPW Director, Police Chief, BOH Agent, BOS on September 13 to assess both the towns and National Grids response to be able to give official statements and report more completely at next meeting. He asked Board to state what they have heard from citizens and what they have experienced.

Mr. Boulter stated that the feedback he received was that the worst thing was when people wanted to know how long their power would be out; they called National Grid and they couldn't get any answers. Residents couldn't make plans. He also states that it is important for residents to remember that suburbs have to prepare themselves; consider generator or share with neighbors. He feels that the town did an outstanding job.

Mr. Boyle pointed out that the office took a lot of phone calls and shared all of the information with everyone. It is better if we get the information regionally and we need real information. If winter had been involved there may have been tragedies. Mr. Boyle stated he feels National Grid didn't have enough people staffed.

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Mr. Boyle's opinion is that the town should "ride National Grid" and demand answers for their poor communications and better future planning. He concurs with Mr. Boulter and stated Pembroke did a great job; the police, fire and DPW were where they were needed as needed. National Grid let the town down.

Mr. Hanley began by echoing the prior selectmen's sentiments and pointing out that this was the largest mutual aid project to date and it suffered from minimum manning as they didn't plan for an event of this magnitude. They have minimum staffing, minimum crews and borrow from different regions by sending their crews off to different affected regions. He heard negative feedback concerning lack of communication from National Grid to the consumer. He would like to see a regional approach as Mr. Boyle suggested. He praised the town, the staff and agreed that the Pembroke did a fine job.

Mr. Trabucco reminded everyone that not only the previously mentioned department heads will be at tomorrow's meeting but Emergency Management and National Grid will be there also. He also mentioned the daily conference calls during the outage that National Grid held with the Town Administrators and Board of Selectmen and their prompt reaction to issues that were raised. Each day they adapted and resolved more issues.

**7:15 UNION RECOGNITION FOR MATAKEESETT ST BALLFIELDS**

Mr. Hanley explained that the formation of four ball fields at Mattakeesett Street was a project between Pembroke Youth Baseball and Pembroke Recreation; the head of Pembroke Youth Baseball, Paul Mahoney was in attendance. Once the fields were built and local resources had been exhausted in doing so, Mr. Mahoney was able to contact Harry Brett of Plumber's Local #12 and the Vice Chairman of the South Shore Building Trades Council, Robert Rizzi, the Chairman and President of the South Shore Building Trades Council and the Norfolk Labor Council, Scott Harris and Len Chisholm of Bricklayers Local #3. Paul Mahoney thanked each labor union for their generous donation of time and materials. Certificates were awarded and photos were taken. Mr. Hanley presented Mr. Rizzi with a representation of a Becky Haletky watercolor whose print we are awaiting here at the building. Mr. Boulter thanked Mr. Hanley for his contributions to the Mattakeesett Street ball fields and to the town.

**7:20 BID OPENINGS – SURPLUS PROPERTY VEHICLES & REAL ESTATE**

See attached bidder lists for vehicles and real estate. Mr. Trabucco announced all bids will be taken under advisement and announced next Monday night, September 19, 2011. Mr. Hanley motioned to table all action on remaining properties. There were four votes in favor. None opposed.

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**7:30 PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER, 254 CHURCH ST**

Ron Emma was present as financial backer of son Joseph Emma; requesting transfer if liquor license at this time to open new restaurant “Oyster’s Bar and Grille” at closed BoCa location of 254 Church Street. Ron owns three pizza restaurants this will be sons first enterprise but father will monitor closely. Paperwork for ABCC is complete. Mr. Trabucco asked when their plans are to open; Mr. Emma says tentative plans are to open November 15 pending ABCC approval. Mr. Boyle asked Mr. Emma what intentions are regarding BoCa customer’s gift certificates in circulation. Mr. Emma requested 3 weeks grace period before honoring all BoCa gift certificate’s for 30 days. Start up costs being what they are he needs a little time. Mr. Boyle feels that is fair. Mr. Boulter asked about the snowbirds that winter out of town. Mr. Emma agreed to honor later on a case by case basis. Mr. Hanley motioned to approve the transfer of the liquor license from RuBen d/b/a BoCa’s restaurant to Joseph M. Emma d/b/a Oyster’s Bar and Grille, 254 Church Street upon approval from the BOH, Fire Dept, Police Dept, and Building inspector and the ABCC where Mr. Emma has agreed to honor the gift certificates issued by BoCa for 30 days. Mr. Hanley added that he feels Mr. Emma’s offer is very generous. There were four votes in favor. None opposed.

**7:30 POLE HEARING – FURNACE COLONY DRIVE**

Steve Britten, a National Grid engineer was present to discuss the guy wire attached to a tree in front of 128 Furnace Colony. They need to erect and maintain a stub pole to support the pole across the street, pole 19 to remove the guy wire from the tree. This will replace the tree. Brief discussion ensued about the map and the location of the pole as it pertains to the site map included. Mr. Hanley asked if any of the notified abutters were present or were in opposition to this matter. They were not. Mr. Hanley made the motion to approve Mass Electric’s request to install new stub pole 19-84 on Furnace Colony Drive 35’ across the street from P19 in order to remove a guy wire from a tree and install the guy wire to the new pole. There were four votes in favor. None opposed.

**7:30 HILL BOG RESERVOIR UPDATE**

Jim Mathias is returning before the board; came last year in October. He bought the Bog on Valley Street from John Gummeras and is in process of renovating the reservoir. He needs an extension on the deadline he had set on the end date of the project; the Board had granted him provisions with conditions based on an end date of April 2011. He will need a one year extension through to April 1, 2012 due to adverse weather conditions. Mr. Boyle inquired about maintained all of the current restrictions in place currently. Mr. Mathias is amenable to the current agreement. Mr. Boyle asked about the water supply; all water Mr. Mathias uses comes from his own property. Mr. Hanley made the motion to extend the deadline of the permit granted to Jim Mathias to April 1, 2011 with all of the existing conditions and restrictions to remain in full force and effect. Mr. Boyle seconded and the vote was all four in favor. None opposed.

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**MINUTES**

The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2011 as presented.

**JOINT PEMBROKE/HANSON POND STUDY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Boyle stated he has been in touch with the Pembroke Watershed Association who requests that one of the members of this committee be Sarah Elliot, a member of PWA. Chairman Trabucco stated he had the same conversation. Mr. Trabucco says he defers to Mr. Boyle's judgment on pond matters. Mr. Hanley concurred. Mr. Hanley made a motion to place Sarah Elliot on the Joint Pond Study Committee. All four members were in favor. None opposed.

**CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR A TRAILER PERMIT**

Thomas Fleming was present to request a permit to occupy his mobile home during the time he demolishes his family home and build his new home at 36 Taylor Point Road. He states the duration of this permit would need to be four to six months. Mr. Boyle asked if he had electric and septic hookup. Mr. Fleming says he does. Mr. Boyle recommended six month renewable permit pending approval of building, wiring and plumbing inspectors and board of health. Mr. Boyle made the motion to grant the trailer permit, all four members were in favor. None opposed.

**CONSIDER ROADSIDE STAND PERMIT APPLICATION**

Request submitted by Betty Corti representing the Lions Club requesting permit for the annual Chrysanthemum sale at the Meeting House, 32 School Street, Pembroke, MA with proceeds to go to charity to be held September 24, 2011 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mr. Hanley motioned to approve the permit; four votes in favor. None opposed.

**CONSIDER ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE**

Request submitted by Beth Dwyer representing the Pembroke Historical Society for their annual Spaghetti Dinner, this year to benefit the Adah Hall House. Their request is for beer and wine to be served on October 1, 2011 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Pembroke Historical Society Museum Building, 128 Center Street. Mr. Hanley made the motion to approve to this one day liquor license; four votes in favor. None opposed.

**ACCEPT PROPERTY AS TAX TITLE PROPERTY**

Recommendation submitted by Treasurer to accept property located at 21 Furnace Road, Map B7, Parcel 58 as a tax possession property. Mr. Boyle made the motion to accept the town ownership of the parcel; four votes were in favor of the motion. None opposed.

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**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne provided a detailed report and summarized the recycling efforts by stating that last year we generated thirty tons of single stream recycling items per month at the recycling center. We are generating thirty tons per *week* at the curbside! Also, we have scheduled Special Town Meeting for November 1, 2011 and next week the Selectmen will open the warrant.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Hanley 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: Boulter, yes - Hanley, yes – Boyle, yes – Trabucco, yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.