

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

PRESENT: Lewis W. Stone (Vice 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), Pat Ronan (Patriot Ledger), WATD Reporter, Chester Drown, and others.

Mr. Boulter opened the meeting with an update on the Pembroke 300th Anniversary donations; letters have gone out to local residents and businesses requesting \$3 or \$300 and donors were individually acknowledged. Twelve numbered plates are still available for \$100 each and the Committee website can be viewed for a list of activities and contact information for Mr. Boulter and other Committee members. January 2012 is the planned kickoff event with new events planned each month all year long.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pembroke Public Schools have revised the 2011-2012 school calendar to adjust for the days lost due to the power outage at the beginning of the year. Friday, December 23rd is now a school day and will be an early release day. Thursday, April 5, 2012 is a student school day with Friday April 6th being an In-Service day for teachers only; no school for students. Friday, June 15, 2012 is the tentative last day of school if no days are cancelled due to inclement weather.

MINUTES

Mr. Hanley moved, and the Selectmen voted four in favor, to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2011 as presented. None opposed.

RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mr. William Boyle of 82 Woodbine Avenue of Bryantville has applied for appointment to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Hanley made the motion to approve Mr. Boyle's appointment to the Commission; seconded by Mr. Boulter. Three votes in favor. Selectman Boyle abstained from the vote taken as Mr. William Boyle is his son. None opposed.

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
ARTICLES**

Mr. Stone opened discussion by stating Special Town Meeting is November 1st at 7:30pm at the Pembroke High School. They began with Article One: Mr. Stone noted that the asphalt hot box figure had been revised to \$29,900 from \$21,900 since last reviewed at prior meeting; all other figures remained the same. Mr. Hanley made the motion to accept and recommend favorable action on Article One as revised; Mr. Boyle seconded. Four votes in favor; none opposed.

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Article Two: Mr. Stone summarized as the article to transfer funds to pay any unpaid bills, and as we have none he requested a motion to strike Article Two. Mr. Hanley made the motion, Mr. Boyle seconded and there were four votes in favor with none opposed. Mr. Thorne opened discussion on Article Three by pointing out the Solid Waste – Disposal piece doesn't balance without the transfers from Disposal being ultimately transferred to Solid Waste – Curbside Pickup for a total of \$115,100.00 so that line item needs to be added to the bottom of Article Three. Mr. Boyle moved to accept and recommend favorable action on Article Three as revised; four votes in favor; none opposed. Article Four has been submitted by the Moderator; Mr. Boyle recommended favorable action on behalf of the BOS. Mr. Hanley seconded; four votes in favor with none opposed. Article Five: Mr. Stone summarized as the article to transfer money to pay separation benefits, and as we have none he requested a motion to strike Article Five. Mr. Hanley made the motion, Mr. Boyle seconded and there were four votes in favor with none opposed. Mr. Stone explained Article Six as the article that funds the difference between what pays the difference between what is budgeted for snow and ice removal and what it actually costs; Mr. Boyle moved to recommend favorable action on Article Six; Mr. Boulter seconded. Four votes in favor with none opposed. Article Seven allows for transfer of funds to the stabilization fund; Mr. Stone stated that there is no money at this time to transfer. Mr. Boyle moved to allow Article Seven to go to the Town Meeting Floor with no sum of money identified in case money is saved at Town Meeting and the residents wish to transfer to Stabilization at that time. Mr. Hanley seconded motion; four votes in favor with none opposed. Article Eight: Erickson Lane; Mr. Boyle moved to recommend favorable action; Mr. Hanley seconded; four votes in favor with none opposed. Mr. Stone presented Article Nine as the cell tower lease extension for twenty years; Mr. Boyle recommended favorable action and Mr. Hanley seconded. Four votes were in favor and none were opposed. Mr. Stone introduced Article Ten and but suggested holding off on any recommendation as further details would need to be discussed in executive session. Any recommendation would be made when the BOS returned to public session afterward. Article Eleven addresses hydrilla in Hobomock Pond; Mr. Boyle moved to recommend favorable action. Mr. Hanley seconded; four votes were in favor with none opposed. Article Twelve is the first Board of Health filing system article; Mr. Boulter made a motion to submit Article Twelve with the recommendation "Town Meeting Floor" and Mr. Hanley wanted to clarify that the BOS weren't going to render an opinion, just submit to the Town Meeting floor. Mr. Boulter stated that this gives the Board of Health a chance to speak to the issue where they have put a lot of time and research into the subject where the BOS may not support it. There were no seconds to Mr. Boulter's motion. Mr. Boyle made the motion for the BOS to make the recommendation of Indefinite Postponement on Article Twelve; Mr. Hanley seconded. Four votes were in favor and none were opposed. Article Thirteen is the BOH filing purge; Mr. Boyle made the motion for the BOS to make the recommendation of Indefinite Postponement on Article Thirteen. Mr. Hanley seconded. Four votes were in favor and none were opposed.

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Article Fourteen is the BOH file archiving; Mr. Boyle made the motion for the BOS to make the recommendation of Indefinite Postponement on Article Fourteen. Mr. Hanley seconded. Four votes were in favor and none were opposed. Article Fifteen is the \$19,000 for the other departments filing systems excluding the BOH; Mr. Boyle made the motion for the BOS to make the recommendation of Indefinite Postponement on Article Fifteen. Mr. Hanley seconded. Four votes were in favor and none were opposed. Article Sixteen allows for the transfer of \$25,000 to replace the culvert at Tubbs Meadow. Mr. Boyle clarified that Cash Management's recommendation was favorable action. Mr. Boyle made the motion to recommend favorable action; Mr. Boulter seconded. Four votes in favor with none opposed. Mr. Stone advised that Article Seventeen adds \$60,000 to Art12 from ATM for Oldham Street drainage issue; is a borrowing article. Mr. Boyle made the motion to recommend favorable action; Mr. Boulter seconded. Mr. Hanley abstained from the vote as a nearby resident in the affected area. Three votes in favor with none opposed. Article Eighteen is the CPC annual revenue transfers for administrative expenses and others. Mr. Boyle made the motion for the Board of Selectmen to recommend Town Meeting Floor; Mr. Hanley seconded. Four votes in favor with none opposed. Article Nineteen is the CPC A-D Recommendation of Projects. Mr. Boyle made the motion for the Board of Selectmen to recommend Town Meeting Floor; Mr. Hanley seconded. Four votes in favor with none opposed. Article Twenty appropriates \$70,000, or the CPC revenue balance, to the CPC reserves. Mr. Boyle made the motion to recommend favorable action on behalf of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Hanley seconded the motion. There were four votes in favor with none opposed. Mr. Stone closed the discussion on the warrant with the note that Article Ten will still need a recommendation later. Mr. Boyle suggested the Board make the recommendation on Article Ten as "Town Meeting Floor", regardless of the outcome of executive session. Mr. Hanley pointed out that negotiations could continue right up until Town Meeting, and then any amendment would just be a dollar amount to cover any contract that is agreed upon. Mr. Boyle moved that Article Ten's recommendation from the Selectmen be "Town Meeting Floor". Mr. Hanley seconded the motion; four votes in favor with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thorne presented the Recycling Center Weekend Hour Survey results; Saturdays were preferred by residents over Sundays by a two to one margin. Mr. Valenti and Mr. Thorne's recommendation to the BOS is to leave the Recycling Center open every Saturday for eight hours, close on Sundays. Mr. Boulter requested how many hours we save that way; Mr. Thorne said reduction will be from ten hours to eight; was open five hours each Saturday/Sunday. Mr. Hanley asked for confirmation of current weekend hours; 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Mr. Boyle made the motion that starting November 1, 2011 the recommended hours for the Recycling Center should be 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There was no second. Mr. Hanley observed that to make real strides on cost savings, the plan was to close Sundays and leave Saturday hours the same.

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Mr. Boulter made the motion to set Saturday hours from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mr. Hanley seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle pointed out that the town may lose some of the Recycling Center employees and incur turnover with sudden large cuts. The vote was split; Mr. Hanley and Mr. Boulter in favor and Mr. Stone and Mr. Boyle opposed. Selectman Boyle then made the motion that starting November 1, 2011 the Recycling Center hours would be reduced to every Saturday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Mr. Hanley seconded the motion. Four votes were in favor with none opposed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne advised the Board that the Monroe Street pit hauling project begins tomorrow, October 12, 2011 and will last for two to three days, weather permitting.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Boulter wanted to answer a resident who asked about the Camp Pembroke fund that was used at the Board of Selectmen's meeting last week. He advised residents that, in the past, money from this fund has gone to assist projects such as the Tree Lighting Ceremony, etc. This time, the fund is being used to initiate the production of the books used for fundraising for the Pembroke 300th Anniversary and will be returned to the fund upon the sale of the books. It is a fund the BOS is allowed to vote funds from at their discretion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, and upon conclusion no further votes or public business to be discussed.

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