

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2011**

PRESENT: Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), 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), Kate Rowland (Pembroke Express), Kathleen Keegan, Richard McSheffrey, Christine White, John Dougherty and others

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council on Aging has presented a letter of resignation from Thomas Tomasian from the Pembroke Council on Aging Board. Mr. Stone made the motion to accept his resignation; Mr. Boyle seconded and the vote to accept Mr. Tomasian's resignation was unanimous. Mr. Boulter then advised that the monthly meeting for the Pembroke 300th Anniversary Committee is tomorrow night at 7:00 pm at the Pembroke Country Club. Mr. Boulter also gave an update on weekly donations totaling \$600 and individual donors were acknowledged. The website for the committee is <http://www.pembroke-ma.gov/anniversary/index.html>.

7:05 KATHLEEN KEEGAN – TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Kathleen Keegan, Chairperson for the Tree lighting Committee, appeared before the Board to request \$3,000.00 to meet their budget. The committee's website is www.pembroketreelighting.com. The ceremony will be held Sunday, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, December 4th. Their goal is to raise \$8,425.00; they have \$1,000 from Tiny and Sons Auto Glass now. She detailed many holiday events and needs that this will fund. They have resolved electrical issue from years past; they want to light all fourteen trees this year instead of the five they were able to light last year. Mr. Thorne advised the Board that the Camp Pembroke fund has \$10,000.00 available. Mr. Hanley asked Ms. Keegan if the committee has looked into renting lights to reduce costs; he offered to make inquiries on committee's behalf and report back in one week. This was agreeable to Ms. Keegan who also feels cost of replacing broken lights is high. Mr. Hanley moved to table issue for one week to obtain information; Mr. Stone seconded. Board was unanimously in favor of tabling issue until next week.

7:15 RICHARD MCSHEFFREY – BBC CHANGE OF MANAGER

Mr. McSheffrey was present to introduce himself as the returning manager for the British Beer Company's 15 Columbia Road location. They are requesting a change of manager from Elisabeth Aniolowski who has left the company. Mr. Boyle moved to approve change of manager from Ms. Aniolowski to Mr. McSheffrey; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. Board was unanimous in its approval.

7:25 CYNTHIA LONG – APPOINTMENT REQUEST

Board of Assessors has requested postponement of one week on this item; item was withdrawn at the BOA request. Mr. Hanley requested that Mr. Thorne seek opinion of the Ethics Committee concerning the request.

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MINUTES

Mr. Hanley moved and Mr. Stone seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2011 as presented. The Selectmen voted four in favor, with Mr. Trabucco abstaining. None opposed.

EMPLOYEE DESIGNATION CHANGE

Mr. Thorne stated that in June the Board had a list of Special Municipal Employees by position and that both he and Town Counsel are recommending that the Administrative Assistant to the Community Preservation Committee be added to this list. Mr. Boyle moved the Town Administrator's recommendation that the Administrative Assistant to the CPC be designated as a Special Municipal Employee; Mr. Stone seconded. Vote was unanimously in favor.

SIGN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Each Board member reviewed the warrant individually and signed it as marked.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne advised the Board that while they will be meeting at the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 1st, time TBD but usually at around 6:30pm, he was approached by the Treasurer to let the public know that Town Hall will be open until 7:30 pm that evening as it is the last day to pay their tax bills.

Mr. Thorne also spoke with Mr. Valenti about the hours at the Recycling Center and his recommendation remains 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mr. Boyle stated he wouldn't be averse to taking another look at the hours in the spring but in the winter it is dark. Mr. Hanley reminded everyone of the extensive deliberation that went into determining the 9:00 am to 3:00 pm decision arrived at last week; also stated his preference in an eight hour investment would be to split the time between both weekend days but the survey the residents participated in showed an overwhelming majority preferring Saturday hours. Additional discussion ensued; Mr. Boulter agreed with Mr. Boulter to potentially revisit hours in spring. Mr. Boyle suggested possibility of Lisa Cullity compiling a list of items accepted only at recycling center, not curbside.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Stone updated the Schoosett Street resident with the tree at the end of their property hanging dangerously close to the street. Mr. Stone spoke with the DPW Director and they went today and took care of the situation. Mr. Stone wanted to thank the DPW for their cooperation.

7:30 POLE HEARING: JOINT PETITION NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON

National Grid and Verizon jointly petition for permission to install JO (jointly owned) push brace at P11-89 10' southeast of P#11 Littles Avenue. John Dougherty from National Grid appeared before the Board and stated that the customer at #70 Littles Avenue requested to have a pole to tree guy wire removed for a driveway widening.

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In order to do that, they have to brace the pole which feeds to Allen Street. If they don't put the push brace up the pole will lean. Mr. Hanley made the motion to approve the joint petition, Mr. Boulter seconded the motion and there was unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to go into executive session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and 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 – Trabucco, yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.