

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 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), WATD reporter and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Boyle updated the Board on the PHS Titans football program and win Friday over Scituate. They are 9-0, will face Silver Lake on Thanksgiving; eligible for first round of playoffs. Rebroadcast of game available on channel 14; check www.pmb.com for times. Mr. Boulter commended the Town Memorial Committee and American Legion for exceptional Veteran's Day program Friday. January 15th will be the kickoff event; numbered commemorative plates are still available. Mr. Boulter's contact information is available on the website: <http://www.pembroke300.com>. Next meeting of the committee is Tuesday, November 15 at the Pembroke Country Club at 7:00 pm. All Pembroke 300th Committee events are celebrations of the Town's birthday, not just historic events; the committee is not affiliated with the Pembroke Historic Society, a society established just for that purpose. Any donations for just the 300th Committee should be sent to: P.O. Box 1422, c/o 300th Anniversary Committee. These events are for everyone in the town. He also gave a Pembroke 300th Anniversary Committee update on weekly donations acknowledging individual donors.

DISCUSSION TO FORM A REGIONAL MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Mr. Boyle stated that he feels that the Selectmen's office should reach out to residents and surrounding towns to see if there is first a desire to form a regional municipal electric service, knowing there are many hurdles to overcome. Start up costs may be substantial and there are infrastructure issues, but if it were taken on a regional basis and we found a company to buy electric power from, we would have the opportunity to maintain our own community infrastructure and not be beholden to National Grid. Mr. Hanley cited Braintree, Taunton and Hingham as examples. Mr. Boyle questioned the current power lines ownership. Mr. Hanley said the DPU would regulate hearings as lines are owned by utility; we would rent space on the pole, run our own lines or negotiate long term buyout by floating bonds, etc. He agreed it is worthy of discussion. Mr. Stone said during storm other towns were vocal about investigate alternatives but no mention since. Mr. Boyle said we need to contact the seven towns that abut Pembroke to determine if there is any interest. Discussion ensued. Mr. Trabucco suggested Mr. Thorne send letters to the seven surrounding towns to weigh their interest and to the Plymouth County Commissioners office, to Representative Webster and to Senator Murray indicating the Town of Pembroke's interest in exploring this option. Mr. Boyle suggested contacting the OCPC to see if they have done a feasibility study or if there is money available for a study. Mr. Stone inquired as to the update on the Smart Energy street light quote; Mr. Thorne stated this analysis was done to determine the feasibility of operating the streetlights as a municipal entity. The pending results are due by the end of the month.

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TAX POSSESSION PROPERTIES

Mr. Boyle moved to accept property located at 50 Plymouth Street, map A5, parcel 86 and to accept property located at Oldham Street, map B9, parcel 6A and to accept property located at Fairwood Drive, map E10, parcels 42, 58, 59 and 60 as tax possession properties at the recommendation of the Town Treasurer, Kathleen McCarthy. Mr. Hanley seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor.

MINUTES

Mr. Stone moved and Mr. Boyle seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 7, 2011 as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne advised the Board that the Energy Committee received a grant to study possible wind turbine sites in the Town; of eight possible sites, the two that showed the most promise were at the landfill behind the current recycling center and by Silver Lake behind the Pembroke Community Middle School. Mr. Thorne informed the BOS of the Mass Municipal Association conference January 20 and 21 at the Hynes Convention Center. He also updated the Board on the Mayflower Insurance Group meeting where a vote was taken by Town Managers to obtain next years insurance rates by January 6th to assist in budgeting.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Stone updated the rest of the Board on correspondence received concerning leaves and reduced hours at the Recycling Center. The letters received suggest that the current hours are not sufficient to both rake and transport and the residents are requesting either Sundays or pickup. Discussion ensued; Mr. Stone will get more information on possibilities available and report back next week.

UPCOMING ISSUES

The Board of Assessors will conduct the annual tax rate certification hearing at 7:00 pm next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone 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 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and upon conclusion no further votes or public business to be discussed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.