

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016**

PRESENT: Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice-Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Michelle L. Burt (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Stan Usovicz, Tom Driscoll, Gary Fine, David Cedrone (WATD), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Boyle opened the meeting and advised that this meeting is being made available to the public through a live video and audio broadcast on Comcast Government Access Channel 15 and is also being recorded for airing on the channel at future dates. Comments made in open session will be recorded.

**7:05 VERIZON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REGIONAL MANAGER STAN USOVICZ:
PEMBROKE'S FIBER OPTIC (FiOS) CABLING UPDATE**

Mr. Usovicz was present before the Board as requested to update the Town on Verizon's fiber optic cabling plans and offerings for Pembroke as he has replaced Richard Colon. Mr. Usovicz stated that there are no projects in development for Verizon at this time; they are finishing ongoing projects only. Mr. Usovicz stated that the industry is very competitive and demanding, and Verizon has no plan to announce any new projects or planned expansions in the immediate future. Mr. Trabucco requested clarification on Verizon's decision not to continue wiring Pembroke as a corporate decision, not a decision by the Town. Mr. Usovicz agreed, and thanked the Board for their many correspondences inviting Verizon and welcoming them to town to provide FiOS services, but Verizon will not be able to honor the town's request. Mr. Trabucco explained that residents are repeatedly misinformed by Verizon representatives that the town is responsible for preventing the service expansion; Mr. Usovicz stated that is patently false and he will speak with any resident who is misinformed and he offered his contact information. Mr. Boulter inquired as to the fact that half of the town has been cabled for FiOS service, but Verizon promotes the service online and in writing as being available "in Pembroke". Mr. Usovicz stated that Verizon's business model in Pembroke is to utilize the current deployment of infrastructure to convert telephone service only, as Verizon has not approached the town to enter into a cable (television) licensing agreement, and they have no plans to do so. Mr. Stone stated that Pembroke has not been a part of Verizon's expansion model since prior to 2009 and still isn't, and inquired as to why. Mr. Usovicz detailed how Verizon's corporate decisions are made. Mr. Stone asked if the town could expect to be a part of an upcoming business expansion plan, and Mr. Usovicz stated no. Mr. Usovicz summarized by stating that Pembroke has been very welcoming and has invited Verizon into town, but it is not possible at this time.

VOTE TO INCLUDE ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR THE ATM WARRANT

Mr. Boyle read the articles for inclusion, requesting each member indicate verbally if there were questions with individual articles as read. Mr. Stone questioned articles 16, 17 and 24; Mr. Trabucco questioned articles 22, 23 and 28. Mr. Trabucco moved to include article 1-15, 18-21, 25-27 and 29-31 in the warrant for Annual Town Meeting; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Stone questioned whether article 16 (DPW road repair supplement \$300,000) should be a budgeted line item or an article. Mr. Stone proposed that the Board meet with the Town Administrator and Town Accountant to thoroughly review the budget by line. Consensus achieved in leaving the article while ongoing budgetary discussion occurs. Mr. Stone moved to include article 16 in the ATM warrant; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Stone questioned whether article 17 (DPW catch basin/street sweepings clean up \$85,000) should also be budgeted versus an article; Mr. Thorne stated that the item appears in the DPW budget, but he believes the Director requires this funding to begin the cleanup process, which annually henceforth will be budgeted at \$35,000. Mr. Stone moved to include article 17 in the ATM warrant; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco asked for more information regarding articles 22 and 23, one of which is a DOR recommendation, establishing revolving accounts (Recreation, COA). Mr. Thorne will investigate the pros and cons and report back. Mr. Trabucco moved to include articles 22 and 23 in the ATM warrant; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Stone requested that the Library Director appear before the BOS acting as the Wage & Personnel Board for further discussion of article 24. Mr. Stone moved to include article 24 in the ATM warrant; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco

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recommended that the Board request from the Community Preservation Commission the fund balances related to article 28 annually; residents inquire and the town should be made aware of the fund balances. Mr. Trabucco moved to include article 28 in the ATM warrant; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT CLARKE AS THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION REP TO CPC

MR. Stone moved to appoint agent Robert Clarke as the Conservation Commission's representative to the Community Preservation Committee at their recommendation; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Stone stated that the Board would like to know the status of several issues affecting the Herring Run; Mr. Thorne stated that he has met with Selectman Boulter and Conservation Agent Clarke regarding temporary structures to be placed in time for the Fish Fry, and Mr. Boulter is meeting with the Pembroke Herring Fisheries Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stone stated that he attended a meeting of GATRA and shared with the Board a map of a proposed route that would originate at Mayflower Court. They hope to have the new route ready for May 1st; Mr. Stone requested that a meeting be set for the original committee comprised of Hilary Wilson, Mr. Stone and Mr. Thorne to join the COA Director and Housing Authority Director to review the map of the route to ensure that all of the town's needs are being met.

Mr. Boyle read the upcoming issues from the agenda.

At 7:55 pm, Mr. Stone moved to enter 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 regarding the Police and Fire Contracts; and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares than an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and Mr. Boyle declared it so. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. By roll call: Ms. Burt – yes, Mr. Stone – yes, Mr. Boulter – yes, Mr. Trabucco – yes, Mr. Boyle – yes.

At 8:30 pm, Mr. Boulter moved to adjourn; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Draft of the Annual Tow Meeting Warrant (BOS/TA Office)

Emails, M. Guiney, ConCom Recommendation for CPC Rep (ConCom/BOS/TA Office)