# MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2016

**PRESENT**: Lewis W. Stone (Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Clerk), Matthew J. Furlong (Selectman), Jen Mahar, Mandy Grazioso, Pembroke Girl Scouts, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

NOT PRESENT: Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman)

At 7:00 pm, representatives from the Pembroke Girl Scout troops 76029, 80169, 69129, 62292 and 62293 led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance and outlined upcoming activities on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in honor of Juliette Gordon Lowe's birthday, the founder of the Girl Scouts.

Mr. Stone 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.

## 7:00 JACQUELINE DIAL, DIALWORKS: CLASS II LICENSE LOCATION TRANSFER (CII-65)

Ms. Dial was present before the Board on her application for a location transfer from 149 Queensbrook Road to 290 Center Street regarding her Class II Used Auto Dealer's license #CII-65. Ms. Dial explained that Dialworks is an auto re-marketer, purchasing vehicles at auction and coordinating their repair for resale to other dealers; no vehicles are stored or displayed. Discussion ensued. Mr. Boyle moved to approve the request of Dialworks for a change in location of Class II auto dealer's license #CII-65 to 290 Center Street; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

## 7:15 SUN EDISON/TRC SOLUTIONS: DISCUSSION, VOTE OF PPA AMENDMENT

Mr. Stone advised the Board that this item will be rescheduled to next week.

# STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF BY-LAW COMPLIANCE: AGENDAS/MINUTES POSTED TO THE WEBSITE

Mr. Stone updated the Board on his recent evaluation of website posting of minutes versus agendas. From the last review in July to present, there is an overall improvement of 10%, but the percentage of minutes posted is 51% overall. Mr. Stone referenced the bylaw passed at annual town meeting April 28, 2015 requiring posting of minutes, either in final or draft form. Discussion ensued. Mr. Furlong recommended that a survey be conducted of the staff responsible for posting minutes to determine what challenges they face that prevent compliance, and conversely, for those in compliance, how are they achieving this. Mr. Stone stated that board meetings are predominantly on Monday evenings, so the most valuable resource the Selectmen and the public have to find out meeting activities and topics are the board minutes. Mr. Thorne reminded the Board that town counsel will be presenting two Open Meeting Law compliance seminars tomorrow, one at 3:00 pm and one at 6:00 pm.

#### DISCUSSION AND VOTE: SEASONAL SUNDAY RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Mr. Thorne advised that the Landfill Manager has opened a second portion of the facility for leaf disposal; Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Recycling Center, and Mr. Thorne will speak with him about Sunday hours in November. Mr. Stone requested that this item be rescheduled for next week.

## **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2016**

Mr. Boyle moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2016; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Boulter stated that the Herring Fisheries Commission was responsible for saving thousands of fish this weekend by digging out the area near the diversion pipe and used sandbags to direct the water flow and fish downstream. They also found a blockage between the ponds that they were able to clear.

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## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne attended the MMA's legislative breakfast on October 7<sup>th</sup> where topics included the public records law adopted by the legislature and the municipal modernization bill. Mr. Thorne also presented the board with solid waste numbers as compiled from data supplied by EZ Disposal and New Bedford Waste Services; the new curbside system is saving the town in curbside tonnage collected while recycling tonnage remains constant. There is a reduction of approximately 140 tons to date at \$55/ton. The Recycling Manager has noted a marked increase in vehicular traffic at the Recycling Center on Saturdays from approximately 12 cars on Saturday up to 200-250 cars during the same period, postulating that recycling that used to be placed in the curbside trash is now being taken for recycling at the Recycling Center. Mr. Boulter stated that he has spoken with the DPW Director and Police Chief regarding illegal dumping observed in town, and they are researching a camera system to target specific areas in order to identify the issues.

#### ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Stone stated that residents have questioned the sign erected at a new restaurant, and the issue has been referred to the Zoning Enforcement Officer to resolve.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Stone advised the public that a letter was received from the Department of Energy Resources (DoER) regarding the municipal load aggregation plan status; Pembroke has completed the consultation services portion with the DoER, so the process is well underway.

At 7:35 pm, Mr. Boyle moved to enter executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec.21(3) 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: DPW and Fire unions; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Boyle – yes, Boulter – yes, Furlong – yes, Stone – yes.

At 8:00 pm, Mr. Boulter moved to adjourn; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

#### **MATERIALS & EXHIBITS**

Class II Used Auto Dealers License Application & All Related Documents: Dialworks (BOS/TA Office) Review of Website Data of Posted Agendas and Minutes (L.Stone) (BOS/TA Office) Report of Trash/Recycling Tonnage FY 2015-2017 (E. Thorne) (BOS/TA Office) Agenda and Handouts, MMA Meeting October 7, 2016 (MMA/BOS/TA Office) Draft Minutes of October 17, 2016 (BOS/TA Office)