

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

PRESENT: Lewis W. Stone (Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Clerk), Matthew J. Furlong (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Bonnie Pajick, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

At 7:00 pm, 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.

RESULTS OF TRICK OR TREATING SURVEY

Mr. Stone announced that 679 residents participated in the survey that asked for input on the idea of moving trick-or-treating to the last Saturday in October. There were 200 votes in favor with 479 against, and 176 residents submitted comments. Mr. Boyle moved to indefinitely table this item; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE TO APPROVE THE USE OF G.L. c268a §20(b) EXEMPTION TO PLOW SNOW, WILLARD BOULTER

Mr. Stone explained that the State Ethics Commission has advised the Board that a vote to approve an exemption for a contract for personal services will allow Mr. Boulter to plow snow for the town; the DPW is seeking snow plow drivers and the Director has approved the request. Mr. Boyle moved that the Board approve the use of a G.L. c268A §20(b) exemption by Willard J. Boulter, Jr. to plow snow for the Town of Pembroke; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was 4/0/1 with Mr. Boulter abstaining.

CONSIDER A VOTE TO ADOPT 2017 CALENDAR

Mr. Stone stated that the proposed calendar for 2017 includes Selectmen meeting dates, ATM and STM dates, dates that the respective warrants will open and close, and is otherwise a tool for other boards, committees and commissions to plan and schedule their obligations and responsibilities accordingly. Mr. Boulter moved to adopt the proposed 2017 calendar as submitted; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Mr. Boulter moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2016; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. Boyle moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2016; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne stated that he and Mr. Stone have spoken with the developer at Copperwood Estates on Birch Street; Mr. Kelley met with Kevin Sealand and PA Landers, and they are in full agreement to follow all of the conditions as approved by the ZBA including hours of transport and hours of construction. Mr. Thorne advised there is no work to be performed on legal holidays. Mr. Stone asked about the status of the haul road construction; Mr. Thorne stated that the town is waiting for a written agreement from the developer. Further, Mr. Thorne stated that the Duxbury Town Manager has agreed to send Pembroke a letter after the holidays that support a truck exclusion on Valley and Birch Streets. Mr. Thorne reminded the Board that the OCPC showed truck traffic well above the 5% required threshold, or between 12-13% on Valley and Birch Streets. Mr. Thorne stated that he is working with the Treasurer to develop a list of properties for a surplus real property auction at the end of January. Mr. Thorne updated the Board on the Kiwanis tree sale at the Herring Run and encouraged residents to attend.

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Mr. Furlong stated that he was contacted by a resident regarding internet access issues at the library; Mr. Furlong spoke with the Library Director and was informed on the steps taken to remedy the situation, and further action that is being considered.

Mr. Trabucco stated that there are vacancies on the Town Government Study Committee and requested that residents of Pembroke consider serving on this vital committee; contact the Selectmen's office with any questions.

Mr. Furlong and Mr. Boulter congratulated Kathleen Keegan and the Tree Lighting Committee for hosting another wonderful and well attended event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stone would like to invite the Board of Health Chairman to speak to the Board at her earliest convenience regarding their efforts to date to ban plastic bags in Pembroke. Mr. Stone would like to hear the advantages and disadvantages of such a move; Mr. Trabucco cautioned that residents may not support such an initiative. Ms. Pajick addressed the Selectmen with her environmental concerns and stated that she supports a ban on plastic bags and recommended the issue be brought to Town Meeting for a vote.

Mr. Stone read the upcoming issues from the agenda.

At 7:30 pm, Mr. Boulter 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: Clerical, DPW, Police and Fire unions; Mr. Stone declared it so and Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Boyle – yes, Boulter – yes, Furlong – yes, Trabucco – yes, Stone – yes.

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

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

D. Wall, SurveyMonkey Results "Trick or Treating in Pembroke" (Lib/BOS/TA Office)

D. Roney, Comm. of MA SEC Email, GL c268A §20(b) Exemption Forms, Contract for Personal Services (BOS/TA Office)

Draft 2017 Proposed BOS Calendar (BOS/TA Office)

Draft Minutes November 21 and 28, 2016 (BOS/TA Office)