

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Lewis W. Stone (Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Clerk), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Matthew J. Furlong (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Gail Sim, Simon Young, Charles Mathewson, Bonnie Pajick, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

At 6:30 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.

**6:30 GAIL SIM, FIRST CHURCH IN PEMBROKE: REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN MEMORIAL GREEN**

Ms. Sim was present before the Board on the First Church's application; setup will occur on May 31<sup>st</sup> and the fair will run June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Sim confirmed that there were no significant issues last year and they were very satisfied with Cushing Amusements and the smaller fair footprint. Mr. Boulter moved to grant the request of the First Church in Pembroke to hold the annual Old Home Days Fair in the parking lot and on the grounds of the Town Memorial Green surrounding the church from Thursday, June 1 through Saturday, June 3 and to close Curve Street starting on May 30 conditionally upon the inspection and approval of the Board of Health, details by the Police Chief and Fire Chief and any site conditions set by the Assistant DPW Director during the walkthrough and setup; and to grant the use of the Community Center rear parking area during this time for ten (10) trailers for the storage of Cushing Amusement's equipment. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Boyle and Mr. Trabucco volunteered to attend the walkthrough with Scott Glauben as they have in previous years to good results. A tentative date for the pre-fair walkthrough was set on Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> with a time to be determined.

**VOTE TO OPEN THE SPECIAL WITHIN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND TO CLOSE BOTH THE ANNUAL AND SPECIAL WITHIN ON MARCH 3, 2017**

Mr. Boyle moved to declare the Special Within the Annual Town Meeting warrant open, and to close both the Annual and Special Within the Annual warrants on Friday March 3, 2017 at 4:30 pm. Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**VOTE TOWN'S RESPONSE: RIVER MARSH LLC'S APPLICATION FOR SITE ELIGIBILITY MGL C.40B AT 274 WATER STREET**

Mr. Boulter stated that the town's response drafted by the Town Administrator's office was so comprehensive he feels that nothing has been left out. Mr. Boyle concurred and stated that this afforded an opportunity for the Board to meet with the neighborhood and he is proud of the work accomplished thus far. Mr. Stone agreed and stated that the letter and supplemental materials are well prepared. Mr. Boyle moved to sign the letter as written; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**VOTE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF VETERAN'S AGENT DAVID MCPHILLIPS**

Mr. Boulter moved to accept the resignation of David McPhillips from his role as Pembroke's Veteran's Agent effective March 31, 2017 with regret; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Boyle moved to allow the Town Administrator to advertise the position of Veteran's Agent; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**VOTE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JAMES BENNETT FROM THE HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the resignation of James Bennett from the Historical District Commission effective immediately; Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

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### **6:45 POLE HEARING: JOINT PETITION, NATIONAL GRID/VERIZON ELM STREET SUBPOLE #21-84**

Mr. Stone opened the pole hearing at 6:45 pm and announced that there were no abutters in attendance. National Grid engineer Simon Young was present to discuss the plan to install a new sub-pole 21-84 across the street from pole 21 to support a guy wire protecting the pole from leaning and to remove existing support guy wire attached to a tree; he stated that he has met with the property owner and a location that suited the owner was established for this project. Mr. Boulter moved to grant approval to National Grid and Verizon on their joint petition to install a new sub-pole 21-84 across the street from pole 21 in accordance with work order and plan # 22610128; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE BACK HALL BENCH FOR ALS ONE: ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE**

Mr. Boyle moved to grant approval on the application of Susan Carchidi for the Back Hall Bench for ALS ONE for a one day liquor license to serve beer and wine at 300 Oak Street Unit# 200 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on March 25, 2017 for an ALS research fundraiser; Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF TREASURER/COLLECTOR KATHLEEN MCCARTHY: ACCEPT 21 S. BOUNDARY RD AS TAX POSSESSION PROPERTY (B6-21)**

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the recommendation of Treasurer Kathleen McCarthy to accept 21 South Boundary Road, Assessor's parcel B6-21 as a tax possession property; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the minutes of February 6, 2017 as written; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2017**

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the minutes of February 11, 2017 as written; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the minutes of February 15, 2017 as written; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

On August 9, 2016, Governor Charles Baker signed An Act to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government whereby the Board of Selectmen may designate any one of its members for the purpose of approving bills or payrolls provided, however, that the member shall make available to the board, at its next meeting, a record of such actions. Mr. Stone reported that on February 14<sup>th</sup> he personally reviewed ten accounts payable warrants for \$577,763.47 and one payroll warrant for \$210,529.55; further, on February 22<sup>nd</sup> he personally reviewed seven accounts payable warrants totaling \$672,073.88 and two payroll warrants for \$1,215,383.53.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne stated that PACTV produced the most recent Pembroke Today episode where he and Julie Thompson discussed the Application for Site Eligibility filed by River Marsh LLC under the 40B statute and described exactly what the Board of Selectmen has done on behalf of the town's residents. Mr. Thorne stated that he is meeting with the Advisory Committee at 7:30 pm this evening to review the FY18 budget currently balanced at \$62million. Mr. Thorne advised that he and the Town Accountant maximized local receipts for FY18 by using the actual revenues received in FY16, and there was a minimal increase in stated aid. Mr. Thorne cautioned that, while the budget is balanced, some department have identified additional needs, it will be difficult for the budget to stay balanced.

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### **ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Trabucco stated that he recently attended the Old Colony Planning Council meeting; Pembroke is a member of two metropolitan planning groups, the OCPC and the MAPC. Mr. Trabucco stated that there has been a federal law change whereby a town can only have one planning organization affiliation for project funding; currently, our projects are funding through the OCPC TIP program. If Pembroke chose to submit projects through the MAPC, each project would start at its beginning in the process and compete with all of the greater Boston community members versus the local groups in the OCPC. Mr. Trabucco stated that he would have more information available for discussion at the next meeting.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (cont'd)**

Mr. Thorne has shared his solid waste report that reflects that Pembroke's recycling percentages continue to climb and the amount of trash tonnage continues to go down. Mr. Thorne additionally stated that the Recycling Center traffic has continued to increase, and the Board may want to consider voting to extend the hours at the center. With the reduced trash tonnage figures, the costs would offset.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boulter stated that he attended a meeting of the North River Commission on Thursday and there is still no application from River Marsh LLC for a proposed 40B project adjacent to the North River. Mr. Boyle asked if the NRC would take a position on the project; Mr. Boulter stated that they cannot without an application and plan submitted to them for review.

Mr. Stone read the upcoming issues from the agenda.

At 7:10 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 regarding the Clerical/DPW/Police and Fire Unions; Mr. Stone declared it to be so, and stated that the Board would not return to open session. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Boulter – yes, Boyle – yes, Furlong – yes, Trabucco – yes, and Stone – yes.

### **MATERIALS & EXHIBITS**

Letter, G. Sim, Request for Use of Town Memorial Green (BOS/TA Office)  
Application, Project and Plan, Abutters Notifications and List: Pole Hearing (BOS/TA Office)  
Draft Response to MassHousing RE: River Marsh Village LLC (BOS/TA Office)  
Letter, D. McPhillips, Veteran's Agent (BOS/TA Office)  
Email, E. Bates re: J. Bennett (Hist Dist/BOS/TA Office)  
Application, S. Carchidi for Back Hall Bench for ALS: Special/One Day Liquor License (BOS/TA Office)  
Letter, Treasurer K. McCarthy, Judgement: B6-21 21 S. Boundary Rd (Treas/BOS/TA Office)  
Draft Minutes of February 6, 2017 (BOS/TA Office)  
Draft Minutes of February 11, 2017 (BOS/TA Office)  
Draft Minutes of February 15, 2017 (BOS/TA Office)  
Report of Approved Bills and Payrolls for February 14 and February 22, 2017 (BOS/TA Office)  
January 2017 Solid Waste Report (BOS/TA Office)