

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
APRIL 24, 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), Richard Wall (Police Chief), Sandra Wright (PC Commissioner), Greg Hanley (PC Commissioner), Daniel Pallotta (PC Commissioner), Tom O'Brien (PC Treasurer), Frank Basler (PC Administrator), Michael Buckley (Town Accountant), Kathleen McCarthy (Town Treasurer), Stephen Dodge (Town Moderator), Linda Peterson (Advisory Committee), Stephen Curley (Advisory Committee), John Brown (Advisory Committee), James McCollum (Advisory Committee), Elizabeth Monks (Advisory Committee), Jason Cook, Nigel Harling, Charles Mathewson (WATD), Adam Silva (Pembroke Mariner), 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. Mr. Furlong exited to represent the Selectmen at the 7:00 pm Planning Board public hearing.

7:00 PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONER GREG HANLEY

Plymouth County Commissioner Greg Hanley was present before the Board regarding the BOS vote on April 10, 2017 of non-support for the Plymouth County proposed FY18 budget that will be presented for a vote of the Advisory Board on May 11th. Mr. Hanley stated that the controversy began with an email of non-support sent by the Town of Plymouth to the boards in the county. Mr. Hanley stated that the relationship between the town and the county of Plymouth has grown difficult since the filing of a lawsuit against the town by the county regarding the status of the cleanup of a landfill site rented by the town. Mr. Hanley stated that this ongoing litigation is the crux of Plymouth's position not to support the county's proposed budget. Commissioner Pallotta provided a history of the pay cut voted for the Commissioners from \$28,000 to \$7,508 because then the Commissioners were not doing their job according to the Advisory Board. Mr. Pallotta referenced many improvements implemented by the current Commissioners, including eliminating a \$1million budget deficit and the creation of a \$300,000 budget surplus. Mr. Hanley stated that Plymouth County Register of Deeds John Buckley supports the proposed budget but is out of town this evening. Commissioner Wright provided additional management and programming history of the county. Ms. Wright stressed the importance of the relationship building that the current Commissioners have undertaken with the 26 member communities and they have brought in relevant programs to accommodate the member's needs. Ms. Wright outlined the proposed tick program whereby an entomologist will be brought on staff through the PC Cooperative Extension program. Mr. Hanley reminded that the state left behind the \$32million retirement obligation of the employees when they took over the prison. The current Commissioners filed a bill preventing that expense from being born by the member communities. Treasurer Tom O'Brien explained the Plymouth County OPEB Trust (PCOT) program and it's return to date. They began the program January 12, 2015 and anticipated that up to five member communities would join within two years to realize a projected \$2million in assets; the reality is that 22 communities have joined for a realization of \$5million in assets.

At 7:20 pm, Mr. Stone called the 7:15 pm scheduled appointment forward.

7:20 (7:15) EOGHAN KELLEY; COPPERWOOD ESTATES PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Kelley was present before the Board to update the first phase of fill for the project is complete. Mr. Kelley stated that the second phase of fill for the project will begin next September; he requested direction on the clearing for the haul road. Mr. Stone states that the Board's desire is to begin clearing the haul road now, and Mr. Kelley agreed. Mr. Thorne advised that the licensing agreement is complete for the use of the haul road is prepared and ready for the Conservation Commission's approval. Mr. Boyle moved to accept the Town Administrator's recommendation; Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

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At 7:30 pm, the Commissioners resumed their presentation.

County Administrator Frank Basler stated that the two focal issues concerning the budget are fiscal prudence and regionalization. Mr. Basler cited the procurement programs offered by the county to the member towns, and explained the comprehensive analysis performed on other counties salaries to align the county's management teams. Mr. Basler pointed out that all of the county's liabilities are address in this proposed budget. Mr. Thorne stated that the overall budget increase is 4.6% with an increase in the PC Cooperative Extension of 30% and in the Commissioner's office of \$21%. Ms. Wright stated that the PC Cooperative Extension represents the addition of an entomologist to spearhead the tick program for all member counties, and the increase in the Commissioner's office is the salary restoration. Mr. Hanley and Mr. Pallotta requested that the Board not bind Pembroke's Advisory Board representative to a vote at this time, but instead allow the representative to listen to the budget presentation May 11th and vote accordingly. Mr. Trabucco stated that he does not believe it is fiscally responsible to increase the salaries above the current \$15,000. Mr. Trabucco stated that two years ago the Commissioner's doubled the \$7,500 salary, and considering the current financial climate, Mr. Trabucco stated that the vote of the Board April 10th was not to support the increase at this time, which bound the Advisory Board representative to vote against this budget at the May 11th meeting. Mr. Boulter stated that the Board should have had the full history prior to the vote. Mr. Pallotta indicated that the Town of Plymouth put the county on defense when they sent out an email to the member communities, as it created a sense of urgency when the Commissioners have explained to the membership for several years their intent to restore the salaries.

At 7:40 pm, Stephen Dodge, Linda Peterson, Stephen Curley, John Brown, James McCollum, Elizabeth Monks and Donna Badger entered the meeting. Sandra Wright, Greg Hanley, Daniel Pallotta, Tom O'Brien, and Frank Basler exited the meeting.

7:40 (7:30) JOINT MEETING: ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TOWN MODERATOR: ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Dodge stated that this joint meeting serves as a preview of May 9th annual Town Meeting. Mr. Dodge stated that the purpose of this meeting is to orchestrate a process, not an outcome. The intent is to determine how and by whom the motions will be presented. Mr. Dodge advised that Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Pembroke High School on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm. The warrants of articles to be heard are available on the town website with paper copies available at Town Hall next week. Mr. Dodge introduced the Consent Agenda which contains Articles 1, 8, 9, 10 and 32; all of these articles should be able to be voted by consent as they have not generated controversy in the past. The Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen concurred. Discussion ensued. Mr. Dodge stated that both boards are in agreement on most of their remaining recommendations, and it is customary for the Advisory Committee to present articles that they support. Mr. Dodge confirmed that the Advisory Committee will present the articles on the annual warrant numbers two through five, twelve, seventeen, twenty, twenty-five and twenty-six. The BOS will move articles six, thirteen, twenty-one. Mr. Dodge will ask the TGSC to move article eleven, the Police Chief to move article 14, the Fire Chief to move article 15 and 16, the Planning Board to move articles 18 and 19, the Library Director to move articles 22 and 23, the COA Director to move article 24 and the CPC to move article 27. Discussion ensued on the citizen's petition articles. Mr. Dodge stated that he will reach out to the petitioners to determine whether they want to make their own motions, and if not, Advisory will make them. Mr. Dodge confirmed that Advisory Committee will move articles one and five on the Special within the annual warrant, the School Committee will move article two, the Police Chief will move articles three and four, and the Selectmen will move articles six and seven. Mr. Curley advised that the Advisory Committee is holding a question and answer session at the library on Monday, May 1st concerning the budget. Mr. Stone confirmed that the Advisory meeting will be broadcast live and the Selectmen will be taped for re-broadcast.

At 8:20 pm, Stephen Dodge, Linda Peterson, Stephen Curley, John Brown, James McCollum, Elizabeth Monks and Donna Badger exited the meeting.

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VOTE RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 21: GENERAL BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

Chief Wall was present to advise that this proposal does not affect medical marijuana or transport on the town's roads, it is a prohibition of retail establishments only. Mr. Boulter moved to recommend favorable action on article 21; Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

SIGN THE ANNUAL AND THE SPECIAL WITHIN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANTS

Mr. Stone stated that the Board will sign the warrants at the conclusion of the meeting.

VOTE TO SUPPORT A HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE EXCLUSION ON VALLEY STREET AND BIRCH STREET

Mr. Thorne advised that there is a typographical error on the agenda, as the streets under consideration in the town's completed application are Valley Street and Birch Street. Mr. Boulter moved that the Board of Selectmen support the commercial vehicle exclusion on Valley Street and Birch Street to the Duxbury Town Line, and for the Town Administrator to work with the Town of Duxbury to include the portion of Franklin Street between Valley Street and Route 53 in Duxbury. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE REAPPOINTMENT: ANNA SEERY AS OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES BOARD DIRECTOR FOR PEMBROKE

Mr. Boyle moved to re-appoint Anna Seery as the Old Colony Elder Services Board Director for the Town of Pembroke; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2017

Mr. Boyle moved to approve the minutes of April 10, 2017 as written; Mr. Furlong 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 April 18th he personally reviewed ten accounts payable warrants for \$504,469.85 and two payroll warrants for \$1,209,025.12. Mr. Boyle moved to accept Mr. Stone's report. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne presented his Solid Waste report for the month of March 2017 the Board. Mr. Thorne stated that tonnage picked up curbside continues to be reduced in March by 11%, and an increase at the Recycling Center continues. Mr. Thorne requested that the Board vote to open the Recycling Center on Sundays in the month of May to accommodate the increase. On April 15 alone, the Recycling Center saw 148 vehicles for HHW disposal, 92 for recycling disposal and 79 vehicles for leaf disposal. Mr. Boyle moved to support the Town Administrator's recommendation; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Thorne closed by stating that the recycling disposal cost to the Town was \$4/ton in February, and in March the Town was paid \$11.69/ton, of \$1,500.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Boulter stated that poaching of herring has been observed; he urged residents to contact the Police Department to report any suspicious behavior.

Mr. Furlong asked Mr. Thorne about the town's ability to provide a mailbox library to residents.

Mr. Stone read the upcoming issues from the agenda.

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At 8:45 pm, Mr. Boulter moved to adjourn; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Draft Annual Special within the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, Draft Consent Agenda (BOS/TA Office)
Letter, OCES (BOS/TA Office)

HCVE Application to MassDOT for Valley and Birch Streets (BOS/TA Office)

Record of Approved Bills and Payrolls of April 18, 2017

Draft Minutes of April 24, 2017 (BOS/TA Office)