

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MAY 19, 2014**

PRESENT: Daniel Trabucco (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Selectman), Michelle Burt (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Josh Cutler (State Representative), Richard Wall (Police Chief), Kevin McKenna, James "Tiny" Brown, Peter Brown, Brittainy Hough, David McPhillips (Veteran's Agent), Linda Osborne (Town Memorial Committee Chairman), Mark Burridge (Pembroke Mariner/Express), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Trabucco called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Boulter announced a message from the DPW; High Avenue will be closed to through traffic between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 21 for paving. Please contact the DPW with questions at: 781-293-5620.

KEVIN MCKENNA, PROM ANGELS PRESENTATION: LOCAL BUSINESSES, POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. McKenna was present before the Board to acknowledge the contributions of and to thank the Pembroke Police Department, Tiny & Sons Auto Glass, the Longhorn Steakhouse and State Representative Josh Cutler for their generous contributions last week at the Special Needs Prom Angels event. Plaques were given and accepted by Police Chief Richard Wall, Tiny Brown of Tiny and Sons Auto Glass, Brittainy Hough, manager of Longhorn Steakhouse and Representative Cutler. Photographs were taken. Mr. McKenna additionally noted that their annual golf tournament will be held on September 5th at the Pembroke Country Club at 2:00pm.

7:00 LINDA OSBORNE, TOWN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS UPDATE

Ms. Osborne and Veteran's Agent David McPhillips were present before the Board with an update of events planned for Memorial Day weekend. Ms. Osborne stated that the school programs this year will be held on Thursday, May 22 at North Pembroke Elementary at 9:45am, on Friday, May 23 at Bryantville at 9:00 and at Hobomock 10:00. On Monday, May 26th the Memorial Day parade will step off from the Lucky Dawg at 1:00 pm and proceed to Town Memorial Park at First Church by 1:30 pm. Ms. Osborne advised that any Veteran or public official who meets the trolley at 12:15 pm at First Church can obtain a ride to the Lucky Dawg start; Veteran's are welcome to ride in the Trolley on the parade route. Mr. David McPhillips read the Memorial Day Proclamation from Governor Deval Patrick.

COMCAST: REPORT ON LOCAL OFFICE CLOSING

Mr. Trabucco advised that the scheduled representative was unable to attend and will reschedule to another date, to be announced.

CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF DPW DIRECTOR: SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mr. Boyle moved to approve the list as recommended by DPW Director Eugene Fulmine, Jr. of 19 items as listed to be declared surplus property. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER FARM STAND PERMIT REQUEST: DAVID NASH, 47 MATTAKESETT STREET

Mr. Boyle moved to grant the application of David Nash for a Roadside Stand Permit for a farm stand at 47 Mattakesett Street, renewable annually, to be exercised daily from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm June 1-August 31, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm September 1-September 30 and 8:00 am to 6:00 pm October 1-October 31. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2014

Mr. Stone requested that the dollar amount in the textile recycling revenue to schools be adjusted to reflect “\$3,246.75 (or \$2,500 plus an additional \$846.75 from a special contest).” Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of May 12, 2014 as amended. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion; the vote was four in favor with Mr. Boulter present and not voting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thorne updated the Board on the vote taken last week to enter into negotiations with ABC Disposal/New Bedford Waste Services, LLC to develop an agreement for solid waste disposal for the Town of Pembroke to begin July 1, 2014. Mr. Thorne requested that the Board vote a proposed length of term. Discussion ensued. Mr. Stone, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Boulter and Ms. Burt stated a preference for a five year term with two five year extensions. Mr. Trabucco advised that a ten year contract allows for long range budgeting for the town and asked for the advantages of a five year term. Mr. Boulter suggested that a five year term could be in the best interests of the town whereby there are rapid changes in this field. Mr. Thorne advised that the numbers will remain the same and the 2½% escalators would be incorporated into the two year extensions. Mr. Stone moved to have the Town enter into an agreement with New Bedford Waste Services for a five year contract with two five year extensions at the Town’s option. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Thorne stated that he met with Town Department Heads on Friday; he gave each a packet of information regarding the DOR Report and the relevant outstanding issues that will be taken up this summer. Mr. Trabucco requested that Mr. Thorne’s office forward any updates on progress to the Town Government Study Committee to avoid duplicating efforts.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Stone received an email from a resident concerning the Town’s flags and when they are at half-staff. The resident was disappointed that specific flags on specific days were not lowered as they should have been. Mr. Stone advised that the current policy followed by the Town was provided by the Veteran’s Agent; it is a policy originally crafted by Everett Reed that lists when and how flags will be flown at different locations and holidays. Mr. Stone confirmed that gubernatorial and presidential order dictates the lowering of all flags. Mr. Stone confirmed that the Veteran’s Agent oversees the five flags in the center at the Town Hall, Town Memorial Green, Council on Aging, Library and Police Station. Mr. McPhillips will ensure that everyone has a copy of the policy and any communications received by the state as they are received.

Mr. Trabucco stated that the cellular pole at 360 Washington Street that flies a flag has been repeatedly damaged and is pending repair by the owner; he requested an update as to its status. Mr. Thorne advised that Crown Colony is performing additional repairs but the flag is expected to be up by Memorial Day. Mr. Stone and Mr. Trabucco confirmed that the owner of the pole is required to maintain the flag, but they understand that there is an additional burden due to its size and location.

UPCOMING ISSUES

Mr. Trabucco stated that there will be no meeting next Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day and he encouraged all residents to enjoy the parade and ceremony. On June 16 and June 30 the Board will be considering reappointments to the Towns boards, committees and commissions.

At 7:30 pm, Mr. Stone moved to enter executive session 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. Mr. Trabucco so declared and Mr. Boulter seconded the motion.

By roll call vote: Mr. Boyle - yes, Ms. Burt - yes, Mr. Stone – yes, Mr. Boulter – yes, Mr. Trabucco – yes.