

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JUNE 2, 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), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Trabucco thanked the Town Memorial Committee and all participants in the Memorial Day festivities. Mr. Stone announced that Pembroke has many different Boards, Committees and Commissions that meet regularly to conduct business on behalf of the Town and the only Boards that have televised meetings are the weekly meetings of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Boards public hearings. The Board of Selectmen strongly encourages the other elected and appointed officials in the Town to hold meetings in the Veteran's Hall for broadcast to the residents of Pembroke.

**7:00 SUSAN ROCHE, RECREATION DIRECTOR: UPDATE ON VARIOUS PROJECTS**

Ms. Roche was unable to attend due to illness; this item will be rescheduled.

**CONSIDER THE RESIGNATION OF GORDON MARTIN, RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the resignation of Gordon Martin from the Recycling Committee with regret. Mr. Stone seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2014**

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of May 19, 2014 as written. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stone stated that PACTV has repositioned the cameras in the Veterans Hall which should improve the viewer's experience. Mr. Stone shared an article published by Verizon wherein the corporate investing of \$400 million in Massachusetts for fiber optic service and equipment improvements was noted. Ms. Alison Cole was also noted as New England Regional President of Consumer and Mass Markets, instrumental to this investment. Other communities were mentioned; Mr. Stone requested that the Board send a letter requesting her to provide an update as to the status of Verizon's investment in fiber optic service and equipment in Pembroke. Mr. Trabucco instructed Mr. Thorne to draft such a letter and send it out on behalf of the Board.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne updated the Board on the meeting of the Financial Management Committee. Mr. Thorne stated that two recommendations will be discussed in executive session as they pertain to collective bargaining, but another recommendation concerns setting a goal for preliminary revenue estimates for FY16 to be further discussed at the next meeting. Additionally, budget worksheets will be distributed next month to the town departments which will have a cover letter from the Town Administrator with instructions to provide a level service budget as opposed to a level funded budget which would allow the departments to account for their current personnel and pay scales. On an upcoming agenda, Mr. Thorne will schedule an item for discussion concerning non-union personnel and retirees and their health insurance contribution rates; the town's goal in other departments has been a gradual increase to 25%. Mr. Thorne also advised that a proposed 40B project has been submitted for comment by the Board and he is looking toward June 16<sup>th</sup> to schedule public comment.

**ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Boulter stated that Herring Fisheries is looking into recent reports of dead fish near the ponds; they are verifying that this is a natural occurring annual event and not something else.

**UPCOMING ISSUES**

Mr. Trabucco stated that on June 16 and June 30 the Board will be considering reappointments to the Towns boards, committees and commissions. On June 16<sup>th</sup> the Board will hold public comment on Downwind Realty's application for site eligibility for Copper Woods Circle.

At 7:20 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. Boyle seconded the motion.

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