

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

PRESENT: Daniel Trabucco (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Willard Boulter, Jr. (Selectman), Michelle Burt (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Richard Wall (Police Chief), John McKeown (PHA Executive Director), Brian Van Riper (CPC Chairman), Mark BurrIDGE (Pembroke Mariner Express), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

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

7:00 CONSIDER DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION PERMIT REQUEST: DEPENDABLE CLEANERS, BRANDON BRADSHAW

Applicant has requested that item be postponed until the Board's next available meeting.

7:10 POLICE CHIEF RICHARD WALL: RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT RICHARD TENORE, REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY(IES), APPOINT SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

Chief Wall was present before the Board to announcement the retirement of Officer Richard Tenore effective September 16, 2014 after twenty seven years; he was a Permanent Intermittent Officer from May 6, 1987 and became a full-time officer September 7, 1995. The Chief has requested that he be appointed a SPO effective September 17; Mr. Boyle moved to appoint Officer Richard Tenore as Special Police Officer at the recommendation of Chief Wall effective September 17, 2014; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Chief Wall further stated that he requests that the Board call for a Civil Service List to fill the full-time Police Officer vacancy and to fill up to six to eight Permanent Intermittent Officers to address upcoming retirements. Mr. Boyle moved to call for a Civil Service List at the recommendation of Chief Wall; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. The Chief updated the Board of traffic updates surrounding road repairs on Route 27 from Christina Marie Drive to the Kingston Town Line and road construction and culvert repair on Elm Street. Mr. Trabucco inquired as to allowable use of E-911 (reverse 911) system and asked if chemical treatment of the ponds met the public safety standard required for its use. The Chief advised that the system is restricted to public health and safety concerns only.

7:20 PEMBROKE HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN MCKEOWN: WARRANT DISCUSSION

Mr. John McKeown introduced himself to the Board; he has recently been appointed as the Executive Director to the Pembroke Housing Authority. He has begun work in addressing the lack of facilities and pronged wait for elderly, disabled, veterans and section eight housing. He has submitted an application to the CPC requesting CPA funding of an initiative to create a plan and develop an additional forty-eight units. He seeks approximately \$60,000 for engineering and site plans. Mr. Van Riper was present to state that he is calling a meeting of the CPC to consider this application. Ms. Burt and Mr. Boyle voiced their support of this initiative; Mr. Trabucco advised that the BOS will consider reopening the warrant for inclusion of an amended CPC article should the Committee vote favorably on this item. Mr. Boulter asked if this item could wait for ATM in April; Mr. McKeown stated that timing critical in implementing the five year plan that the PHA has developed he hopes site plan and engineering will be well underway or complete by ATM to allow the PHA to apply to begin the building process. Mr. Boyle asked how many units the PHA has at this time; Mr. McKeown stated there are currently approximately 250 units in total. Mr. Thorne confirmed that the Town is 22 units short of a 10% rate of affordable housing.

CONSIDER APPLICANT TO PEMBROKE CULTURAL COUNCIL: LYDIA HALE

Mr. Boyle moved to appoint Lydia Hale of 374 High Street to the Pembroke Cultural Council. Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER APPLICANT TO PEMBROKE DRUG PREVENTION COALITION: DONNA BAGNI

Mr. Boyle moved to appoint Donna Bagni of 68 Dwelley Street to the Pembroke Drug Prevention Coalition. Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR THE USE OF TOWN ROADS: PEF “BOOTACULAR” 5K ROAD RACE FUNDRAISER

Mr. Boyle moved to approve the use of the Town’s roads on October 26, 2014 at 9:00 am for the Pembroke Education Foundation 5k road race fundraiser pending the approval of the Chief of Police and the DPW. Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2014

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the minutes of August 25, 2014; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor, none opposed with Mr. Boulter abstaining from the vote. Vote 3/0/1.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Thorne updated the Board on news from the Town Treasurer; the Town’s bond rating has improved to a rating of AA (double-A). Mr. Thorne gave special thanks to Kathleen Buckley, Cathy Salmon and Mike Buckley for working to provide Standard and Poor with an accurate snapshot of the Town’s finances. Additionally, Mr. Thorne updated the Board on two separate pond improvement funding mechanisms passed in the legislature; \$50,000 has been awarded to Pembroke and \$150,000 has been awarded to Plymouth County. Mr. Thorne has confirmed that Hanson will receive a significant amount of that money and they have chosen to fund improvements to Oldham Pond and its cleanup. Mr. Thorne drew the Board’s attention to the CPC project article on the warrant; the CPC has recommended funding pond cleanup without having to access the general fund. Mr. Thorne stated that he and Chairman Trabucco attended the dedication of Furnace Pond Beach where there was a great turnout. All present were appreciative of the Town’s efforts to improve the area and many positive suggestions were shared by the neighboring residents. Mr. Trabucco stated that residents’ concerns focused on potential of change to local traffic and the landscape of the area. Residents were assured that the atmosphere of the area will be improved without changing the dynamic and the town strives to maintain a balance; all are encouraged to join the Pembroke watershed Association.

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Mr. Boyle thanked Representative Cutler, Ray and Diane Holman and Hal and Deb Johnson for contributions toward the Town’s ponds through legislative initiatives and work through the PWA. Visibility is greatly improved in the Town’s ponds but there is more work ahead. Mr. Boulter stated a resident of Mattakesett Street has requested a commitment from the town on a future date of road repair to his street; Mr. Trabucco requested that an updated pavement management schedule showing the town’s roads listed in order of scheduled repair be placed on the town’s website. Mr. Boulter stated he previously has requested a crosswalk be placed at the Pondview Avenue intersection at Mattakesett Street and there is no progress to date; Mr. Trabucco requested that the Town Administrator inquire as to the procedures for creating a sidewalk and what regulations apply.

UPCOMING ISSUES

Mr. Trabucco stated that on September 15th, a representative from Comcast will be present at 7:00pm, an announcement about Karaoke on the Green will be made and a joint appointment will be considered for the Advisory Committee. On September 22nd there will be a review of the Pembroke Drug Prevention Coalition as a town committee and three public hearings regarding street acceptance of Seltsam Way, Stone Rudge Lane, Canoe Club Lane, Sparrow Lane, Bluejay Way, Cardinal Circle, Blackbird Drive, and Robin Terrace beginning at 7:10 pm.

At 7:40 pm, Mr. Boyle moved to enter into executive session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and to consider the purchase, exchange lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; Mr. Trabucco declared it so. Ms. Burt seconded the motion; the vote: Mr. Boyle – yes, Mr. Boulter – yes, Ms. Burt – yes, Mr. Trabucco – yes.