

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Daniel Trabucco (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Willard Boulter, Jr. (Selectman), Michelle Burt (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Brendan Perry, Kevin O'Keefe, Catherine Maloney, Hilary Wilson, Timothy Brennan, Stephen Dodge (Town Moderator), Linda Peterson (Advisory Chairman), James McCollum, Mark Burrige (Pembroke Mariner Express), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Trabucco called the meeting to order. Cub Scout Brendan Perry from Pack 105 was present to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Perry requested permission on behalf of Pack 105 to sell popcorn door to door to raise funds for his troop. Mr. Boulter moved to grant permission for Pack 105 to sell popcorn door to door in the Town of Pembroke; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Kevin O'Keefe was present to announce that Karaoke on the Green will occur on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**7:00 COMCAST SR.MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CATHY MALONEY: LOCAL OFFICE CLOSURE**

Ms. Maloney was present before the Board at the Selectmen's request to discuss the closure of the Marshfield office in May. Ms. Maloney explained that contracts no longer address local offices as call centers have changed business practices. The largest call center in the area is in Plymouth and residents who prefer not to drive there can return equipment two other ways; they can use UPS or request a tech pickup. If a resident goes to a UPS store to ship back equipment, there is no charge; if they call for a UPS home pickup, there is a cost associated. Mr. Stone expressed disappointment in the decrease of service level without a local office. Ms. Maloney stated Comcast recognizes that quality customer service is the key to success. Mr. Hilary Wilson shared his experience with a representative out of state that informed him that the replacement of a previously free backup power supply was now going to cost Mr. Wilson \$25 plus a shipping charge. Ms. Maloney assured him she would research the necessity of having a backup power supply and the change in the cost and she promised to respond to Mr. Wilson.

**7:30 JOINT APPOINTMENT REQUEST: TIMOTHY BRENNAN, ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Dodge moved to appoint Timothy Brennan of 28 Beverly Way to the Advisory Committee for a three year term; Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Dodge voted in favor; Ms. Peterson advised that the Advisory Committee voted in favor of Mr. Brennan's appointment.

**CONSIDER APPOINTMENT: ALTERNATE, HERRING FISHERIES COMMISSION, ROB ADAMS**

Mr. Boyle moved to appoint Rob Adams of 358 Oldham Street as the alternate to the Herring Fisheries Commission; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**REVIEW OF THE STM WARRANT ARTICLES**

Mr. Thorne briefly reviewed the articles as submitted; there was brief discussion about article one which contains capital items. Articles two and three still need additional language and amounts. Article four is a routine article to fund separation pay benefits; the Town Accountant is recommending an allocation of \$100,000. Article five's routine stabilization transfer has a recommendation from the Town Accountant of \$25,000. Article six establishes a Silver Lake stabilization fund at the recommendation of the DOR; article seven is the OPEB liability fund to fund the \$52m liability. The Town Accountant is recommending a transfer of \$60,000 of free cash. Article eight balances the budget by providing for the snow and ice deficit of \$585,068; article nine would fund the DPW contract. Articles ten, eleven and twelve amend the Wage and Classification Compensation By-Law to bring them up to the level of the union contracts. Articles thirteen,

fourteen and fifteen are street acceptances that the BOS will hold public hearings on next week, and article sixteen are Community Preservation projects.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the minutes of September 8, 2014; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor, none opposed with Mr. Stone abstaining from the vote. Vote 4/0/1.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stone asked for a volunteer to attend September 25, 2014 Plymouth County Advisory Board's meeting at 7:00 pm in Plymouth. Mr. Boyle agreed to attend. Mr. Trabucco suggested the BOS have a rotating member commit through the Town Administrator's office through the executive assistant each month to attend this important meeting,

**UPCOMING ISSUES**

Mr. Trabucco stated that on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 7:55 pm, Mr. Stone 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; Mr. Trabucco declared it so. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion; the vote: Mr. Boyle – yes, Mr. Boulter – yes, Ms. Burt – yes, Mr. Stone – yes, Mr. Trabucco – yes.