

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 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), David McPhillips (Veterans' Agent), Linda Osborne (Town Memorial Committee), David Shea, Peter Brown, Shawn Moloney, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Council on Aging announces that the Activity Room will be closed during the week of November 24 through November 28, 2014 while the floors are refinished. The Council on Aging's offices and the Meals on Wheels program will be open and run as scheduled Monday through Wednesday, November 24 through November 26. The COA will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and November 28, in observance of Thanksgiving.

**7:00 TOWN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: UPDATE ON VETERANS' DAY ACTIVITIES**

Chairman Linda Osborne was present before the Board to announce that the annual Veteran's Day celebration will be held Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Pembroke Community Middle School with the High School chorus and several speakers. Refreshments will follow provided by the American Legion Post 143 Arthur Briggs Church Post. Veteran's Agent David McPhillips read the Governor's proclamation.

**7:10 DAVID SHEA, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: REVIEW OF PERMIT DENIAL**

Mr. Shea was present before the Board representing the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce on behalf of member Shawn Moloney of SPM Enterprises, a landscaping and tree service. Mr. Moloney was not granted a door-to-door solicitation permit on October 6 by a BOS vote of 3-2. Mr. Shea read the by-law that addresses soliciting permits and concedes it is vague and specifies no criteria for approval. Mr. Shea stated that he is present to request that the BOS reconsider their decision. Discussion ensued; Mr. Boyle stated that he and Selectman Trabucco were not on the prevailing side, therefore they cannot move to reconsider the vote. Ms. Burt stated that her constituents have requested that she not support the issuance of door-to-door solicitation permits and she does not, and she will not move to reconsider. Mr. Stone concurred and stated he is representing residents who are particularly vulnerable when home alone. Mr. Boulter stated he doesn't support commercial door-to-door solicitation permits as there are less invasive ways of approaching residents and the residents have stated that they don't want the permits issued. Mr. Trabucco stated that the permit is available and needs to be considered on a case by case basis while weighing each applicant's merits and qualifications. Mr. Boulter recommended that the BOS bring an article to ATM in April to ban the practice of door-to-door solicitation. Mr. Stone stated that the current bylaw doesn't state that the BOS is required to issue the permit or explain their decision. Mr. Trabucco summarized that Mr. Moloney may make a new application or proceed to appeal through the avenues available under law but there is no vote to reconsider.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of November 3, 2014 as written; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stone stated that the BOS has requested that town's boards, committees and commissions comply with Open Meeting Law and post their agendas on the town website, and further to post approved minutes on the website for the residents of Pembroke to have access. Mr. Trabucco tasked the Town Administrator with sending a letter to each appointed board reminding them of the requirement and to each elected board to request their compliance. Mr. Stone stated that a report will be generated by the OCPC on the results of the safety audit conducted at the intersection of Plain and Lake Streets.

**ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Trabucco stated that he read an article regarding New England Village and their federal funding source, which is in jeopardy. He requested that the Town Administrator, on behalf of the BOS, reach out to the chairman or director of New England Village to see if the BOS can assist them by appeal to Pembroke's legislators on their behalf.

**UPCOMING ISSUES**

November 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation from Power Options and on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm the Board of Assessors will be present in a public tax classification hearing for FY15.

At 7:40 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; 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 so declared and Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

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