

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

PRESENT: Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Selectman), Michelle L. Burt (Selectman), Michael Buckley (Town Accountant), Lenny Lapham, Libby Bates (Assessor), Cathy Salmon (Chief Assessor), Nick Zechello, Jr. (Energy Committee), Alan Peterson, Ann Marie Stanton, Winthrop Sargent, Matt Dovell, Art Egerton, Mark Burrige (Pembroke Mariner Express), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Trabucco called the meeting to order. Lenny Lapham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:00 LENNY LAPHAM: EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REQUEST

Eagle Scout candidate Lenny Lapham was present before the Board to request permission to clear an existing, overgrown 2.1 mile trail from Route 27 to Plain Street and install a white oak boardwalk twenty (20) yards in on the trail. Discussion ensued on his project and his meetings with Conservation; he will work closely with the Commission and has received their permission. Mr. Boyle moved to approve Lenny Lapham's Eagle Scout Project as presented; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

7:05 SOLAR DISCUSSION

Nick Zechello, Jr. was present with members of the Energy Committee to explain their process to arrive at a recommendation to choose Power Options to facilitate the landfill solar project with their developer Sun Edison. Mr. Zechello stated that the committee researched issuing an RFP and began preparing bid documents when they discovered an issue with a net metering cap of 5% which could impact the project. Many technical questions arose and the committee reached out to our consortium for energy, Power Options. They have pre-negotiated many of the terms based on the buying power of many communities; additionally, the project could be submitted under the present net metering cap. Mr. Trabucco voiced his desire to negotiate the best deal for Pembroke, and his concern regarding the risk introduced through the bidding process should the low bidder be irresponsible or unqualified. Mr. Zechello stated that the majority of projects stall due to financing and Power Options guarantees project financing. Discussion ensued on the failure of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council program. Mr. Boulter moved to continue the discussions until the next meeting when Seth Pickering of the Department of Energy Resources can be present; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CLOSE FY15 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Chief Assessor Cathy Salmon was present to advise the Board that the tax rate has been certified at \$14.74 and to request that the public hearing be closed. Mr. Boyle moved to close the November 24th FY15 Tax Classification Hearing; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT: MATTHEW DOVELL, 25 FOUR WINDS DRIVE TO ENERGY COMMITTEE

Mr. Stone moved to appoint Matt Dovell to the Energy Committee; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Winthrop Sargent requested to speak on the matter of selecting a developer for the solar project at the landfill. Mr. Sargent stated that the RFP process would award the project to the lowest bidder which is not always in the best interest of the town; he recommended that the town procure a local agent, explore credit function and cut the risk factor. Mr. Sargent stated that the project will not work without 1.50 debt service coverage.

CONSIDER VOTE TO ACCEPT LAND DONATION: 71 PLYMOUTH STREET, PARCEL A4-2

Mr. Thorne stated the donor is not ready & requested this be tabled; Mr. Boyle moved to table this item. Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER VOTE TO ACCEPT LAND DONATION: HOBOMOCK STREET, D6-5 LOT #1

Ms. Salmon stated that she was asked to review the draft deed for this donation. Ms. Salmon stated that the subdivision plan was completed as requested and was filed last week. Ms. Salmon stated that she still has questions regarding the language concerning the donation for \$1 and “other considerations” which are not defined and also concerns regarding the potential cost sharing for which the owner of the parcel would be responsible to restore the wetlands. Ms. Salmon stated that the easement from the federal government, in perpetuity, outlines what can and cannot be done on the property and that will not change regardless of who owns the land. Mr. Trabucco asked how much the land currently generates in tax revenue annually; Ms. Salmon stated \$6,900. Ms. Burt confirmed that any new owner in the future cannot develop the property; Ms. Salmon confirmed that they cannot and the easement is in perpetuity. Mr. Stone stated he would like time to review the easement more thoroughly; Mr. Boyle moved to table this item until the next meeting. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2014

Mr. Stone move to accept the minutes of December 1, 2014 as written; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Stone requested that the Chairman schedule further discussion of the posting of agendas and minutes by town boards, committees and commissions on the town website. Mr. Trabucco so ordered.

At 7:55 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.