

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 18, 2023**

PRESENT: Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), Tracy Marino (Vice Chair), John G. Brown, Jr. (Clerk), Rebecca Coletta (Selectwoman), Steven Ciciotti (Selectman), William Chenard (Town Manager), Bob DeMarzo, Stephen Curley, Linda Peterson, Don Bryant, and others.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Trabucco opened the meeting with the Chairman's statement. Mr. Brown announced that on January 26 at 6pm in the Veteran's Hall, the American Legion had invited an Iwo Jima Veteran who would read a poem and take pictures. Ms. Marino announced that the Pembroke SEPAC was hosting a mental health fair on January 21 at the Pembroke Public Library from 10:30am-1:30pm.

JOINT POLE HEARING: PETITION OF MASS ELECTRIC CO. & VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC PLAN #30590304 DATED DECEMBER 19, 2022, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) POLE ON SCHOOSSETT ST BETWEEN P4 AND P5

National Grid stated that the intent was to install a new pole on Schoosett Street. Mr. Brown asked the impact to 139, National Grid stated that the new pole would help repair lines faster in a weather event, there will be a police detail during construction.

Ms. Marino moved to grant approval to National Grid and Verizon on their petition requesting permission for a joint installation of one pole on Schoosett Street, Pole #4-50 in accordance with plan #30590304 dated July 11, 2022, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE UPDATED RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDED MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS AND HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS APPROVED BY MEMA AND FEMA (ORIGINALLY VOTED APRIL 6, 2022)

Mr. Chenard detailed the plan for the board and the public. He stated that the main purpose was to identify the town's vulnerabilities and make a plan so that the town would be prepared for any kind of event that may impact those vulnerabilities. FEMA approved the plan with changes that require a new vote from the board. Mr. Trabucco spoke of a snowstorm and water contamination as examples of how this plan helps the town. Ms. Coletta asked how often the plan is updated because it would help the town with grants, Mr. Chenard stated that it is updated every 10 years.

Ms. Marino moved that the Select Board vote to adopt the Pembroke Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness & Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by FEMA and authorize the Town Manager to sign the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE TO OPEN AND CLOSE 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANTS

Ms. Coletta moved to open the annual town meeting warrant on February 6, 2023, and further to open the special within the annual town meeting warrant on February 13, 2023, and to close all town meeting warrants on February 17, 2023, at 12pm noon, seconded by Mr. Ciciotti, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE VOTE: SUPPORT OF COMMUTER RAIL COMMUNITIES' COALITION LETTER TO INVEST IN COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM

Mr. Ciciotti stated that he would request more specifics regarding the letter before signing. Ms. Marino agreed with Mr. Ciciotti. Mr. Brown would like more information as well. Mr. Chenard stated that the letter came from the Communities' Coalition, who are sponsoring improvements to the MBTA. He stated that typically the town would support this type of thing, but he did agree that it was lacking specific details. Mr. Trabucco was not in favor of the letter. He discussed why he was not supportive of the letter, including the cost versus the benefit to the town. Ms. Coletta stated that she disagreed with Mr. Trabucco. Discussion

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ensued for both perspectives of the public transportation issue. Mr. Trabucco was in favor of more information being provided and reopening the discussion. Mr. Chenard agreed to ask the coalition to provide more information. Mr. Brown moved to table this issue to a future date, seconded by Mr. Ciciotti, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE ON APPLICATION OF BARREL HOUSE Z (LIQUOR CATERER) FOR MGL C. 138 §14 SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE AT CITY ARENA, 708 WASHINGTON ST ON FEBRUARY 4, 2023, FROM 4PM TO 8PM FOR PEMBROKE PTO FUNDRAISER

A spokesperson detailed the Bryantville PTO’s event at City Arena on February 2, 2023. All proceeds would go towards the Bryantville Elementary PTO.

Mr. Ciciotti moved to approve the request of Barrel House Z for a One Day Liquor License under MGL c. 138 subsection 14 to serve beer and wine from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on February 2, 2023, at 708 Washington Street, seconded by Ms. Marino, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE: LIBRARY NAMING RIGHTS

Mr. DeMarzo spoke as the president of the Friends of the Pembroke Public Library, he explained the role of the friends which was to help raise funds for equipment, etc. for the library foundation to use for the building. He stated that he was before the board because the friends had received questions about the library sections being named after an individual for a substantial contribution to fund. Discussion ensued among board members and Mr. DeMarzo. Mr. Chenard informed the board that naming rights were the discretion the board and encouraged the board to consider allowing it. Mr. Trabucco polled the board regarding this issue, all board members were in favor of receiving more information when it was available and taking a vote at that time to name the library section after a donor.

VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, AND DECEMBER 21, 2022, AND JANUARY 4, 2023

Ms. Marino Made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7 and December 21, 2022, as well as January 4, 2023, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT: BECKY MALAMUT, NSRWA STEERING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION: LUDDAMS FORD DAM

This presentation has been postponed to a future meeting date.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Chenard updated the board on the community center project; he stated that it is on schedule and on budget. Asbestos removal and demolition were completed. He detailed a few other updates and parts of the project scheduled to be completed at the end of the month.

Mr. Chenard updated the board on the Congress Street culvert; it was approved by Mass DEP. The plan was submitted to the Army Core of Engineers for review.

LIAISON UPDATES

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENT

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Mr. Cogliano of Old Washington Street discussed vocational education opportunities with the board. He stated that South Shore Vo-Tech would be presenting to the School Committee on February 7 and that there would likely be an article forthcoming for town meeting regarding joining the school. Mr. Cogliano requested that the board allow Mr. Chenard to speak with the Superintendent to allow the Select Board to attend the School Committee presentation. Discussion between Mr. Cogliano and the board ensued. Board members were in favor of attending the presentation by South Shore Vo-Tech to the School Committee.

A member of the public, Katie, reached out to South Shore Vo-Tech regarding Pembroke membership. She discussed Vo-Tech's response and what the process would need to be for Pembroke to attempt to join. Discussion ensued regarding students applying and not being approved to attend.

Kelly Webster detailed her sons' experiences attending South Shore Vo-Tech as a Pembroke student. She would support a buy-in to the school. Ms. Marino was in favor of starting the process to become a member.

Ms. Coletta suggested forming a regional school committee sooner than later. Mr. Chenard agreed to reach out to the school for the board to attend the February 7th meeting of the School Committee.

Mr. Dana Bean of Fairway Lane spoke to the board regarding the October town meeting in which the Brave Act was passed. He stated that his application under that Act would not be accepted until fiscal year 2024. Mr. Chenard stated that he spoke with Town Counsel stated that the Board of Assessors do have jurisdiction over that decision. If the application is denied, Mr. Bean would need to appeal it. Ms. Coletta stated she would advocate for this issue with the Board of Assessors and would like the board to do that as well.

Ms. Marino discussed the flag at the fire station at the intersection of route 14 and route 53. Mr. Trabucco stated that it is a cell phone tower, and there was an agreement that the cell phone company would remove the flag in the winter, Mr. Chenard has reached out to the company, and they will be removing it as they erect a new tower.

Mr. Chenard informed the board that he would be at Jury Duty the following day, and if there were any issues to please speak with Assistant Town Manager Sabrina Chilcott.

Mr. Brown thanked the employees of the town for their service to the community.

At 8:18pm, Mr. Trabucco read the upcoming issues, and asked for motion to adjourn, Mr. Ciciotti moved to adjourn, Ms. Coletta seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

MVP/HMP (TM Office)

Commuter Rail Communities Coalition Letter (TM Office)

Application of Barrel House Z, One Day Liquor License (TM Office)

Minutes (TM Office)

Pole Hearing Application (TM Office)