

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Gregory M. Hanley (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Michael Ohrenberger (Police Chief), Richard Wall (Police Sergeant), Susan Roche (Recreation Director), Kyle Harney, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), Erika Christianson (PACTV Cable), Mike Melanson (Pembroke Mariner Express), Charlie Matthewson (WATD) and others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Message from the Town Clerk, MaryAnn Smith: Absentee ballots are now available for the November 6<sup>th</sup> election. Voting hours are from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday and Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please call 781-709-1403 with any questions.

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> is Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Pembroke Recycling Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please contact the Selectmen's office for a list of acceptable and unacceptable items at 781-293-3844.

**7:15 KYLE HARNEY, TREELIGHTING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kyle Harney was present before the Board requesting an update on the Treelighting Committee's \$3,000 funding request from their appearance before the Board on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hanley stated that the request was referred to the Advisory Committee for a recommendation. Mr. Thorne stated there is a \$2,000 request in Article 1 for Christmas lights under "Park Improvements". Mr. Harney inquired as to what more they can do to support the funding; Mr. Hanley suggested Mr. Harney attend the Advisory Committee meeting and speak to the allocation, then ensure supporters attend Town Meeting and vote for the article.

**DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY CENTER AND SURROUNDING AREA VANDALISM**

Mr. Boyle stated that he requested this be addressed as the past incidents have now become epidemic with broken windows and vandalized bandstand, playground and basketball courts. Mr. Boyle stated he would like to see the Board of Selectmen give the Incoming Police Chief a chance to respond before the Board of Selectmen takes action. Photographs and a letter from the Recreation Director itemizing some of the expenses incurred were reviewed. Ms. Roche stated that she would like residents and parents notified of the circumstances to prevent having to close the facilities in the evenings. Chief Wall stated that Community Outreach will be large factor; patrols in the area will speak with children spending time at these areas to help educate them and monitor the situation. Mr. Stone noted the graffiti and its nature and stated it must be curtailed. Mr. Stone additionally stated he will support giving the Chief more time to handle the situation but the Board will act if necessary. Mr. Boyle stated that in the past, children's parents have been invoiced for the damage they have perpetrated on Town property.

**SIGN 2012 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Mr. Thorne requested that this item be postponed until next Monday evening. Mr. Boyle moved to postpone the signing of the warrant until Monday, October 29, 2012. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Stone requested that the Board of Selectmen take a position on the petition article as opposed to the Indefinite Postponement that was voted last week; it is now Article 18. Discussion ensued. Mr. Stone moved to vote the recommendation of Unfavorable Action on the petition article, Article 18; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of September 10, 2012 as presented; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of September 17, 2012 as presented; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne reported that the Civil War Encampment and Military Weekend went very well. Mr. Hanley stated several residents have requested that the Fireworks become an annual event. Mr. Boyle and Mr. Stone both thanked and praised the entire 300<sup>th</sup> Committee. Mr. Harney stated the next event will be the Pembroke High School Concert where residents will hear an original symphonic piece composed by Mr. Austin Glass called "Mattakeesett".

## **ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Stone stated he has received a letter from a resident of Standish Street stating that the resurfacing of the road has caused issues with the entrances to driveways. Mr. Stone referred the matter to the DPW Director and plans are being made to correct some issues there. Additionally, Mr. Stone received a letter from a resident on Plymouth Street inquiring about home business regulations. Mr. Stone referred this matter to Zoning Enforcement Officer George Verry. Mr. Trabucco met with a resident at 175 Oldham Street; the pole in front of his home was damaged two years ago and the gusset supporting the pole is on his property. Mr. Trabucco moved that be a letter sent to Verizon and National Grid requesting they repair or replace Pole #69 at 175 Oldham Street as soon as possible; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco additionally stated that the residents have an issue with vehicles speeding in the area; Mr. Trabucco moved to request of Chief Wall that the traffic trailer be moved to the corner of Oldham at West Elm Street. Mr. Stone seconded the request. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco explained that the residents would like the DPW to review the signage for changes. Mr. Trabucco moved to request that a stop sign be placed in lieu of the yield sign that sits on the corner of West Elm Street when a resident is taking a right onto Oldham Street. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, 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.

Roll call vote: Boyle, yes - Trabucco, yes – Stone, yes - Hanley, yes.