

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Gregory M. Hanley (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice Chair), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Eugene Fulmine (DPW Director), Tom Irving (DPW Commissioner), Dan Taylor (Planning Board Chairman), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), Michael Melanson (Pembroke Mariner Express), Erika Christianson (PACTV Cable), and others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The DPW has released a curbside brush chipping schedule by precinct. From April 15-April 23 they will chip precinct one, from April 24-May 3 they will chip precinct two, from May 6-May 24 they will chip precinct three, from May 28-June 5 they will chip precinct four and from June 14-June 28 they will chip precinct five. They have requested that all brush be placed at the curb, butt ends facing out. Message from the Town Clerk: Absentee ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's office. Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to register to vote in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Meeting at PHS and April 27<sup>th</sup> Town Election; the Town Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 pm for that purpose only. All five precincts have polling hour from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote for the April 30<sup>th</sup> Special Election; the Town Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 pm for that purpose only. Call 781-709-1403 with any questions.

**SIGN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Mr. Boulter moved to sign the Annual Town Meeting warrant as printed; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER THE USE OF THOMAS READING MEMORIAL PARK AT THE HERRING RUN FOR THE ANNUAL GRAND OLE FISH FRY, PEMBROKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Mr. Boyle moved to grant the request of the Pembroke Historical Society for the use of Thomas Reading Memorial Park at the Herring Run on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. Mr. Boulter read a letter from the Division of Marine Fisheries determining the spawning cycle for the herring in the spring is denoted as from April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>; he inquired as to whether the Pembroke Historical Society sought permits for water activities as this event falls during the spawning season. Mr. Hanley requested that a letter be sent to the Pembroke Historical Society to inquire as to whether or not their permits are in order.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stone inquired as to an update on the Liberty Drive refinancing. Mr. Boyle stated that the BOS is waiting to hear back from Kopelman and Paige. Mr. Hanley requested Mr. Thorne follow up with counsel. Mr. Stone requested a further update on the Olde Home Day Fair permit request by the First Church; a conditional permit letter was sent out to the attention of Gail Sim.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne updated the Board on the outcome of the Cash Management meeting on Wednesday. The attendees were in agreement of the fact that the Town needs to look at long range capital planning. Mr. Thorne sent out a memo to all department heads requesting that they review their current five year capital plan as well as their five year capital and operational plan from last summer. The departments will provide their recommendations, updates, additions, deletions, etc. to both plans so the planning process can move forward. Mr. Trabucco stated that the common comment among participants was the issues that each town department faces getting their capital items funded. As a result, more frequently situations become an emergency capital funding as a result. Mr. Trabucco stated the goal is to develop each department's true capital expenses in a plan with the goal of funding it each year, identifying funding needs/means in advance of ATM.

Mr. Boyle called the Board's attention to the letter from the Town of Norton supporting a homerule petition addressing Affordable Housing. Affordable Housing unit numbers by Town are calculated at the number of units each Town actually has and this homerule petition proposes to change that figure to calculate the number of units the Town has approved. Mr. Thorne clarified that the ZBA may approve a project, but if a building permit is not pulled, the numbers do not count toward a Town's inventory although the units have been approved and are committed. Mr. Trabucco and Mr. Stone voiced their support of this proposal.

#### **DPW DIRECTOR & COMMISSIONERS: WATER MAIN & ROAD REPAIR UPDATES**

Mr. Fulmine was present before the Board to review Woodbine Avenue's water issues. Mr. Fulmine advised that this project is not on the Water Department's capital plan at this time but the plan is being updated. The cost to repair the water issues there would be approximately \$45,000; additionally, he stated these are not water main leaks or breaks, they are individual tapping saddles failing. The water main is PVC but the water main is in the water table and individual tapping saddles are rotting off. Pavement reclamation for that area, including Woodbine Avenue, Oak Terrace, Pine, Cedar and Shepherd, would cost approximately \$160,000. Mr. Fulmine further advised that the Bonney Street area is designed and engineered, but won't be shovel ready until \$1.5m can be bonded to pay for it. Mr. Fulmine concluded that the issues concerning both areas are lack of funding. He updated the Board on the brush pick up scheduling efforts; will start mid April and progress through the month of June. Mr. Boyle stated his belief that Shepherd Ave to #61 Pine Terrace contain the piece of the water main in the water table and asked if a smaller project could be addressed surrounding this area. Mr. Fulmine stated the water figure doesn't change at \$45,000 but the pavement figure would then be approximately \$50,000 for that one section. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hanley requested a letter be sent to Representative Cutler and Senate President Therese Murray seeking relief in this environmentally sensitive neighborhood of Woodbine Avenue to see if there are funds available. Mr. Boyle stated that the sandbagging efforts at Little Sandy Pond were successful at saving an environmentally sensitive area.

#### **ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Boulter stated that the 2012 Annual Report is now available and includes the Pembroke 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report. Mr. Boulter stated that the Arbor Day Tree Planting was requested for another year, and there will be 1000 white cedar trees on April 26<sup>th</sup> for all to come and plant a tree. Finally, Mr. Boulter stated that the time capsule has had items included and will be on display for the rest of the year. Mr. Stone updated the Board on the Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting last Thursday, stating that the new Commissioners will be very active this year addressing the stabilization fund, courthouse rents and fees and regionalized purchasing for discounts. Mr. Stone stated that while fees paid at the registry have gone up, the money returned to Plymouth County has not increased since 1981. Towns have been asked to communicate their support to their legislators.

#### **UPCOMING ISSUES**

Mr. Hanley stated that the BOS will sign the Special within the Annual Town Meeting warrant on April 8<sup>th</sup> and hear from parties concerning Camp Pembroke on April 16<sup>th</sup> prior to the Planning Board's public hearing concerning a medical marijuana moratorium by-law.

Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and 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. Hanley so declared.

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