

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Gregory M. Hanley (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice Chair), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Richard Wall (Police Chief), James Neenan (Fire Chief), George Verry (Zoning Enforcement Officer), Debbie Breen, Stephen Burt, Jonathan Cohen, Ellen Felcher, Richard Serkey, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), Michael Melanson (Pembroke Mariner Express), Erika Christianson (PACTV Cable), and others.

Mr. Hanley requested a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the bombing in Boston yesterday.

**6:30 DEBBIE BREEN: CAMP PEMBROKE INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Stone advised that last June there was an informational meeting with all parties; ground rules were drafted as a result of this meeting and Mr. Stone stated that there were mixed results during the season. The plan was to meet again this season and review previous results; Mr. Stone stated that Camp Pembroke had an acoustics study done which will help with evaluating the situation. Attorney Richard Serkey of 81 Samoset Avenue appeared before the Board representing Camp Pembroke to review the findings of Cavanaugh Tocci Associates, Inc., acoustic consultants. There were technical and administrative noise control concepts that they recommended; the Camp is prepared to put into effect each of the administrative noise control concepts that they recommend in the hopes of avoiding the potential significant additional expense of implementing the technical noise control concepts. These include: coordinating with the DJs for each amplified sound event to employ an electronic equalizer to "roll off the bass" and to reduce overall gain/volume (loudness) during amplified voice/music events; they will purchase an inexpensive sound meter for management and staff to use during the events and develop and enforce a "sound limit for amplified events" within the building; continue the practice of closing the side elevation doors (on both side elevations of the building) and actuating the rooftop exhaust fan during amplified sound events; during the winter/spring of '12-'13, cordially contact Town representatives and Cove Lane complainant, to establish a written schedule of amplified music events to occur in the 2013 season and seek and receive a permit or permits for these specific events from the Town; attempt to reach an agreement with the Town and the complainant to establish a "sound limit" within the building for amplified sound events which could be spot checked by the BOH and/or police and to establish a fixed schedule for amplified sound events and/or a maximum number of amplified sound events that may be permitted to occur per year. Mr. Serkey stated that during the Camp's seven week period of operation, they have averaged 9-12 events lasting approximately two hours each, all ending before 10:00 pm. Mr. Hanley stated he would like to see a written schedule of events submitted to the BOS for permitting and forwarded by the Camp each season to Ms. Breen. Mr. Hanley inquired as to which authority would handle a complaint if these controls fail; the Police Department receives the noise complaint phone calls. Mr. Stone stated that he has met with Mr. Thorne and Chief Wall to update last year's findings; a list was developed that improve the situation, including communication with the disc jockeys to limit microphone usage and bass noise and closing some of the side doors. Mr. Serkey stated that Mr. Cohen will set expectations clearly with the disc jockeys going forward. Mr. Stone stated that instructing the disc jockeys to limit the microphone and eliminate the bass will go a long way to solving the problem. Ms. Breen stated nothing will solve the problem except the Camp ceasing concerts; she stated that they do not adhere to schedules and do not leave music turned down when ordered to do so. Mr. Trabucco asked why administrative measures were chosen over the technical noise concepts, or physical changes. Mr. Serkey stated the costs would be scores of thousands to perform the technical/physical concepts and the administrative changes may be successful. Mr. Stone warned if these are not successful, paid police details may be ordered. Chief Wall stated he feels that Ms. Felcher's commitment to monitoring the sound levels will be sufficient. Mr. Hanley confirmed for Ms. Breen that the Camp has put their remedies in writing; he requested that the Camp produce their schedule as soon as possible. Mr. Trabucco suggested scheduling a follow up end of July, beginning of August and requested that the Camp submit a schedule to the Board of Selectmen as soon as possible.

