

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
AUGUST 26, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Michelle L. Burt (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Mary Willis (COA Director), Gregory Hanley (CCSC Chair), Matthew Dovell, Suzanne Bunszel, Jacob Bunszel, Christine Kelly, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), Erika Christianson (PACTV Cable), WATD Reporter and others.

**7:00 CUB SCOUT PACK 105: DOOR TO DOOR SALES REQUEST, ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

Jacob Bunszel of Cub Scout Pack 105 was present before the Board on behalf of his troop. Pack 105 is requesting permission to conduct door to door popcorn sales for their annual fundraiser; the proceeds will support the local council, their pack and fund activities such as the Pinewood Derby and summer camps. Mr. Bunszel stated that the dates would be September 9<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> afterschool and weekends. Mr. Boyle moved to grant a Door to Door Solicitation permit to Cub Scout Pack 105; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2013**

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of August 12, 2013 as written. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boyle requested that Board form a subcommittee of the Water Wheel Committee whose purpose would be to work with the Town Administrator, the Conservation Agent and the Conservation Commission to coordinate placement of the water wheel at its permanent location. Mr. Boyle volunteer to serve on this subcommittee; Ms. Burt also volunteered. Mr. Boulter agreed and consensus was reached on the subcommittee and its two members. Mr. Thorne advised that there is an article ready for the fall town meeting warrant for engineering services for the water wheel from the Community Preservation Committee.

**7:10 GREG HANLEY, COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Hanley was present before the Board to request that the Selectmen consider his request to reorganize the CCSC by naming eleven currently serving members to a reorganized Community Task Force, enabling the group to achieve quorum and conduct the business of the town. The current CCSC has twenty-seven members. Mr. Hanley advised that an RFP was issued for an operation and design partnership with one respondent, the Old Colony YMCA and the committee's last meeting was in June. Mr. Hanley confirmed that the BOS are ex-officio members and do not affect the quorum of the committee. Mr. Boulter read the list; Greg Hanley, Bob DeMarzo, Ralph Cappola, Ralph Perrotto, Tony Marino, Paul Gransauil, Hank Galligan, Alan Peterson, Libby Bates, Mike Guimares and Deborah Wall. Mr. Stone moved to accept the list of members for the reorganization of the Community Center Task Force; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Ms. Christine Kelly of 49 Woodbine Avenue was present to request an opportunity to speak regarding her concerns for the safety of Little Sand Pond and the residents of Woodbine Avenue as a result of poor road conditions and a damaged culvert. She brought photographs and explained that the residents concerns have resulted in a petition by the neighbors requesting that the DPW pave the road; Mr. Fulmine has advised that there is currently no funding for this project. Mr. Boyle suggested that the BOS draft a letter to the DPW requesting that they reconsider the priority of the Woodbine Avenue road paving, particularly the 300 feet between Little Sandy Pond and number 66 Woodbine. Mr. Trabucco stated he supports Mr. Boyle's recommendation but that the project would be more involved than simple road paving, it would need to include Stormwater runoff considerations, grading, etc. Mr. Trabucco stated he supports expediting the reprioritization of this project. Ms. Kelly inquired as her tax rate and the services she receives on an unaccepted road; Mr. Boulter explained that the annual budget of the town shows that DPW funds pavement

management using Chapter 90 funds from the Commonwealth, and it is prohibited to use those funds on unaccepted or private roads. Unaccepted road improvements would require increasing the DPW's annual budget and, as a result, the tax rate. Ms. Kelly asked how a traffic counter could be placed on Woodbine during swimming lessons; Mr. Boulter recommended she make this request through the police department. Mr. Boyle moved to request that the Town Administrator prepare and send a letter to the DPW requesting that they reprioritize the Woodbine Avenue paving project; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Boulter stated that the Board has received a complaint concerning air traffic at the Barker Street private air field from last weekend. Mr. Boulter advised the complainant that the proper authority in this case would be the FAA or Mass DOT Division of Aeronautics. Mr. Boulter stated that last year the program needed a detailed scheduling with the Division of Aeronautics; he did advise that the property owner did not charge the participants any admission. Mr. Boulter did note that a private vendor had offered helicopter rides. Mr. Boulter stated that the resident's complaints are being looked into by different agencies but Mr. Boulter will report back.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Thorne advised that Columbia Gas has begun construction on a major pipeline project in Pembroke. For the next 8 to 12 weeks they will be installing a new gas main beginning on Oldham Street traveling down Center Street and terminating at High Street. Residents of Center Street, Littles Avenue and Allen Street should expect limited one way access, high traffic volumes and minor delays. Construction will take place between the hours of 6am and 4pm. Vehicle speed will be reduced to 20MPH in the construction zone. There will be a **TEMPORARY PARKING BAN** for all on street parking in effect on Center Street from the Police Station to Barker Street and all of Allen Street and Littles Avenue from 6am – 4pm Monday-Friday.

Mr. Thorne referenced a map labeled “**MAP ONE**”. During these hours, traffic on Center Street from Oldham Street to Allen Street will be **NORTH BOUND ONLY**. This includes Center Street residents in the construction zone. Access to the Center area can be made by traveling north from your home to Allen Street to Littles Avenue or High Street to Mountain Avenue. Mr. Thorne referenced “**MAP TWO**” and explained that South bound traffic will be detoured from Barker/Center Street to High Street to Mountain Avenue. Additionally Mr. Thorne displayed “**MAP THREE**” and explained that South bound vehicle traffic, to include school busses, will be detoured onto Allen Street to Littles Avenue to reach the center area. During the construction hours of 6am-4pm, Allen Street and Littles Avenue will be one way, and all vehicles, including residents are to travel towards the Center only. The speed limit on these roads will be posted 20MPH. Mr. Thorne ask that all residents of Little Avenue and Allen Street abide by the Temporary Parking Ban. The Pembroke DPW and the Pembroke Police will monitor the construction and make changes in the traffic plan as needed to maintain and improve the safety of our residents, commuters, and construction crews. Mr. Thorne advised that the construction entails putting in a twelve inch pipe to replace the existing pipe and then tie in the exiting line once the entire new twelve inch line is installed from Oldham Street to High Street. They estimate that they will be able to complete 150 feet per day. This information is available on the town website, the town Twitter feed and Facebook page as well as airing on PACTV, Comcast local channels 13 and 15.

### **CONSIDER AMENDING SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS: DEFINE ALLOWABLE TIMES OF CURBSIDE TRASH PLACEMENT**

Mr. Thorne stated that current regulations state that trash and recycling should be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 am but do not stipulate how early residents may put out their barrels; therefore, there have been incidents of trash sitting roadside for several days prior to its pickup. Mr. Thorne is requesting that the Board of Selectmen consider amending the Solid Waste Regulations regarding curbside trash collection by adding the sentence “Trash and/or Recycling Toters must not be placed on the curb no earlier than sundown the night before the regular trash/recycling pickup day”. Mr. Boyle moved the Town Administrator's recommendation as submitted to the Board; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HERRING FISHERIES**

Mr. Boulter advised that the interviews for the Superintendent of Herring Fisheries were conducted by the Town Administrator, Selectmen Stone and Selectman Trabucco. Mr. Thorne stated that the interviews were conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, August 21 and August 22<sup>nd</sup> and that his recommendation is to appoint Mark Amorello of 68 Standish Street to the position of Superintendent of Herring Fisheries. Mr. Stone clarified that nine people submitted letters of interest but only three consented to an interview; the remainder withdrew their names from the candidate pool. Mr. Stone stated that two of them were on town boards already, and one of these applicants stated that he wanted to determine how the interviews would be conducted but he was not a candidate for the position. The second of these two applicants had several good points to make but also stated that he was not interested in applying for the position. The third candidate had impressive credentials and was the only candidate who stated he would accept the position if offered. Mr. Trabucco stated that the third candidate's resume was outstanding, but Mr. Trabucco would have like Mr. Amorello to be appointed to the commission with a chance to get to know the other members first. Mr. Trabucco stated that Mr. Amorello will be an asset to the town. Mr. Boulter stated he has abstained from the interview process to date; he stated that he knows Mr. Amorello whose credentials include serving on the Advisory Board for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. Mr. Boulter stated that he believes this to be an excellent choice and will improve the Herring Fisheries Commission. Ms. Burt moved to appoint Mark Amorello to the position of Superintendent of Herring Fisheries; the vote was four in favor with Mr. Boulter abstaining from the vote as he knows Mr. Amorello.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne advised the Board that a proposed timeline has been submitted for their review for a November 12<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting date. This item will be placed on the BOS next agenda to call for a Special Town Meeting and to open the warrant on September 9<sup>th</sup> and close it on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Mr. Thorne requested that the Board grant the Town Administrator a transfer from the Camp Pembroke Fund to respond to recent resident requests to enact improvements to town buildings, specifically to replace gravel with grass and add fencing and greenery to the rear entrance of the Town Hall. Mr. Boyle moved the Town Administrator's recommendation; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Thorne also advised that engineers on the Route 53 & Pleasant Street preliminary plan will be ready at the end of the week. They will be ready to have a meeting to review the design after Labor Day. Consensus was reached on holding this meeting during a Board meeting to enable the public to see the design.

### **ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Stone updated the Board on the resident at Plymouth St who has sent correspondence voicing concerns over drivers speeding beyond the 35 mph limit and the dangerous situation that this has created. Mr. Stone stated he went with the Police Chief to review the location; Chief Wall will post the traffic trailer there and work with the traffic officer to patrol the area more frequently. Mr. Stone has updated the resident and will monitor the situation. Mr. Boulter requested that he be copied on correspondence regarding resident issues.

### **UPCOMING ISSUES**

September 9<sup>th</sup> the Energy Committee Chairman Nick Zechello, Jr. will be in to update the Board.

At 7:55 pm, Mr. Stone moved to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual 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. Boulter so declared and Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion.

By roll call vote: Ms. Burt - yes, Mr. Trabucco - yes, Mr. Boyle - yes, Mr. Stone - yes, Mr. Boulter - yes.