

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

**PRESENT:** Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Michelle Burt (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Ben Bastianelli (DPW Commissioner), Richard Wall (Police Chief), Michael Hill (Deputy Fire Chief), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Clerk MaryAnn Smith has announced that absentee ballots are now available for the Special Election on January 25, 2014; absentee voting hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The last day to register to vote will be January 6<sup>th</sup> and the Clerks office will be open that evening until 8:00 pm for that purpose. Please call 781-293-7211 with any questions.

**7:00 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CO-DIRECTORS RICK WALL, MIKE HILL: EM BRIEFING**

Chief Wall reported on the progress of PEMA in the last year and stated that the DPW generator has been installed and has been tested; the Mayflower Court generator is in the process of being installed; Kilcommons has had its generator installed and MacDonald Way already had a generator. Representatives from PEMA were at the tree lighting event distributing safety, preparation and contact information. Deputy Chief Hill advised that residents may receive information in an emergency by either: monitoring the town website at: [www.pembroke-ma.gov](http://www.pembroke-ma.gov), receiving information on their Facebook newsfeed by liking Town of Pembroke MA, Government; following PEMA on Titter @PembrokeMA; registering for email notifications at: [www.pembrokek12.org/emailsSignup.cfm](http://www.pembrokek12.org/emailsSignup.cfm) or listening to WATD radio at 95.9 FM. In the event of a life threatening emergency, residents should dial 911. Chief Wall reminded all residents to report every power outage to National Grid at 800-322-3223 to be logged in the repair system; in the event of a gas or carbon monoxide emergency, residents should evacuate and call Columbia Gas from a safe place at 800-525-8222. For the PEMA business line during emergencies, residents may call 781-389-4543 for information. Chief Wall added that Emergency Management has obtained 100 cots and blankets to enable a shelter to be opened immediately if necessary. Mr. Boyle asked what types of emergency supplies are listed; Deputy Chief Hill stated one gallon of water per person, per day is recommended with food, manual can opener, portable radio, batteries and any necessary medications are paramount. Chief Wall stated residents should plan for three days of sheltering in place in an extreme situation as an average. Chief Wall stated that National Grid is doing a lot of infrastructure work and education in Pembroke. Both stressed never to run a generator, grill or hibachi indoors. Mr. Boyle asked if there were other cautions; Chief Wall requested that residents consider staying off the roads and stay home if they do not have to go out to allow the DPW to clear the roads effectively and efficiently. Deputy Chief Hill cautioned that residents never touch a downed wire; saturated branches touching the lines could conduct electricity. Discussion ensued on the current library generator.

**CONSIDER REQUEST OF RESIDENT PAUL HAYES: ADD STREETLIGHT TO TOWN INVENTORY**

Chief Wall reported that he has evaluated the area from a public safety standpoint and determined that a light on pole #15 on Dwelley Street at Milford, across from Stanford Hill, is the best location for a town streetlight. Mr. Hayes has agreed. Mr. Stone moved to request the mounting and activation of a streetlight on pole #15 on Dwelley Street; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

DPW Commissioner Ben Bastianelli was present to follow up on three issues as requested by Mr. Boulter. Mr. Bastianelli stated that the DPW is not ready to cut trails on the Swanberg property yet as a draft master plan for the area is available for review in the DPW office. Discussion ensued on beavers. Mr. Bastianelli then updated the Board on the review of the traffic signals in the center of town. He confirmed that the lights are on timers during peak hours and on sensors during off peak hours. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Bastianelli stated that the DPE does not oppose looking into the cost of an independent study and he will

report back with an amount. Mr. Bastianelli finally stated that the bog at Mattakeesett and Maquan Streets cannot be flooded for skating for two reasons; the town has given up their water rights at the bogs so any water used would have to be drawn from Indian Head Pond in Hanson and the DEP states that doing so creates a conduit whereby sediment and latent chemicals in the soil and algae are brought to the surface and ultimately pumped out elsewhere. Mr. Bastianelli stated that the DPW sympathizes, but to do so would not be feasible.

#### **CONSIDER ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS: GINNY WANDELL, MAGGIE'S CREW**

Mr. Boyle moved approval of both the January 4<sup>th</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup> events for Ginny Wandell on behalf of Maggie's Crew to hold fundraisers serving beer and wine at the Historical Society Building at 116 Center Street. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

#### **REVIEW OF CURRENT TOWN COMMITTEES**

Mr. Boulter requested that all committees listed annually in the town report be reviewed over the coming weeks. Mr. Boulter requested that the Board consider sending a letter to each chairman to find out where minutes are posted, when and where their committee meets, if they are active or no longer necessary. Mr. Thorne stated that he will provide the origination of each committee, whether voted at Town Meeting or created by a vote of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Trabucco stated that the MPO term for Pembroke has expired and can be removed. Mr. Boulter stated he would like the BOS to have this information before they consider any additional appointments.

#### **CONSIDER PROPOSED 2014 CALENDAR FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Mr. Boulter stated the Board will take this under advisement and discuss at a future meeting.

#### **CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of November 25, 2013 as amended; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS (continued)**

Mr. Stone advised that the Recycling Committee meets Wednesday at 6:30pm to review DEP recommendations as presented by Janine Delaney. Mr. Trabucco stated that Senate President Therese Murray has responded to the town's correspondence regarding Southfield and its water supply and stated that she both supports and shares the town's concerns.

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

Mr. Thorne announced that DOR report has arrived; suggests scheduling a discussion on it at the beginning of January. Additionally, he stated that the Kiwanis tree sale yielded 500 trees sold this year, enabling four scholarships to be made available to Pembroke High School students.

#### **ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Stone advised that he has spoken again with a resident regarding heavy trucks traveling on Valley Street; the earth removal project being performed by Jeff Mathias at Hill Bog was to restrict trucks to entering and exiting from the Duxbury side. Mr. Stone will work with the Town Administrator to resolve. Mr. Trabucco advised the residents that the building that houses Au Bon Pain is being demolished and two, free standing buildings will be erected in their place to house Panera Bread and Taco Bell. The OCPC has submitted their favorable recommendation on the project. Mr. Stone would like a joint meeting with the Energy Committee to discuss next steps on solar farms as they pertain to the landfill.

At 8:05 pm, Mr. Stone moved to enter executive session 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: Mr. Stone - yes, Mr. Boyle - yes, Ms. Burt - yes, Mr. Trabucco - yes, Mr. Boulter - yes.