

TOWN OF PEMBROKE  
APPROVED  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
12 NOVEMBER 2020

Linda Peterson, Chairperson opened the meeting of the Advisory Committee via Hybrid: In Person and Remote ZOOM/PACTV and read the statement pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law at 6:00PM on 12 November 2020.

Also present were Stephen Walsh, Sandra Beaton, Tim Landy, Kristi Cullinane, Matthew Norton, Matthew Rushing and John Scholl

**Guests:** Robert Kenney, Advisory Member candidate; Sabrina Chilcott, Assistant Town Manager

Linda welcomed Bob Kenney and began by asking why he wanted to be part of the Advisory Committee. Bob said he has been living in Pembroke for about 3 ½ years, met a lot of nice people in town and he wants to get involved. Linda asked how he thought he would contribute to the committee. Bob said he is retired and has plenty of time and from his experience he's a trained investigator and been a Detective with the City of Boston for 20 years. He follows the facts to critically look at an issue, breaks it down, understands it and shares that information as an advisor to the committee. Linda noted Bob would contribute his safety and law enforcement experience to the committee.

Kristi Cullinane noted on Bob's application he talked about equality, equity of opportunity and bringing a voice of reason and fairness. Thinking of the town of Pembroke where do you think we could do better or differently around equality and equity of opportunity. Bob said he didn't really know but as he traveled the town he has not seen a lot of disadvantaged people. Most people look like there doing pretty well in town. Bob said he comes from civil service which is about leveling the playing ground to apply for positions.

Matthew Rushing asked Bob if he had experience with budgets on the law enforcement side. Bob said when he worked as a Detective and was not management. He had some dealings with city finances; we didn't resolve the last contract negotiations he was involved in and went to arbitration. He took a deep dive into the budget at that time but noted he is not an accountant. Matthew Rushing asked Bob if he has any connection with the Pembroke Police Department. Bob said no.

John Scholl thanked Bob for his interest and asked where he lived previously. Bob said Weymouth 25 years and prior to that Dorchester. John asked if there was anything we could learn from either town. Bob said he spent most of his time working during his years in Weymouth and Dorchester. Bob said he was a homicide detective for 20 years and didn't know much about Weymouth. Went home and went to work. John asked why he settled in Pembroke. Bob said he always wanted to live near the water, for him it was the ocean for his wife it was a pond. They bought a house in Pembroke on the pond.

Linda asked the committee if they agree with appointing Robert Kenney to Advisory.

Upon motion moved by Matthew Norton 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Walsh to appoint Robert Kenney as a member of the Advisory Committee

**VOTED<sup>1</sup>:** To appoint Robert Kenney as a member of the Advisory Committee via **Role Call:** Stephen Walsh YES; Matthew Norton YES; John Scholl YES; Matthew Rushing YES; Tim Landy YES; Sandra Beaton YES; Kristi Cullinane YES;

Linda congratulated Bob and explained his appointment will be confirmed at the next Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00pm

Linda noted that Bill Chenard will not have any information to present to Advisory until January.

No meeting will be scheduled in December.

The next item on the agenda is the meeting minutes of October 8 and October 22, 2020.

Upon motion moved by Kristi Cullinane and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Beaton to approve the amended meeting minutes of October 8, 2020.

**VOTED<sup>2</sup>:** To accept the amended meeting minutes of October 8, 2020 via **Role Call**: Stephen Walsh YES; Matthew Norton YES; John Scholl YES; Matthew Rushing YES; Tim Landy YES; Sandra Beaton YES; Kristi Cullinane YES

Upon motion moved by Stephen Walsh and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Landy to approve the meeting minutes of October 22, 2020.

**VOTED<sup>3</sup>:** To accept the meeting minutes of October 22, 2020 via **Roll Call**: Stephen Walsh YES; Matthew Norton Abstained; John Scholl YES; Matthew Rushing Abstained (did not review); Tim Landy YES; Sandra Beaton YES; Kristi Cullinane YES

Matthew Rushing suggested the committee vote to reorganize Advisory at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00pm.

There is a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021.

Bill Chenard, Town Manager is scheduled to present Second Quarter Revenue and Expenses at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bob will be sent the budget documents that Advisory received from Bill Chenard, Town Manager.

Advisory adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Walsh, Clerk