

TOWN OF PEMBROKE
APPROVED
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
2 May 2016

Chairperson Linda Peterson opened the meeting of the Advisory Committee in Pembroke Town Hall at 7:30PM on 2 May 2016. Also present were Stephen Curley, Timothy Brennan, James McCollum, John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh, Richard McManus and Elizabeth Monks.

Guest: Gene Fulmine

Tonight's meeting is being recorded by PAC TV.

Linda reminded committee members that the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Pembroke High School. All members should arrive at 6:30PM. She will assign the Article Motions for each member and send an email to all.

Gene Fulmine, DPW Director joined the meeting to answer questions about the Snow & Ice Deficit.

- Linda began by noting we had ½ the snow this year compared to the blockbuster snow of last year. Gene said it's black and white. The stockpile of salt was done so they would not run out. Pembroke and surrounding towns discussed finding a centralized system for salt storage but they couldn't find one.
- Steve Curley referenced the news article about Quincy spending 13M last year on snow removal versus 1.9M this year. In Pembroke the DPW spent 40% of what the town did last year with 109 inches of snow; this year the total snow fall was approximately 27.8 inches. Pembroke had 26.3% of snow this year versus last year.
- Gene was asked about the \$56,000 for vehicle maintenance; he said he has 10 vehicles that are more than ten years and older.
- Steve Curley reviewed the total spend for each storm noting the cost of employee overtime and plow contractors. Gene said overtime is paid depending on the time of the storm and if employees have completed their shift. Overtime would then be paid. The DPW has 21 employees; all but four plow. Not everyone gets 100% participation. Plow contractors work every snow storm and are assigned a route; they need to be guaranteed work every storm.
- Miscellaneous De-icing - \$64,000, there was 1/3rd of the snow this year; Pembroke is way out of whack. Gene noted that when they are called by the police department they go out. He suggested looking at the police logs.
- Gene invited any member to come out and ride with him during a storm. Gene said this was the first time in ten years he didn't get the snow storm expenses to Advisory in advance. He assured the committee going forward they would be given this information in advance.
- Gene noted he was able to return some money to the town from his salary line item.
- Linda asked about the article to fund tree removal at the Town Barn. Gene said this tree removal was not something DPW could do as Conservation does not want to disturb the undergrowth so they need to hire a crane. He also noted that when the DPW cuts trees in town they sell it to the resident for \$50.00.
- John Brown asked Gene about Chapter 90 funding – Gene said Pembroke is expected to receive \$540,000; this has been standard. The committee noted pot holes have not been too bad.
- Steve Walsh asked whether the DPW plows for the School Department. Gene said yes. Steve mentioned seeing some trucks without plates. Gene said he gets copies of all plow contractors licenses and registrations. All vehicles must be properly inspected.
- Tim Brennan asked about reporting snow amounts to the state. Gene said he's not sure if the weather service they use have that capability but will look into it.

¹⁻²The Chairperson did not vote on this motion.

- Gene was asked if the DPW voicemail was fixed. Richard McManus noted he called a few weeks ago and got a message that the mailbox was full. Gene said he will look into it.

Upon motion moved by James McCollum and 2nd by Timothy Brennan following the discussion it was

VOTED¹: To approve the Snow & Ice Deficit of \$537,347.21. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh, Richard McManus and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion. Stephen Curley opposed.

Upon motion moved by Stephen Curley and 2nd by Timothy Brennan following the discussion it was

VOTED²: To accept the meeting minutes of 25 April 2016. John G. Brown, Jr. Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion. James McCollum and Richard McManus abstained.

Advisory Committee suspended their meeting at 7:35PM to join the Board of Selectmen meeting in progress.

The Board of Selectmen welcomed the Advisory Committee and Steve Dodge, Town Moderator to review the procedure for the Annual and Special Town Warrant Articles for the May 10, 2016 Town Meeting.

Steve Dodge, Town Moderator thanked both committees and directed his message to town residents watching tonight's live broadcast that the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 10, 2016 at 7:00PM is at the Pembroke High School. There are 44 items to be voted. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Steve noted this pre-meeting is not to orchestrate an outcome but to establish a procedure for Town Meeting.

He proceeded through the Articles to assign the Motions. They are as follows:

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

- Article 1 – Advisory Committee
- Article 2 - Advisory Committee
- Article 3 - Advisory Committee
- Article 4 - Advisory Committee
- Article 5 - Advisory Committee
- Article 6 - Advisory Committee
- Article 7 – Stabilization Fund – may be tabled
- Article 8 - Advisory Committee
- Article 9 - Advisory Committee
- Article 10 - Advisory Committee
- Article 11 - Advisory Committee
- Article 12 - Advisory Committee – 20 year financing
- Article 13 - Advisory Committee
- Article 14 - Advisory Committee
- Article 15 - DPW
- Article 16 - Advisory Committee

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Article 17 - Advisory Committee
Article 18 - Advisory Committee
Article 19 – Police Chief
Article 20 – Advisory Committee and Planning Board
Article 21 - Advisory Committee
Article 22 - Advisory Committee
Article 23 - Advisory Committee
Article 24 – Conservation Commission
Article 25 - Advisory Committee
Article 26 - Advisory Committee
Article 27 - Advisory Committee
Article 28 - Advisory Committee & CPC

Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Article 1 - Advisory Committee
Article 2 - Advisory Committee
Article 3 - Advisory Committee
Article 4 - Advisory Committee
Article 5 - Advisory Committee
Article 6 - Advisory Committee
Article 7 - Advisory Committee
Article 8 - Advisory Committee
Article 9 - CPC

The Board of Selectmen thanked the Advisory Committee members and Steve Dodge.

The Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Curley, Clerk

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