

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Matthew J. Furlong (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Michael Buckley (Town Accountant), Arthur Egerton, Kyle Harney, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant to the Town Administrator), and others.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Boulter opened the meeting.

**VOTE TO SET THE SELECTMEN'S WINTER SCHEDULE**

Mr. Boulter stated that the Board will take legal holidays off in the months of December and January. In December, the Board will meet Monday, December 18; in January, Monday, January 8 and Monday, January 22 with regular Monday evening meetings to resume January 22<sup>nd</sup>. If any issues arise, the Chairman will call a special meeting of the Board. Mr. Boyle moved the Selectmen's schedule as presented; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dan Trabucco stated that Betty Nelson, longtime resident and employee of Stop and Shop, passed away. Mr. Trabucco led a moment of silence in her memory.

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2017**

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of December 4, 2017 as written; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**VOTE TO RENEW ANNUAL LIQUOR, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT AND AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF TOWN TREASURER AND HEALTH AGENT**

Mr. Boulter stated that the list of eligible licenses for renewal of liquor, live entertainment, Sunday entertainment and Amusement Device licenses is published on this week's agenda. Mr. Boyle moved to approve the renewal of the list of 2018 Liquor Licenses as printed, subject to the approval of the ABCC. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Boyle moved to approve the renewal of the list of 2018 Live Entertainment, Sunday Entertainment and Amusement Device licenses as printed. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stone inquired as to the recruitment of a member of the general public to serve on the Capital Funding Study Committee; no applications have been received to date. Mr. Stone requested an update on the Comcast contract negotiations for next week; Mr. Boulter advised that he sits on this Committee, and Comcast has declined to renew the Cable Licensing Agreement early and efforts are ongoing.

**ARTHUR EGERTON**

Mr. Egerton was present before the Board, and thanked them for the opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce's local businesses to address the public in this forum. Mr. Egerton represents Pembroke Town News; they live stream and record the town's meeting on various social media platforms as well as YouTube with paid sponsors, many of whom are Pembroke Chamber of Commerce members. Mr. Egerton advised that Pembroke Town News is a member of Quatrefoil Drone Services who produce drone aerial photography for various clients. Mr. Boulter thanked Mr. Egerton for all of the time and services that he has donated to the town. Mr. Egerton stated that the Chamber's holiday gathering is Tuesday at Arrow from 5pm-7pm.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne stated that he held a meeting with the Community Compact team on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The team is comprised of selected members to review the program and its best practices. Mr. Thorne presented a list of the best practices list that the team compiled, with the town's initial focus being on the first item listed, Information Technology to Develop a Municipal IT Consolidation Strategy. Mr. Trabucco requested an

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update on the town's efforts to improve handicapped accessibility to the town's beaches and the herring run. Mr. Trabucco stated that the Commission on Disabilities has requested a document of public record for the Board's minutes. Mr. Thorne stated that Town Landing beach and possibly Little Sandy beach would require the installation of mats, and this is a topic for which he plans to apply to the Community Preservation Committee for funding in the special within the annual town meeting warrant so funding could become immediately available for installation before next summer. Mr. Thorne explained that there is a critical and related item listed in the Community Compact teams best practices; the town needs to undertake an ADA self-evaluation and develop a transition plan to qualify for specific funding related to improving handicapped accessibility which is the Town Administrator's goal. Mr. Thorne presented an update to the Board of activities taken to date on recommendations from the Department of Revenue in the Financial Management Review of the town; many have been resolved but a few are ongoing efforts. Mr. Stone requested that this item be placed on next week's agenda for the Board's questions to be addressed once they have had an opportunity to review the update in depth.

At 7:20 pm, Mr. Boulter advised that this meeting is being made available to the public through a live video and audio broadcast on Comcast Government Access Channel 15 and is also being recorded for airing on the channel at future dates. Comments made in open session will be recorded.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Thorne announced with regret the resignation of Council on Aging Director Anna Seery. Mr. Thorne will be working with her to develop a transition period plan and will begin the recruitment process.

### **ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Boulter advised that he received a telephone call from a resident questioning the sanding frequency of the roads in the weekend snow event; he will speak with the DPW and respond to the resident. Mr. Boulter also stated that he received a telephone call from a resident who lives on Oldham Pond stating that the water level is high and her home may be sinking due to vibrations from the Route 14 project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Furlong provided an update from the meeting he attended of the Plymouth County Advisory Board and shared a handout on pension liability versus revenues. They plan to allocate \$1.26million toward pension liabilities, with another \$500,000 allocated every fiscal year until 2029 to pay down their retirement obligation for county employees. Mr. Trabucco announced that the Community Center Study Committee will meet for the first time on Tuesday evening at Town Hall at 6:00 pm and it is an open meeting.

Mr. Stone stated that he spoke with the Energy Committee chairman and they will hold a meeting soon, at which time they will update Mr. Stone on the discussion regarding additional sites eligible for solar panels. Discussion ensued on possible sites and the need for a public hearing with neighbors once a site is determined. Mr. Boulter confirmed that the Brockton Water Commissioners have authorized \$37,000 to install new screening on the diversion pipe.

At 7:35pm, Mr. Boulter read the upcoming issues from the agenda.

At 7:40 pm, Mr. Stone moved to enter executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) 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: Pembroke Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 2351 of the IAFF Union Grievance. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion, and Mr. Boulter declared it so be so. By roll call vote: Boyle – yes, Furlong – yes, Stone – yes, Trabucco – yes, and Boulter – yes.

### **MATERIALS & EXHIBITS**

Draft Minutes of December 4, 2017 (BOS/TA Office)

Letter, E. Thorne to Community Compact Team (BOS/TA Office)

Report, E. Thorne DOR Review (BOS/TA Office)

Plymouth County Pension Liability versus Revenues FY18-FY19 (BOS/TA Office)