

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JUNE 11, 2018**

PRESENT: Matthew J. Furlong (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), John G. Brown, Jr. (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Michael Buckley (Town Accountant), Kathleen McCarthy (Treasurer/Collector), Robert Mann, Stephen Tomasi, Stephen Curley, Adam Silva, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant to the Town Administrator) and others
NOT PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk)

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Furlong opened the meeting and 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.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING: ROBERT MANN D/B/A DR. VOLKS.COM, CLASS II USED AUTO DEALER'S LICENSE AT 111 HIGH STREET

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Furlong opened the public hearing on Robert Mann d/b/a Dr.Volks.com application for a New Class II Auto Dealer's License to be exercised at 111 High Street with no storage or display of vehicles. Mr. Furlong advised that this public hearing is to hear public comment on this request; he further stated that the submitted application was complete and the advertisement of the public hearing is in order. Mr. Furlong advised that there is no Zoning Board of Appeals requirement as this application is for a home office only; no storage or display of vehicles as he seeks to buy and sell used cars from auction to auction and conduct internet sales only. Mr. Furlong stated that Mr. Mann has satisfied the CORI requirements and all bills associated with this property have been paid in full. Mr. Mann was present on his request and confirmed that this is a home office only with no delivery, display or storage of vehicles on premises. Mr. Furlong asked if there was anyone in attendance to speak in favor of this application; there was none. Mr. Furlong asked if there was anyone in attendance to speak in opposition of this application; there was none. Mr. Trabucco moved to approve the application of Robert Mann d/b/a Dr.Volks.com for a New Class II Auto Dealer's License to be exercised at 111 High Street with no storage or display of vehicles. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: STEVE TOMASI, A.J. TOMASI NURSERIES
Mr. Tomasi was present before the Board to provide information on the upcoming After Hours event that the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce is hosting on Tuesday evening at A.J. Tomasi Nurseries beginning at 5:30 pm. Mr. Tomasi stated that the July event will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Brick Kiln complex, and August's event will be at Pembroke Hospital.

CONSIDER A VOTE TO SET THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL USERS FEE (TRASH/RECYCLING) RATE (RECOMMENDED \$280)

Mr. Thorne advised that he is recommending that the Board keep the MUF rate at \$280 as the disposal costs of recyclable materials has gone from \$1+/ton in revenue to costing \$54/ton to properly dispose of the material. As the recycling market is in flux, the town will need to maintain the fee in place for FY19. Mr. Boyle moved to keep the Municipal User's Fee (MUF) rate of \$280.00 for fiscal 2019, the same as is currently offered. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER A VOTE TO SET MUNICIPAL USER'S FEE ABATEMENT CRITERIA AND TERMS

Mr. Thorne presented abatement qualification criteria that is the same as offered in the past with the exception of the Senior Abatement amount. Mr. Thorne explained that half of the bill (\$140) supports the landfill capping debt and supports all operations and special programs offered at the Recycling Center with the remaining half of the bill (\$140) funding the curbside trash and recycling pickup program. The first half of the bill cannot be abated, so the remaining half is abated in portion for all qualifying candidates. The Senior Abatement was intended to reduce a qualifying senior's curbside charge by half, or \$70 credit annually, which is the only change proposed this year. Mr. Trabucco proposed that seniors be charged an even \$200 instead of \$210 per year. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Trabucco moved to approve the

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municipal user fee abatement qualifications and criteria as presented with the amendment of a \$200 annual payment for seniors. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was 3/1 with Mr. Boyle opposed.

7:25 (7:45) TOWN ACCOUNTANT: RECOMMENDATION FALL STM PLAN

Town Accountant Michael Buckley was present before the Board to recommend action in advance of fall special town meeting. Mr. Buckley confirmed the best practices as reported by the Department of Revenue in the Financial Management Review and reported in the UMass Budget Study and presented in the five year forecasting model of revenue and expenditures in which towns bring all financial matters before the voters at the annual town meeting. Mr. Buckley stated that the Department Heads are accustomed to bringing financial or capital items to the fall town meeting, a meeting in which the only business should be the balancing of the budget through the funding of the snow and ice deficit. Discussion ensued; Mr. Buckley recommended forgoing financial articles at the fall town meeting and notifying the department heads as soon as possible. Further discussion ensued on the goal of allocating a fixed percentage of the budget to the Capital Fund annually.

VOTE TO REAPPOINT UNPAID BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION CANDIDATES

Mr. Boyle move to re-appoint the candidates for the town's board, committees and commissions as presented from Daniel Trabucco, Casino Task Force through Michael Fay, ZBA alternate to the terms as listed. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2018

Mr. Trabucco moved to accept the minutes of June 4, 2018 as presented. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

LED Truck

Mr. Furlong asked Mr. Thorne to present an update on the possibility of banning LED truck displays at the next meeting. Mr. Thorne stated that the Mass Managers Association managers polled have not yet come across this issue.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Thorne advised the Board that the town has received permission to allocate the \$5,000 balance from the Community Compact funded UMass five year forecasting model of revenue and expenditures to fund UMass' development of the town's Capital Improvement Plan.

Route 53-Pleasant Street Traffic Signal Project

Mr. Thorne advised that the bid process has concluded and MassDOT is in negotiations with low bidder P.A. Landers to begin the Route 53/Pleasant Street Traffic Signal Project in the late summer or early fall of this year, a project worth \$2.2million.

At 7:45 pm, Mr. Furlong read the upcoming issues from the agenda.

At 7:45 pm, Mr. Trabucco moved to enter executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(3) to discuss strategy with respect to 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: ZBA Decision 5/21/2018 to Deny Application 275 Oak Street for Non-Accessory Sign Variance (Zoning Bylaw Section V "Special Provisions, Standards and Procedures", Subsection 1 "Signs", Subsection 3 "Non-Accessory Signs). Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote by roll call: Boyle – yes, Brown – yes, Trabucco – yes, Furlong – yes.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Class II Application, Addenda R. Mann (BOS/TA Office)

Abatement Requirement Qualifications (Treas/BOS/TA Office)

Unpaid Reappointment Candidate List (BOS/TA Office)

Draft Minutes of June 4, 2018 (BOS/TA Office)