## MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING JULY 2, 2018

**PRESENT**: Matthew J. Furlong (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), John G. Brown, Jr. (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Richard Wall (Police Chief), Margaret Struzik (Town Clerk), Wendy LaPierre (Police Sergeant/Lieutenant), Ryan Botto (Police Officer/Sergeant), Sean Ready (Police Officer/Sergeant), Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant to the Town Administrator) and many others.

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 POLICE CHIEF RICHARD WALL AND TOWN CLERK MARGARET STRUZIK, SWEARING IN CEREMONY: LIEUTENANT WENDY LAPIERRE, SERGEANT RYAN BOTTO AND SERGEANT SEAN READY

Police Chief Wall thanked the Board and the Town Administrator; he described the current objectives and mission of the Pembroke Police Department, and introduced the three officers present this evening for their new rank assignment.

Chief Wall introduced Sergeant Wendy A. LaPierre to Town Clerk Margaret Struzik for the administration of the swearing in oath on her promotion to Lieutenant. Chief Wall stated that Sergeant LaPierre grew up in Pembroke and graduated from Silver Lake High School, enlisting in the Coast Guard after graduation. While in the coast guard, she went to Northeastern University and received an EMT. She received an Honorable Discharge from the Coast Guard and came to the Pembroke Police. In 2004, she received a bachelor's degree from Western New England College and became the domestic violence investigator and advocate. Sergeant LaPierre was assigned to the Pembroke Middle School as the school liaison and was also assigned to investigate sexual assault and child abuse. Sergeant LaPierre was named the AAA Traffic Hero, and in 2013, she became Sergeant and was assigned sex offender registration and background investigations. Additionally, she became the RAD Rape Aggression instructor, received the Massachusetts Police Training Council Life Saving Award and recently, she graduated from Curry College with a degree in Criminal Justice. At 7:05 pm, Town Clerk Struzik administered the oath of the office of Lieutenant for the Pembroke Police Department.

Chief Wall introduced Officer Ryan A. Botto to Town Clerk Margaret Struzik for the administration of the swearing in oath on his promotion to Sergeant. Chief Wall stated that he grew up in Halifax and graduated from Silver Lake High School. From 2003-2006 he was a corrections officer and Sheriff at the Plymouth County facility. In 2006 he became a Halifax Police Officer and in 2011 he transferred to Pembroke as full time officer. Officer Botto has a degree in Criminal Justice from Massasoit Community College and maintains all cruisers for the department and is a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Counsel Search and Rescue Team. Chief Wall stated that he is a Safety Net Instructor as well as an Autism Outreach officer; he is also a liaison to New England Villages and assigned to bicycle, boat and ATV patrols. Chief Wall concluded by stating that Officer Botto received the Massachusetts Police Training Council Life Saving Award and has attended background investigation training and sergeant's basic training. At 7:10 pm, Town Clerk Struzik administered the oath of the office of Sergeant for the Pembroke Police Department.

Chief Wall introduced Officer Sean Ready to Town Clerk Margaret Struzik for the administration of the swearing in oath on his promotion to Sergeant. Officer Ready spent 24 years with the Army National Guard and achieved the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He has been deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. Officer Ready completed the two year Sergeant Major Academy; he was awarded Bronze Star Service medals – The Humane Service Medal for work with Hurricane Sandy in New York and the National Guard Defense Ribbon for his work with the Boston Marathon Bombings. From 2001-2006 he was a correction officer at MCI Cedar Junction and a special officer in the Town of Rockland. In 2006 he came to Pembroke as a police officer. He earned the AAA Traffic Hero Award as well as the Massachusetts Police Training Council Life Saving Award. Officer Ready received a commendation from Trooper George L. Hanna and

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received the award for Bravery & Valor. Chief Wall stated that he is the Hobomock School and New England Village liaison as well as a field training officer also assigned to the bicycle, boat and ATV. Officer Ready takes care of the breath test machine and is the lead PT instructor for the Randolph Police Academy where he trains all Pembroke police that attend the police academy and trained in background investigation and sergeant's basic training.

At 7:15 pm, Town Clerk Struzik administered the oath of the office of Sergeant for the Pembroke Police Department.

Congratulations were given and photographs were taken.

At 7:15 pm, Mr. Trabucco moved to adjourn; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

None