MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2018

PRESENT: Matthew J. Furlong (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), John G. Brown, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Michael Buckley (Town Accountant), Richard Wall (Police Chief), Stephen Curley, Linda Peterson, Stephen Walsh, Charles Mathewson (WATD), Adam Silva (Mariner), Brooke Young, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant to the Town Administrator) and 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.

POLICE CHIEF RICHARD WALL – FY19 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Thorne opened the discussion with details of the FY19 budget allocations for the Pembroke Police Department line items including overtime and training. Town Accountant Michael Buckley explained his concerns regarding the status of expenditures year to date in FY19 versus the total budget; Mr. Buckley explained that statistically the data shows that the overtime budget appropriation with the additional funding voted at the fall town meeting is projected to be exhausted in March of 2019. Police Chief Richard Wall provided the background on increased overtime and training expenses early in the year, citing community outreach, police presence at public functions and training requirements. Chief Wall concluded by stating that the need for the use of overtime funding has crested and is on a decline. Mr. Thorne stated that he will work with the Police Chief to ensure that the use of the overtime budget appropriation accomplishes what the Chief needs within the confines of the budget amount. Advisory Chairman Stephen Curley cautioned regarding the potential ramifications on future budgets. Mr. Thorne concluded by stating that he is preparing his FY20 budget and will present it to the Board of Selectmen on December 10th. Additionally, he confirmed that he and the Town Accountant will meet with the Police Chief on Friday to work on FY19 expenditures to ensure they track with both FY19 appropriations from the operating budget and from fall town meeting from now to the end of the fiscal year.

At 7:40 pm, Mr. Furlong advised that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be December 3, 2018.

At 7:40 pm, Mr. Trabucco moved to adjourn; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

FY19 Police Department Budget Worksheet (BOS/TA Office)
Report of Town Accountant on Weekly Expenses Overtime/Training (Accountant/BOS/TA Office)
Fall Town Meeting Article 13 and 14 with motions and Appropriations (BOS/TA Office)
MGL c.44 §62 (MA/BOS/TA Office)