

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

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), Edwin J. Thorne (Interim Town Manager), Jacquelyn Groeper, Daniel Pelletier, Timothy Brennan, Paul Dwyer, Nicholas Ahrens, Margaret Struzik (Town Clerk), Ronald Boidi, Stephen Curley, Adam Silva (Pembroke Mariner), Arthur Egerton, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant to the Town Manager), and others.

At 7:30 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.

**7:30: PUBLIC HEARING: ARTIS WINERY APPLICATION FOR FARMER WINERY
POURING LICENSE TO BE EXERCISED AT 300 OAK STREET, CORPORATE PARK DR #470**

Jacquelyn Groeper was present before the Board on the application of Artis Winery, LLC for a Farmer Winery Series Pouring Permit under MGL c.138 §19 to be exercised at 300 Oak Street unit 470. Ms. Groeper advised that Artis Winery LLC holds state licensure for the production of wine, license #FW-LIC-000130; they produce their own wine types and blends using grapes that are either locally sourced or imported from the west coast. Ms. Groeper is seeking a pouring permit from the local licensing authority to sell her own wine by the glass for consumption on the premises. Artis Winery, LLC has submitted a completed application with lease, floor plan, purchase and sale agreement; they have satisfied the CORI requirements, received a Zoning Special Permit and has completed the appeal period as of December 4, 2018. The applicant has received her Board of Health inspection, permitting for manufactured products and retail food, and Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Department. There were no abutters present to speak in favor or in opposition to the application. Mr. Boyle moved to approve the application for a New Farmer-Series Pouring Permit in accordance with MGL c.138 §19B(n) of Jacquelyn M. Groeper of Artis Winery, LLC to be exercised at 30 Oak Street, Unit #470, Pembroke, MA consisting of approximately 425 sq. ft. for a tasting room with rear warehouse space for wine production, 425 sq. ft. of storage space on second floor with front entrance, rear exit and restrooms. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

7:40 APPOINT TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: TOWN MANAGER SEARCH COMM.

Four of the six residents who submitted an application for appointment to the Town Manager Search Committee were present before the Board to express interest in serving on the Committee. Discussion ensued on appointment process. Mr. Boyle moved to table this item for one week; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER A VOTE REGARDING CONTRIBUTION RATES RE: ACT RELATIVE TO
CERTAIN RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE**

Mr. Thorne advised that on January 9, 2019, Governor Charles Baker signed H4977, An Act Relative to Health Insurance Benefits for Certain Retirees in the Town of Pembroke that was enacted by the legislature on December 31, 2018. Town Meeting voted and passed an article on October 28, 2018 requesting Representative Cutler present this Act on behalf of four specific retirees seeking relief from the increase in the cost of health insurance benefits. Treasurer McCarthy has requested that the Board of Selectmen vote to determine the contribution rate of these four individuals as well as the date that this rate will become effective. Mr. Thorne confirmed that the individuals are currently paying 22% of their health insurance costs and are due to increase to 25% July 1. At retirement, two of them were contributing 17%, one was 10% and the fourth was contributing 11%. Discussion ensued on the financial impact of various options. Mr. Boyle moved to table this item one week; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**VOTE ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION ON ANNUAL AND SPECIAL WITHIN ANNUAL
WARRANTS**

Mr. Boulter moved to include the articles as submitted; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

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VOTE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ROUTINE ARTICLES

Mr. Brown moved to recommend favorable action on articles one, eight, nine and thirty-three; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SCOTT GLAUBEN FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the resignation of Scott Glauben from the Conservation Commission with regret; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER A VOTE TO APPOINT RONALD BOIDI TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Boidi was present regarding his application for appointment to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Boidi stated that he grew up in Pembroke, attended Mass Maritime Academy for engineering and received his Master's degree in facilities management. Mr. Boyle moved to appoint Ronald Boidi of 36 Water Street to the Conservation Commission vacancy, term to expire June 30, 2019. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was 4/1 in favor, with Mr. Brown opposed.

8:00 TOWN MANAGER ED THORNE: FY20 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Thorne stated that this balanced budget represents \$65,215,612, an increase of 1.87% over FY19. With the Enterprise Funds and Revolving Funds incorporated, the overall number is close to \$70million before the capital budget is included. Mr Thorne stated that all departments are funded at a level staffing rate from FY19, debt has a small increase of \$13,000 to \$3,247,444, and benefits and insurance will see a small increase of \$142,845 (1.1%) to \$13,453,335. Mr. Thorne is recommending an increase of \$691,150 or 2.1% to \$33,950,503 to the School Department. Mr. Thorne provided the following breakdowns for consideration:

FY19	Town Government	20.2% of overall budget
	Shared Costs	27.8% of overall budget
	School Department	52.0% of overall budget
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Mr. Thorne concluded with updates regarding the enterprise funds. Water Enterprise will realize an increase of \$91,778 or 3.8% to \$2,496,495 and improvements to the water treatment plant are planned with no increase in personnel or water rates to the residents. Solid Waste Enterprise will realize a small decrease of \$3,265 to \$1,922,348 with no rate increases scheduled for 2020.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Boulter requested that parents keep children off of the ponds as the ice is not safe.

Resident Joanna Lu from 32 Monroe Street was present to request roadwork to correct runoff that she is experiencing at her home. The Board requested that Ms. Lu work with the Town Manager and DPW and share her photos and videos for reference.

At 8:25 pm, Mr. Furlong read the upcoming issues from the agenda. Mr. Boyle moved to adjourn and Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

ABCC Complete Application, J. Groeper for Artis Winery (BOS/TM Office)

Vacancy Applications, Dwyer/Brennan/Ahrens/Pelletier/Sullivan/Rushing (BOS/TM Office)

Letter, S. Glauben (ConCom/BOS/TM Office)

Vacancy Application, R. Boidi (ConCom/BOS/TM Office)

FY20 Town Manager's Budget (BOS/TM Office)

Draft ATM Warrant (BOS/TM Office)