

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

PRESENT: Williard Boulter (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), John G. Brown Jr. (Clerk), Daniel W. Trabucco, Jessica M. Rushing, Edwin J. Thorne (Town Manager), and others.

At 7:30 pm Mr. Boulter opened the meeting.

7:30 TOWN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: UPDATE ON VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES

Linda Osborne was present to inform the Board that the Veteran's Day activities will take place at Pembroke High School, Monday, November 11, 2019 at 10:30 am. David McPhillips read the proclamation from Governor Baker.

7:40 TOWN ACCOUNTANT, TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR: REQUEST FOR VOTE ON CURRENT FINANCIAL POLICIES

Town Accountant Mike Buckley gave a summary of the proposed Financial Management Policies and Guidelines . He discussed target numbers for FY 2021 and beyond for Undesignated fund balance, stabilization fund, overlay reserve, reserve fund, OPEB fund, Workers Comp fund, unemployment fund, IOD fund. Mr. Boyle moved that the Board adopt the requested policies. Ms. Rushing seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

8:00 TOWN ACCOUNTANT, CHIEF ASSESSOR: FY 2020 TAX RATE

Mr. Buckley and Chief Assessor Cathy Salmon were present to inform the board that the Department of Revenue had approved the town's application to set the tax rate for FY 2020. Mr. Boyle moved that the Board close the public hearing on the tax rate. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE TO DECLARE A VACANCY: DPW WATER COMMISSIONER

Mr. Trabucco moved to declare a vacancy in the DPW Water Commission and to set a deadline of November 26, to accept nominations. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VOTE TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Monks from the Advisory Committee. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Trabucco commented on the new traffic signals at Pleasant Street and Rt. 53. He thanked the staff for the long process in getting the project underway.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne reported on the following: The Town is soliciting for COA van drivers and to call the COA office at 781/294-8220 for more information; as requested, the recycling center will be open for leaf collection the Sundays of November 9, 16, 23 from 9am to 2 pm.; a vehicle policy has been included in the packet for review and further Board action.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Brown inquired about the potential purchase of an electric car for the police department. A discussion ensued regarding the previous storms and how Pembroke has been affected. Mr. Thorne informed the Board that National Grid was looking at constructing a substation in town to alleviate the power outages.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brown brought up the request by the Massachusetts Municipal Association to support legislation to minimize unfunded mandates by the state.

Mr. Boulter read the upcoming issues before the Board in November and December.

The Board adjourned at 8:17 pm.