

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Gregory M. Hanley (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts with leaders, Katie DiNardo, and others.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office and the Boy Scouts led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

STREET ACCEPTANCE HEARING: The Chairman read the notice of an advertised public hearing on the acceptance of Lilah Lane (formerly known as Roberts Road). Charles Leach, resident of Lilah Lane, was present and commented that the fire pit in the cul-de-sac will be changed to a planter and the sandbox will be removed. Selectman Boyle moved, seconded by Selectman Hanley, to recommend Lilah Lane to be accepted at the Special Fall Town Meeting as a public way, subject to the approval of the Planning Board. So voted unanimously in favor.

BOY SCOUTS POPCORN SALES: Representatives from Boy Scout Troop 43 and Cub Scout Pack 105 were present to request permission from the Selectmen to conduct their annual popcorn fundraising door-to-door sales. They will begin Oct. 1 and continue through to October 31, from after school until dark and on weekends. Funds support the scouts for overnight camp-outs and other activities.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to grant permission as requested. Voted unanimously in favor.

Chairman Boulter read a letter he received from Boy Scout Troop 43. It was explaining the Eagle Scout project of Drew Latwas which is to replace the old signs on the island for the Pembroke High School and Hobomock Elementary School and any donations would be appreciate to help fund this project. Donations can be sent to Boy Scout Troop 43, P.O. Box 743, Bryantville, MA 02327 c/o PHS & Hobomock Signs Project.

SKATEPARK FUNDRAISER: Katie DiNardo requested permission to conduct a Bike, Skate & Scooter Day in the Community Center Parking Lot on Saturday, October 23rd, with a rain date of Sunday, October 24th, from 12:00 Noon to 3:30 p.m. She explained that her committee will be meeting with Recreation Commission tomorrow.

Selectman Boyle moved, seconded by Selectman Stone, to approve the request for the Skatepark Fundraiser event pending the approval of the Recreation Commission.

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Chairman Boulter added that the Police and Fire Chiefs should be notified of the event and the proposed area to be closed off behind the Community Center. Mr. Boyle accepted this as a friendly amendment to his motion. Vote: 5/0 unanimously in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Chairman Boyle noted that the Selectmen are negotiating a job description with the Animal Control Officer and this item will be on the next agenda.

WAGE & PERSONNEL BOARD: Mr. Matt Norton notified the Advisory Committee and Selectman Hanley that his personal commitments have changed and he will no longer be available to serve on the Wage & Personnel Board. His name will be withdrawn and there will remain two vacant seats on this board.

5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN: Town Administrator Thorne gave a report to the Selectmen of what has been submitted for capital requests and the proposed 5 year updated plan. He asked the Board to review the plan and send him their comments before the Cash Management meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd. He told the Board that the School Committee would be here to explain the request for a new roof on the Hobomock Elementary School.

EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION: Town Administrator Thorne explained that he researched this topic and reported that very few communities will be able to participate in this program. Pembroke would only be able to replace half of the eligible employees who retire over a three year period. No department can afford to lose even one employee at this time. He recommends that the town not participate in this program. Discussion ensued relative to the pros and cons of the program but the Selectmen did not feel they were in a position to take any action at this time.

RESTAURANT LIQUOR SALES HOURS: Selectman Trabucco inquired about a memo received from Town Counsel regarding the authority to allow a restaurant to open and serve alcohol at 10:00 am on Sundays.

Mr. Trabucco motioned, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to re-open the Special Fall Town Meeting Warrant. So voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Trabucco motioned, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to add an article to accept the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 33B.

Mr. Hanley motioned, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to close the warrant. So voted.

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The secretary will research whether or not this General Law has already been accepted by a town meeting.

WINE RECORKING: Selectman Trabucco inquired about the practice of recorking an opened bottle of wine from a restaurant. This item will be revisited on an agenda after the town meeting. Chairman Boulter is concerned about driving with an opened alcohol container.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY: Town Administrator Thorne reported the the Hazardous Waste Collection Day held at the Recycling Center on Saturday, Sept. 18th was a great success. He called it the “Woodstock of Hazardous Waste Days”. He said there were over 200 cars and expressed thanks to all the patrons who exhibited great patience. Mr. Thorne feels the town may hold another event in the Spring.

Selectman Stone also extended thanks to Mr. Thorne and to the folks at the Recycling Center and to Mr. Valenti and his crew for a successful work effort.

TRUCK TRAFFIC: Selectman Stone noted that there is still work to be done to get the truck traffic issue under control. He said there will be another traffic study performed on the streets that go through Pembroke into Marshfield and Duxbury. The study should be concluded by the end of the week and the reports will be discussed at a future meeting. The approval of Marshfield and Duxbury would be needed to make any recommendations on these roadways.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to go into executive session to discuss litigation strategy, and upon completion of executive session, no further public business to be discussed.

Roll call vote: Trabucco, yes – Stone, yes – Hanley, yes – Boyle, yes – Boulter, yes

The Chairman declared that the Board will go into executive session and no further public business will be discussed.

The open session of this meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Tobin, Executive Assistant