

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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), Members of the Town Memorial Committee, and others.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 pm in the Veterans Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Tree Lights: Mr. Trabucco reminded residents that there is a collection box in the town hall lobby for donations of LED lights for the trees on the Town Green. For more information about the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, there is a link on the website for the Chamber of Commerce.

300th Anniversary Celebration: Mr. Boulter announced that M&F Jewelry, Rte. 139 in Pembroke, has generously donated 200 gold and silver lapel pins commemorating the 300th Anniversary of Pembroke. These pins will be available for purchase in the Building Dept. and the DPW Office at the town hall and at the Center Library. Mr. Boulter also informed that Mr. and Mrs. Zaniboni from Windswept Bogs have donated all the cranberries to make the Anniversary wine.

MINUTES: The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor to accept the minutes of the meeting of Oct. 25, 2010 as amended.

FIRE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT: Mr. Hanley requested that action be postponed on the acceptance of this agreement until Fire Chief Neenan could come in to explain the mutual aid services.

TOWN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Capt. Keegan read the Governor's proclamation to declare November 11, 2010 to be Veterans Day in Massachusetts. The Memorial Committee will hold their ceremony on Nov. 11, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Veterans Commemorative Park on Rte. 27, School St., with refreshments to follow in the Pembroke Community Middle School, supplied by the American Legion.

RECYCLING QUESTIONS: Jim McCollum requested time on the agenda to discuss recycling dept. record keeping and contracts. The Board postponed discussion until after Mr. McCollum can provide a written list of his questions and concerns to be discussed.

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Brian VanRiper could not make tonight's meeting but will come in next week to discuss the articles that were on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: The Selectmen would like to postpone appointments to this committee for a week in order to review the applications.

BONNEY STREET TRAILER: A letter was received from the attorney for Holly Weinrecht updating the status of her lawsuit with the building contractor. The attorney expects Ms. Weinrecht will prevail in the appeal and she has been in touch with the Building Inspector. Mr. Trabucco moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to extend the trailer permit at One Bonney Street until June 1, 2011, in order to give the homeowner a chance to complete the appeal process and begin to re-build her home. This permission is on the condition that the homeowner cleans up the property to the satisfaction of the Board of Selectmen for appearances sake. So voted unanimously in favor. It was suggested that Boy Scouts or other neighborhood volunteers might help with the clean up. Chairman Boulter will call the attorney for the homeowner to explain this action.

ASK THE SELECTMEN: A letter was received from Jennifer Smith of Reed Hollow Farms on Center Street complaining about the noise and disruption caused by off-road vehicles on the bogs at Tubbs Meadow. A copy of the letter was sent to the DPW and the Selectmen will await a response. No signs are posted in much of the area around Tubbs Meadow. A copy will also be sent to Conservation Commission for their comment. The bylaws will be checked to see if motor vehicles are allowed on Conservation land. Mr. Boulter sent a copy to the Police Chief who says he will assign a couple officers to use the police off-road vehicle to patrol the area on occasion. He will work with the Water Dept. and Conservation Commission to help with this problem. Mr. Hanley suggested seeking assistance from the Environmental Police and Mr. Trabucco agreed and suggested that the Police Chief might be able to contact them.

Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Administrator to coordinate with the DPW, Conservation, and the Police Chief in an effort to resolve this matter and keep the Smith's apprised of the situation. So voted unanimously in favor.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Recycling Discussion: Mr. Thorne suggested that the Selectmen might want to have a separate meeting just to deal with trash questions instead of during a regular Selectmen's meeting. Maybe the Selectmen could conduct a public hearing in a couple of weeks on this subject for public comment and input.

WAGE & PERSONNEL BOARD: Mr. Stone noted that there are still two vacant seats on the Wage & Personnel Board and interested persons should submit an application to be considered for appointment to that board.

REMINDER: The Selectmen reminded residents to turn their clocks back this weekend and to replace the batteries in their smoke alarms.

The Selectmen also urged residents to be sure to put house numbers in a visible place for emergency vehicles to easily find them. Residents should also check to be sure their address is correctly listed with the Police and Fire Departments through the Emergency 911 system.

The Chairman also reminded residents that tomorrow is Election Day, Nov. 2nd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy and pending litigation, and upon completion of executive session no further public business to be discussed.

Roll Call Vote: Boyle, yes – Hanley, yes – Stone, yes, - Trabucco, yes – Boulter, yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm