

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010

PRESENT: Daniel W. Trabucco (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Gregory M. Hanley (Selectman), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), and others. Chairman Willard J. Boulter, Jr. and Town Administrator Ed Thorne were not present this evening.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Congratulations were extended to the Midget Super Bowl Champs and to the PeeWee Football Team for making it to the Super Bowl.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: David Shea and Barbara Ingalls of the Chamber of Commerce presented a check in the amount of \$127 for the Food Pantry to Ruth Ingalls of the Council on Aging. Thanks were also extended to Rick Kates, track coach at Notre Dame Academy, for the truckload of food donations from the school to the Pembroke Food Pantry.

MINUTES: The minutes were not available and action was tabled to next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Traffic Lights in Center: Chairman Boulter sent notice to the office and the members of the Board that he has directed that the new traffic lights in the Center of town should stay blinking until the engineers and other parties involved can resolve a smoother pattern for the lights. Mr. Stone informed that according to the project manager, the new CVS plans to open in late January and the existing stores will be closed for three weeks while the old stores are being torn down and they will move into the new buildings in February. Then construction will begin on the new Stop & Shop.

Monroe St. Gravel Removal: The DPW has received approval from the State to start the gravel removal project at the Monroe Street pit. They will send out bids and hope to start in two to three weeks.

BROCKTON POWER PLANT: Mr. Trabucco explained that it was originally proposed that the plant would use recycled water but now they want to use water from Silver Lake to cool the towers. The centuries old agreement between Pembroke and Brockton to use water from Silver Lake was that the water would be used for drinking water. Mr. Trabucco hand-delivered a letter from the Pembroke Board of Selectmen to the Siting Board today. The concern is using drinking water for industrial purposes.

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He further explained that Silver Lake is part of an aquifer and that a proposed water drawdown would drain water from Furnace Pond also and then would draw on Monponsett Pond. Mr. Trabucco met briefly with the DPW tonight and they share the same fears and concerns. Pembroke was not considered an abutter when the notifications of the original public hearing went out to abutters of the plant. Not having been notified, Pembroke did not have an opportunity to attend or speak it's concerns at the hearing. Mr. Hanley spoke to Atty. Joel Bard who is reviewing the paperwork. He also spoke to Senate President Murray and Mr. Boyle spoke to Representative Webster. Mr. Trabucco noted that he was told that his statement and letter he presented at the meeting this week would not be entered in the record and would not be considered on the decision because we missed the public hearing comment period.

Mr. Trabucco also informed the Selectmen that the old South Weymouth Air Station proposed project has announced that Weymouth will limit their supply of water and they expect Rockland and Abington to contribute from their water sources to the new project. Those water sources also come from Pembroke. Mr. Boyle will help the Executive Assistant to craft a letter to be sent to the Ian Bowles at the EOEa and to our legislative representatives, with a copy to our town counsel. Mr. Trabucco offered that questions could be directed to him at this email address.

FINAL NOTES: The Selectmen offered get well wishes to the Town Administrator as he recovers from hip surgery and congratulations to Chairman Boulter on the birth of a new grandson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.