

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Mikaela Slaney (Pembroke Express), Chester Drown, Pauline Dixon, Michael Virta, Ben Bastienelli, Tom Irving, Gordon Martin, Leonard Ruszczyk, Hilary Wilson, Denise Hawes, Janice Bowes, Suzanne Driscoll, Linda Peterson, and others. Selectman Boyle and Selectman Hanley were not present this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Retirement Party for Deputy Fire Chief Emanuel will be held on March 26, 2011 at the Monponsett from 7-11 pm.

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE: The Board voted to approve the request of the Pembroke Historical Society to exercise a One-Day Liquor License on Sunday, March 20, 2011 from 9 – Noon for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser event at the Historical Museum on Center Street.

FISH FRY: The Historical Society reminds all that the Grand Ole Fish Fry will be on Sunday, May 1st at the Herring Run Park.

MINUTES: The Board approved the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2011 as prepared and amended.

DOG COMPLAINT HEARING – 66 DWELLEY ST: It was reported that the second dog owned by the Langella's at 66 Dwelley St. has been adopted. They do still have a 6lb Chihuahua living at this address but he is of no threat to anyone. As a result of both offending dogs having been adopted, Mr. Trabucco moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to close the public hearing with no criminal action to be brought against the dog owners. So voted unanimously in favor.

RECYCLE COMMITTEE: The Selectmen continued interviews of the applicants for the Recycling Committee. Ben Bastinelli, Tom Irving and Thomas Driscoll were present to explain their interest in serving on this committee. Mr. Stone read the mission statement of the committee and Mr. Trabucco noted that he feels this committee will help the Selectmen to implement a successful recycling program in the town. Mr. Boulter explained that the appointments to this committee will be made at the meeting of

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February 28, 2011 after the two Selectmen who could not be present tonight have had a chance to view the replay of this meeting and the remaining interviews.

SPECIAL WARRANT WITHIN THE ANNUAL: Mr. Trabucco moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to open the warrant for the Special within the Annual Town Meeting to be closed on March 2, 2011. Voted 3/0 unanimously in favor.

Mr. Stone noted that it is the intention to open the annual town meeting warrant earlier next year to allow more time for Selectmen and Advisory review of the articles and possibly eliminate the need for “place holders” for articles from some departments.

FIRE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT: Town Counsel confirmed that Chapter 48, Section 59 that was voted several years ago remains in effect and enable the town to authorize its fire department to aid other communities and it establishes which community is responsible and liable. There is no provision within the statute for its rescission. Counsel confirmed that there is no need to draft a new mutual aid agreement.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT: The Selectmen reviewed each article that was submitted for inclusion on the annual town meeting warrant and accepted all of them to be on the warrant for action. There was some discussion with members of the Council on Aging Board of Directors regarding three articles submitted by them. Mr. Hilary Wilson, GATRA representative, was also present to advise that the budget has to be reviewed to be sure that GATRA will be able to cover the cost of the requested upgrade and increase in hours. He cannot guarantee that these costs will be 100% reimbursable. Mrs. Hawes referred to the use of funds from the revolving account.

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Trabucco moved, seconded by Mr. Stone to adjourn. So voted.

Prepared by Diane Tobin, Executive Assistant