

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

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), Mikaela Slaney (Pembroke Express), Chester Drown, Pauline Dixon, Gordon Martin, Leonard Ruszczyk, Andy Pongratz, David McPhillips, Mark Moneypenny, Linda Peterson, Richard McGee, Chief Michael Ohrenberger, and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TOWN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Andy Pongratz presented plans of the Town Memorial Committee and American Legion Post 143 for a beautification project on the Town Memorial Park. Mr. Pongratz explained that two of the existing walkways to the monuments are crumbling and the committees plan to replace them with new pavers. They will be having boy scouts and 4H group members offering engraved bricks for sale at \$50. apiece. They will solicit sales from local businesses. They would like to start soon and be able to complete the walkways by Memorial Day. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to approve the proposed project to repair the walkways on the Town Memorial Park. So voted unanimously in favor.

PEMBROKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Notice was read to remind all of the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Historical Society to be held on Sunday, March 20, 2011 from 9-Noon at the Museum Building on Center Street.

CASABLANCA NIGHT: Notice was read to remind all of the Casablanca Night Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Pembroke Country Club to benefit the Education Foundation.

TASTE OF PEMBROKE: A fundraiser will be held to benefit the Pembroke Titans at the Pembroke Country Club on March 27, 2011 from Noon-4pm. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

MINUTES: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to approve the minutes of Feb. 22, 2011 as presented. Voted 3-0-2 Mr. Hanley and Mr. Boyle abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

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RECYCLE COMMITTEE: Mr. Hanley motioned to rescind the previous vote to the Board to go from 10 members to a 7 member committee. Mr. Boyle seconded and it was so voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to appoint a seven member Recycling Committee, according to Article 23 of the Nov. 2010 Fall Town Meeting, to serve in the town's best interest as follows:

Leonard Ruszczyk, Michael Virta, and Lisa Cullity for three year terms; Gordon Martin, Tom Irving and Thomas Driscoll for two year terms; and Ben Bastianelli for a one year term. Mr. Ruszczyk to serve as Chairman for the first year. Voted: 4-0-1 with Mr. Boyle present but not voting because of his family relationship with Mr. Driscoll.

Further, Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, that should there be a problem with committee members attending meetings, the committee shall meet and discuss recommendations for Alternate Members. Those names will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. Voted 5-0 unanimously in favor.

The first meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Pembroke Town Hall.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of approving a request from Ginger Comeau to hold a fundraiser Ice Cream Social on the Town Green on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 from 6-8pm. This is to benefit the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

PEMBROKE MEDIA BROADCAST: The Directors of the PMB requested the approval of the Selectmen to make changes to Article III, as required by the current bylaws. Selectman Stone had concerns about the scheduling and posting of meetings and the mission statement. Selectman Trabucco and Selectman Hanley expressed concerns about the suggested language and lack of sufficient information to make a decision. The Selectmen would like to review a set of the original bylaws before the next meeting. Mr. Trabucco moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to table this item until the next week. So voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Thorne will look at the Pembroke Media Broadcast requests and prepare copies of the original Article III and Article VI for the Selectmen.

POTHOLE: The Selectmen would like to invite the DPW Commissioners to their next meeting to update folks on how they will be tackling the pothole issues as a result of the past winter. The Selectmen would be interested in their priorities and plan of action.

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McGEE PRE-OWNED: Mr. Richard McGee was present for the continued public hearing regarding complaints about business practices at this dealership. Mr. McGee reassured the Selectmen that he has terminated the manager and another person who seemed to be the problems. He said that the manager had worked for him for about four years and had gained his trust but Mr. McGee admits he did not catch the manager's actions early enough. Mr. Boulter pointed out all the complaints that were received at the Police Dept. over the last four years and the many complaints to the Better Business Bureau. Mr. McGee claimed that many complaints were because the customer could not get financing and he feels he has already addressed the complaints brought to the Selectmen's attention. He said he has three stores and one of them won the highest award for customer satisfaction from Toyota.

The Selectmen feel that the owner should have been aware of the problems much sooner and issues must be taken care of immediately. Customers should not need to go to the Police Dept. Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to close this public hearing. So voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Boulter noted that he expects that Mr. McGee will address all other complaints reported by the police and notify the Selectmen of the actions taken.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION: Mr. Trabucco asked Chief Ohrenberger if he has any comment on the current legislation proposed to require identification of voters at the polls. Chief Ohrenberger is not familiar with this legislation but personally feels it is a good idea and should not be offensive to ask for identification. Town Clerk Mary Ann Smith says there are occasions when the registrars find it necessary to request to see identification. Mr. Trabucco noted that there is no particular cause to bring this up in Pembroke but just to see what the thought was on the subject.

BROCKTON POWER PLANT: Mr. Trabucco updated the board on the status of the Brockton Power Plant issue and said that there is a stalemate between the Power Plant and the City of Brockton. Pembroke's only concern is that the water is not drawn down from Silver Lake to cool the towers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to go into executive session to discuss contract strategy and bargaining strategies.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

