

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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), P.J. Lowe, Carol Allen, Chester Drown, Linda Peterson, Len Rusczyk, Mike Virta, and others.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:00 pm in the Veterans Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Taste of Pembroke: P.J. Lowe and Carol Allen informed the Selectmen of a fundraiser to be held at the Pembroke Country Club hosted by the High School Boosters, on March 27th from Noon to 3 pm.

Boy Scout Recycling Fundraiser: Boy Scout Troop 43 will be conducting a fundraiser on April 9th in the parking lot of Lowe's on Rte. 139. A truck from CRT will be there to collect recyclable electronic equipment and appliances from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations to dispose of these items will be accepted to help support the scouts.

MINUTES: The minutes of February 28, 2011 were accepted as presented.

FISHING TOURNAMENT: Good Spirits Bass Masters was granted permission to use Oldham Pond for a Fishing Club Tournament on May 14, 2011 from 7am to 3pm.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE: A correction was noted to a new article regarding the newly formed Recycling Committee to reflect that the committee is charged with informing residents of the importance of recycling and not looking into the issue of curbside collection.

DPW COMMISSIONERS: Ben Bastianelli, Paul Whitman, Jim Kilcommons, Gene Fulmine explained that a lot of mixture has been put down on the potholes and they are getting ready to repair the holes with hot mix. The DPW needs to borrow a hot box from Duxbury one day next week so they can start hot mix asphalt patching of pot holes when the asphalt plant opens up again. The priority is to do the heaviest traveled roads such as Center St., Barker St., and School St., then to the least traveled roads. An article will be submitted to the Annual Town Meeting to borrow money to fund permanent repairs.

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Regarding a letter received from Mr. Lynch of Archer Ave., the Director explained that there is no funding for unaccepted roads and that people have to slow down. He suggested that if residents want to pitch in to purchase the guard rail, the DPW could install it.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES:

The Selectmen voted to recommend Favorable Action on Article 1 regarding transfers.

On Article #2, Mr. Trabucco moved to strike this article from the warrant, seconded by Mr. Boyle, and further to transfer the requested amount of \$5,000 from the Camp Pembroke Fund to the 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee to help with the planning of the year 2012 activities. Voted 4-0-1 with Mr. Boulter abstaining.

Article #3 becomes Article #2, regarding the DPW request to borrow funds to repair roads. The Selectmen voted to recommend Town Meeting Floor.

Article #4 becomes Article #3 regarding the requests presented to the Community Preservation Committee for project funding. The Selectmen voted Favorable Action.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION DISCUSSION: Mr. Trabucco provided copies of several bills that have been proposed to the legislators to require identification of persons wishing to vote at the polls and suggested that the Selectmen send a letter of support for this legislation to Rep. Webster and Sen. Murray. The Selectmen expressed concern over some of the proposals and required types of identification. Mr. Trabucco moved to table discussion on this issue for two weeks so that the Selectmen could review the materials. Mr. Boyle seconded and it was so voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Boulter suggested talking to Rep. Webster to see if he recommends any or all of the proposed bills.

BONNEY STREET TRAILER: Mr. Boulter reported that the weight of the snow has caused a complete collapse of the house at Bonney Street. He also noted, and Mr. Stone agreed, that the area around the house and trailer had not be cleaned up when the trailer permit was extended with that condition.

CITIZEN'S LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR: Mr. Trabucco informed the other members of the Board that he was nominated and invited by Senate President Therese Murray to attend a 2 day Citizen's Legislative Seminar at the State House. He is honored and excited about attending.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Thorne reported that he is reviewing the municipal health insurance proposal changes by the Governor that would give the town authority to modify plan designs.

ASK THE SELECTMEN: Pembroke Media Broadcast was presented from residents who are concerned that although the PMB was created by the Selectmen, they do not seem to have much to do with it. Mr. Boulter would like the other directors to come to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss the bylaws.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to enter into executive session to discuss real estate negotiations and to discuss collective bargaining litigation strategy, and upon conclusion that no further public business will be discussed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm