

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 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, William and Catherine Pike, Brian Jacobson and son, Lisa Cullity, Linda Peterson, Liz Cytrynowski, and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DPW STORM BRUSH CLEAN-UP: The DPW has announced that they will provide a Winter Storm Clean-Up service to residents from April 4th through April 23rd. They will complete this by sections as follows: Apr. 4th – 9th they will be in the area of Wampatuck, Oldham, West Elm, Dwelley, High St., Mountain Ave, Queensbrook, Center, Forest, Plain, and Valley Streets; Apr. 11th – 16th in the area of Mattakesett, Barker, Water, brick Kiln, Pleasant, Spring, Elm, Oak, Taylor, Congress, Old Washington Streets; and from Apr. 18th – Apr. 23rd in the area of Union, Plymouth, Hobomock, Lake, Monroe, Mill, School, West, Standish, Pelham, Birch, Station, and Chapel Streets. No construction material will be collected, only storm damaged brush and tree branches. They must be stacked butt end to the street in long lengths.

CUB SCOUT TRASH PICK-UP DAY: Cub Master Brian Jacobson of Pack 43 requested permission from the Selectmen to have his Cub Scouts pick up trash around the schools, police station, town hall, community center, library and fire station on Sunday, April 10th. Health Agent Lisa Cullity spoke with Mike DelPrete who will be happy to pick up the bagged trash. The Recycling Director, Mike Valenti, had suggested that any recyclables be bagged separately to be taken to the Recycling Center for disposal. The Selectmen expressed gratitude to the scouts for offering to take on this project and granted approval for this activity and waived any fees for any trash brought to the Recycling Center.

C & B ICE CREAM TRUCK: The Selectmen voted to approve the annual request of Catherine and Bill Pike to operate their ice cream truck throughout town during the summer months on Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to Dusk and on Saturday and Sunday from Noon to Dusk. They will not operate on the ballfields. The Health Agent has reviewed their application for any necessary permits from that office.

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ASSESSORS INVITATION: The Board of Assessors was invited to attend for an informational discussion with the Selectmen. They were not able to be present this evening and will be re-scheduled to meet with the Selectmen on March 28th at 7:15 pm. Mr. Stone noted that he would like to ask the Assessors about the GIS system and the use of that system by other departments. He was impressed by the presentation arranged by the Chief Assessor for the department heads and he shared this info with other Selectmen.

MINUTES: The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2011 meeting as presented.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES: Selectman Stone reported that he has spoken to Linda Osborn, Chairman of the Council on Aging, and advised her that a written notice to the Selectmen's Office is required if they Council desires to withdraw any articles. Ms. Osborne said she would follow up on this before the end of the week.

SURPLUS REAL ESTATE: The Town Administrator supplied a list of properties to the board for their review to determine if they wish to declare them as surplus property that will be advertised for auction. Mr. Boyle suggests that they continue the practice of applying a minimum bid and no building restrictions on these properties. The Board will review the list and the Town Administrator will ask for input from the Assessors.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Thorne reported that he attended an MMA meeting and Jeff Beckwith told the managers that the legislature is not done with the Governor's budget for FY 12. Chapter 70 funds are not secured and it is the hope that a local aid resolution will be adopted soon so that towns will know what funds will be available. Selectman Hanley suggested and the board was in agreement to invite Senate President Therese Murray and Representative Daniel Webster to attend a Selectmen's meeting.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION: Clifford Lechtur is requesting permission to knock on doors to offer coupons for his travelling dry cleaning service. He offers pickup and delivery from his establishment in Duxbury. He will not be requesting any money. He has not yet received his CORI report but he told the Selectmen that Officer Johnson in Duxbury ran a background check on him and found no record, so he was issued a permit in Duxbury at that time. Chairman Boulter told Mr. Lechtur that it was nothing personal but that he will not vote to approve any door to door permits because he has a personal distaste for this activity. Selectman Boyle moved, seconded by Selectman Hanley, to

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table any action on this application pending receipt of the CORI report. So voted unanimously in favor.

UPCOMING ISSUES: Selectman Hanley referred to the Advisory Committee annual report and noted that over \$24,000 had been spent this past year to keep the community center building running. He feels it may be time to re-visit or re-convene the study committee for use of this building. Chairman Boulter agreed. Selectman Stone noted that he had participated in the study with the previous committee and recalled that the plan was to move the town hall into the community center, the police station into the town hall, and build a new community center and senior center. This project carried an estimated \$35 million dollar price tag which was not approved at the town meeting. Town Administrator Thorne reminded that last spring there were several articles to at least put the basics in place to prepare for future development. He suggested that the engineering information would be available for a newly revived ad-hoc committee to review and make recommendations.

Mr. Hanley noted that he was only talking about the community center building because he feels that the band-aid efforts are getting too costly. He is especially concerned that the old steam boiler is a big problem. Mr. Thorne said that the Energy Audit currently going on will give more information for an ad-hoc committee to work with regarding the future of the community center. He said that the Weston and Sampson engineering report shows what could be done to secure the building until future development is possible.

Former members of the Community Center Task Force should be invited to serve on a revived ad-hoc committee, if they are interested. The Selectmen can then make appointments to a new committee. Selectman Boyle noted that residents are not willing to take on a \$35 million project at this time. Mr. Hanley suggested that Mr. Thorne might look into applying for any Community Preservation funding and possible state funds for this project.

TAX ABATEMENT ISSUE: Liz Cytrynowski approached the board with an issue she has with the Assessors Office. She reported that she had filed for abatement on her taxes and was denied but told she could appeal to the State. She did not keep copies so when she requested copies of what she submitted in order to file an appeal to the State, she was told that she could not have copies and the Assessors referred to Chapter 59 section 60 of the Mass. General Laws. She feels the Assessors may be misunderstanding the intent of

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this law in denying her a copy of her paperwork. Ms. Cytrynowski also stated that she was denied the chance to speak to the Board during their Monday meeting because she was not on the agenda, even though their agenda did not specify any particular applications to be reviewed. Chairman Boulter noted that he also has questions for the Tax Assessors regarding the submission of tax abatement forms and hopes to have answers when they attend the Selectmen's meeting next week.

Selectman Trabucco reminds all that the Board of Assessors are an elected board and the Selectmen cannot and will not impose or direct them in their duties. Resident Gerry Dempsey was in attendance and voiced his agreement with Ms. Cytrynowski, noting that residents should be greeted with courtesy and should be helped by town hall employees and boards. He thinks employees need to learn more tact in dealing with the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, and upon completion of executive session that no further public business be conducted. Roll call vote: Hanley, yes – Boyle, yes – Trabucco, yes – Stone, yes – Boulter, yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.