

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

PRESENT: Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Chairman), Donal P. Anderson (Vice-Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), Lewis W. Stone (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), Steve Annear (Pembroke Mariner/Reporter), Ben Bastianelli, Linda Peterson, Paul Mahoney, Michael Buckley and others.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Pembroke Commission on Disabilities is accepting donations of clothing and medical equipment at their office in the Community Center until March 31, 2010 to benefit the victims of Haiti.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION: Steve Shurdut, owner of The Paper Chain Inc., requested permission to sell his paper products in bulk to residents and he would put \$8 from each case into a fund to be donated to a needy family or community cause. The recipient would be nominated by the residents. He would eventually like to open a store for the sale of these bulk products but he wanted to introduce the products more directly. He has never done this in another town but modeled it after his experience of selling meat products to work his way through college. Mr. Shurdut will store his products at East Coast Paper in Pembroke and will work out of there during the 30-90 day promotional trial period.

Selectman Boulter moved, seconded by Selectman Stone, to grant permission to Steve Shurdut to sell his products door-to-door for a period of 30-90 days, from 9:00 am to Dusk on Monday through Saturday and not before 11:00 am on Sunday, subject to the approval of the Police Chief. So voted unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Grand Ole' Fish Fry: Lauren Richmond, secretary for the Pembroke Historical Society requested and was granted permission to allow the Society to hold their Annual Fish Fry at the Herring Run on Sunday, May 2, 2010. They will be using the park from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Animal Control Issue: Animal Control Officer Bill Hart informed Town Administrator Thorne that a large animal had been sighted near the Duxbury/Pembroke town line. Tracks in the snow indicate a very large cat, possibly a mountain lion. Mr. Thorne wanted to make residents aware and to take caution with small children and pets. Bill Hart and the Animal Control Officer in Duxbury are investigating.

MINUTES: The Selectmen approved the minutes of March 1, 2010 as written.

KELLY MILLER CIRCUS: Selectman Anderson moved, seconded by Selectmen Boulter, to accept the request of the Recreation Commission to host the Kelly Miller Circus on the ballfields behind the Community Center on Friday, June 25, 2010 for two shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. So voted unanimously in favor.

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SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING STUDY COMMITTEE: Selectman Stone moved, seconded by Selectman Anderson, to appoint Gary Fine of 212 Monroe Street and Michael Virta of 16 Fox Path to serve on the Solid Waste/Recycling Study Committee.

LAND SWAP ARTICLE: The Assessors supplied information regarding the tax that would be generated on the parcels proposed for a swap with the Old Colony Sportsmen's Association. The amount would be a loss of \$126. in tax revenue to the town but the Town would gain 6.8 acres of open space. Mr. Thorne will prepare an RFP because the value of the parcel is over \$25,000. The consensus of the Board was to go forward with the article for the requested swap.

YOUTH BASEBALL LEASE: Paul Mahoney was present to respond to any questions from the Board relative to the renewal of the lease agreement. Mr. Thorne told the board that the agreement was the same as the previous one just for a longer duration. Mr. Mahoney explained that they have a contract to have the irrigation system activated and the grass moved and maintained from March through October. The fields are used by the American Legion, Babe Ruth, Pembroke High School and all Pembroke town teams.

Selectman Anderson moved, seconded by Selectman Stone, to sign the lease between the Town of Pembroke and the Pembroke Youth Baseball with an extension of two years. So voted unanimously in favor.

300th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: The committee will meet again next week.

TRAFFIC STUDY: Mr. Stone said that he received calls from residents of Pleasant, Elm and Oak Streets reporting that traffic is still exceeding the speed limit and they want to know what will be done. The Police Chief needs to examine the data to identify the problem areas and he will develop a plan.

As for the 4-way stop sign at Elm and Spring St., the OCPC did not validate the amount of traffic to install a 4-way stop sign. Chief Ohrenberger also did not have enough accidents to validate this request. Mr. Stone says it will need Mass. Dept. of Transportation approval and he asked the DPW Director to talk to OCPC to see if the town could do a follow up. The Town may want to look into an appeal. Mr. Trabucco noted that speed is the major issue of concern because of the steep hill at the mid-point.

DPW COMMISSIONERS: The Commissioners and the DPW Director were present and discussed their articles for the town meeting warrant. Mr. Thorne and the Selectmen assured the DPW Commissioners that there are no plans to use the MTBE money for the budget. The Commissioners agreed that they would withdraw Draft Article 17 and just keep Draft Article 16 on the warrant for consideration. The Oak Street water tank is their priority concern. They noted that the High Street tank is still out of commission.

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PAMMY'S DAY ON THE GREEN: Permission was granted for an event entitled "Pammy Day on the Green" to be held on the town green on Saturday, May 22, 2010 with a rain date of Sunday, May 23rd, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. with proceeds to benefit the Skate Park.

LITIGATION STATUS: Mr. Anderson requested that Mr. Thorne look into getting the status report on outstanding litigation from Kopelman & Paige as previously requested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining strategy and to discuss litigation strategy with the possibility of a vote to be taken in open session after the executive session is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote: Stone, yes – Trabucco, yes – Anderson, yes – Boulter, yes – Boyle, yes

Upon the conclusion of the executive session, there was no other vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.