

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 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 Mattison (Pembroke Media Broadcast Cable), Steve Annear (Mariner/Reporter), Becca Manning (Pembroke Express), Marcus Ford, Ben Bastianelli, Rep. Dan Webster, James and Ryan Gaiser, and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Selectmen read an announcement from the Public Library Director informing residents of the First Town Wide Reading Program called "Pembroke Reads". The program is sponsored by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners and there will be 6 weeks of events will be sponsored on the book, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson.

POLICE DEPT. TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Chief Ohrenbeger informed the Selectmen that their will be a detour on Route 27 School Street during the week of April 19th (school vacation week) between Station Street and School Street in Kingston (in front of Silver Lake High School). There will be road construction in the area from March 15 to mid-May. Motorists will be urged to seek alternate routes when traveling in this area.

BILLY KIDD: The Chairman expressed sympathy on behalf of the Board to the family of Billy Kidd on his recent passing.

NOTE OF THANKS: The Selectmen wished to express thanks to the Dept. of Public Works employees, the Fire Dept. and the Emergency Management Director for their efficient efforts during the recent severe rain storms.

MINUTES: The Selectmen voted to accept the minutes of March 8, 2010 as written.

C&B ICE CREAM: The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor to grant a permit to C&B Ice Cream to operate an ice cream truck with the same restrictions as previous years, pending the approval of the Chief of Police and the Board of Health.

300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Mr. Boulter advised that there will be another meeting of this committee at the Pembroke County Club on Tuesday evening. They are moving forward with plans for the parade route and more volunteers are needed.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Thorne will be with the Plymouth County Commissioners tomorrow night to present shovel ready projects to qualify for stimulus funding. The Community Center Renovations and the Hobomock Street Sidewalk Improvements projects will be presented. Mr. Anderson pointed out that this money is a loan and not a grant.

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Mr. Thorne informed the Board that the Solid Waste/Recycling Study Committee is gathering information from other towns and will meet again this week to discuss the future of recycling.

An Insurance Advisory meeting will be held on Thursday to discuss rates and co-pays for FY2011. They will be made aware of the potential future rates and co-pays to members. There is an expected 17 – 18% increase in rates. Master Health plan will no longer be offered to town employees and this will be a large savings to the Town if members already on that plan change to another plan.

CASINO TASK FORCE: Selectman Trabucco attended the Regional Board of Selectmen's meeting in Lakeville on Thursday and the topic was the regional impact of casinos. A study was done for the metro West area and Ed Harrison and Kathleen Conley from Munson presented limited comparable data. Mr. Trabucco shared copies of the handout information he received with the other Selectman. Mr. Trabucco noted that host towns do not make out exceedingly well with having casinos

Hanover Selectmen Palotta expressed concerns at this meeting about the spillover traffic in our area if a casino is located in Middleboro. There is an issue of tribal rites on the Middleboro property. The social impacts were discussed as well as the revenue benefits from the use of existing facilities that are no longer in use for greyhound racing. Mr. Boulter pointed out the potential increase in the need for police services.

TRAFFIC STUDIES IN NO. PEMBROKE: Regarding the requests for traffic control at the intersection of Spring and Elm Streets, Selectman Stone spoke to DPW Director Fulmine and found that Chapter 89, section 9 gives local officials the authority to put up 4-way Stop Signs at their discretion. He needs to consult with the Police Chief.

REP. DANIEL WEBSTER: Mr. Webster attended the meeting and informed the Selectmen that the State's deficit is in excess of \$3 billion. He said the declining tax receipts have leveled off and there should be no more cuts after this in FY'10, unless tax revenues begin to fall again. He expects that cuts will be no more than 4% in local aid and all will get foundation level. He is hoping to get a local aid resolution passed.

DOCKS AND RAFTS: Andrea Langhauser from the Dept. of Environmental Protection was in attendance to present an overview and explanation of the State's waterways licensing program under MGL chapter 91 and the local options for structures on the town's ponds. She referred to a MassDEP recently approved program in Southwick, MA.

Ms. Langhauser explained that the 1996 State's amnesty program ended. Local approval is an annual permit which requires a simplified sketch plan to be recorded against the deed and can be transferred to a new owner. A local permit option would allow a small scale structure not to exceed more than 600 s.f. of the ordinary water line, have no more than 10 slips at a time, and can be granted by any local government body with the approval of the DEP. There must be a bylaw and the DEP must know who is

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administering the program. Fees can be charged. There must be a timely process and appeal process available. The DEP is the backup to the local option authority.

She noted that with regard to moorings, there should be mooring fields and a limited number could be designated and anyone could apply. Annual renewal of moorings is okay and should be reported to the DEP.

All great ponds have to be accessible to the public. The public access board does ramps and the town would have to apply for help with projects. Local permits are for structures that go below the water line and not just touch it. Ms. Langhauser said that some towns designate a police officer to be the harbormaster or make a Conservation Commission designee with independent enforcement powers.

Any questions can be directed to Andrea Langhauser at 617-348-4084 or by email to andrea.langhauser@state.ma.us.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining strategy and litigation strategy, and upon conclusion to adjourn with no further public business to be discussed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.