

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 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, Mike Melanson, Greg Hanley, Bill Repoff, George Woodbury, Sue Roche, Michael Buckley and others.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chairman Boyle congratulated the Pembroke Military Support Group for their successful event of bringing the travelling wall to Pembroke on Saturday, March 20th.

RECREATION DIRECTOR: The Board voted unanimously in favor to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Commission and to appoint Susan Roche to serve as the permanent, full time Recreation Director.

SMART ENERGY CONSULTANTS: Mr. Hanley requested that the Selectmen see a presentation from Mr. Woodbury of Smart Energy Consultants regarding an energy consumption analysis. Mr. Woodbury explained that there is a program where the Town could purchase the street lights on the utility poles throughout town. The purchase would be for the brackets and fixtures, not the actual pole itself, and the Town would pay the utility company for the cost of the energy use. The Town would also pay for the maintenance of the fixtures. Mr. Woodbury's company would do an audit of the town's system and would be looking for a detailed inventory. He estimated that the town has approximately 580 lights and uses about 175,000 kw per year. He suggested that the town could possibly save about \$25 – \$29,000 per year by purchasing lights. The Energy Smart consultant would do the audit, develop a plan and arrange for the signing of agreements with National Grid.

Mr. Thorne and the Energy Committee will get back to Mr. Woodbury. Mr. Woodbury requested that Mr. Repoff send a letter to find out exactly what the cost would be for the Town of Pembroke to purchase the street lights. He noted that MIIA provides street light insurance for free.

MILL POND DAM: The dam is in distress because of the severe rain storms. DPW Director Gene Fulmine would support cutting the spillway into the dam. Mr. Thorne should talk to Mr. Fulmine and Emergency Management Director George Emanuel about performing this project.

BROCKTON POWER PLANT TASK FORCE: A representative from Pembroke is invited to meet with the Brockton Power Plant Task Force to try to get legislation passed to have a moratorium on building a power plant in Brockton. Mr. Stone stated that he would not be available so Mr. Boyle will try to attend their next meeting.

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MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM: There are two bills to pull health insurance out of the negotiated contracts. Mr. Trabucco gave copies to the Selectmen to review and noted that the Mass. Municipal Association is still reviewing them. He asked the board to look at the bills closely and take no action at this time.

300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Mr. Boulter said that the next meeting would be a field trip to a Boston Winery to see what they need to produce a type of cranberry wine for the event. Mr. Anderson inquired about insurance liability coverage for the wine production and sales and for the proposed air show. Mr. Boulter responded that liability insurance is not needed because they are a town committee and would be covered under the town's general liability policy.

KEENS WAY & BENJAMIN'S PATH: A petition was received from residents of these streets requesting repair of the roads. The DPW Director advised that this request would be put in with all the other street repair requests and priorities will be set.

TRAFFIC STUDY: Mr. Stone discussed the issue of a 4-way stop at Elm and Spring Streets and it was determined that the signs will be erected as well as a Full Stop Ahead sign to warn of the new enforcement.

Mr. Stone also noted that truck traffic signs have been adjusted indicating no through truck traffic beyond the Industrial Zone. The plan and intent is to keep trucks on Rte. 139 and Rte. 53 only but the Town's of Duxbury and Marshfield need to be contacted to help make a case for this to the state.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT: The Selectmen reviewed the articles submitted for the Special Town Meeting Warrant. They voted to remove the article requesting funds to pay for and install a new sign at the Maquon Ballfield. The Board voted to pay for this project with funds from the Camp Pembroke Fund.

Mr. Thorne addressed the articles for the construction of sidewalks on Hobomock Street and for the remodeling, reconstruction and repairs to the Community Center. If the County approves stimulus money for these projects, they will still need to be on this warrant for approval at the town meeting in order to go forward.

Mr. Anderson moved, to remove the article relative to the Mattakeesett St. Ballfields parking lot paving project. Motion died for lack of a second.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

