

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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 and Anne Ryerson (Pembroke Media Broadcast), Kathy Krug (Pembroke Express), Deborah Wall, Rep. Dan Webster, Chester Drown, Alan Peterson, Michael Valenti, Carter Fahy, Mr. White, Clifford Lechtur, and others.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DPW Brush Pickup: A reminder notice was read that the DPW will be picking up storm brush during the month of April.

Child Care at Town Meeting: Pembroke High School National Honor Society members will provide complimentary childcare services at the annual town meeting.

Survey on Town Website: Deborah Wall announced a survey being conducted on the town website where residents can vote for their preferred color of recycling bins. She also noted that she would be happy to help any department to customize and use this survey program.

Recycling Articles on Warrant: It was noted that Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant asks the town to enter into a contract for curbside recycling pickup and it needs to be voted first before the program can start. Money for the purchase of the recycling bins also needs to be voted under Article 8. If voted favorable and the contract is signed then the goal date to start will be July 1, 2011. Each home will receive one barrel for single stream recycle pickup.

Compost Bins and Pails: The Board of Health still have some compost bins and kitchen pails available for sale.

Hobomock Street Road Construction: On April 11, 2011, the DPW will begin construction on Hobomock Street from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm for about three months.

Voter Registration: The Town Clerk sent a notice to remind residents that her office will be open for voter registration on Wed. evening, April 6th until 8:00 pm.

Magoun Field Re-Dedication: On April 16th, there will be a re-dedication of the donation of land from Henry Magoun for the Magoun Park on Rte. 139. A new sign has been prepared and erected at the park.

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Candidates Night: The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Candidates Night on Wed., April 20, 2011 at 7 pm at the Pembroke Country Club.

REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL WEBSTER: Rep. Webster addressed the Board of Selectmen to discuss a local aid resolution. He informed the Board that the Governor filed a budget at the end of January which had an increase in Chapter 70 but a cut of about 7% in lottery funds. He said the House debate begins on April 25th and he brought up in the rules debate to have the House pass aid to local resolution. He has no concrete numbers yet but seems to be clear that there will be cuts in general aid and chapter 70 money. He suggested that the town should plan on 3 ½ to 4% decrease in Chapter 70 and 7% in local aid. The budget session should be complete by the end of June. In response to questions from Mr. Trabucco, Rep. Webster noted that the towns should consider joining the GIC health plans and that the State is sponsoring tax credits to encourage more industry in the Commonwealth. He feels the State needs to maintain lower corporate tax policies to encourage companies to come and stay in Massachusetts.

SMART ENERGY: George Woodbury and Bill Repoff were present to explain that they have obtained information from national Grid regarding the town's street lights. They report that there are actually 625 street lights that could be obtained for a purchase price of \$8384 from National Grid at an annual savings to the town of \$35,000. The town will only pay for the electricity and do their own maintenance. If the Town decides to purchase the lights, Smart Energy does a study to see if we should go to another energy efficient form of lighting, such as LED. Re-investing savings is encouraged.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to establish a sub-committee of the Energy Committee to help make a decision to bring a final proposal to the Board of Selectmen. This sub-committee shall consist of the Town Administrator, Alan Peterson, Eugene Fulmine, Jr., and Greg Hanley. Voted unanimously in favor.

A letter would have to go to National Grid and the Dept. of Public Works if the Town wants to go forward with the purchase of street lights. Mr. Woodbury noted that this program is 11 years old and about 75 communities have taken advantage of it.

HOBOMOCK ST. LANDFILL CAP & CLOSURE: Mark White and Carter Fahey from Environmental Partners were present along with Michael Valenti to report that the bid results for the project were well within range. They had 6 bidders and G. Lopes of Taunton was the lowest bidder. This company has the endorsement of Mr. Valenti. Environmental Partners will provide the Clerk of the Works and the project is expected to begin in early May. Mr. Hanley posed several questions to the EPA representatives and

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Mr. Valenti about the bid process and the specs. Answers seemed to be to his great satisfaction. The Recycling Center will remain open until about June 25th, the end of the school year. There will be a temporary access to the Recycling Center through Learning Lane during the construction.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to allow the Town Administrator to sign any and all contracts regarding the capping of the landfill on behalf of the Town and the Board of Selectmen. A friendly amendment to this motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Trabucco, and accepted by Mr. Boyle, to include requisition orders. Roll call vote: Stone, yes – Trabucco, yes – Hanley, yes – Boyle, yes – Boulter, yes

MINUTES: The Selectmen approved the minutes of March 28, 2011 as written.

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE: The request from South Shore Field House for a special liquor license was tabled for one week to determine how many this establishment has already been granted this year and to be sure there is not a quota on how many an establishment can have in a calendar year.

TITAN TRACK TEAM: The Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the request of the PHS Titan Track Team to host a road race on Monday, May 30, 2011 from 7:30 am to 12 Noon, beginning and ending at the Town Green. Approval must be obtained from the Police and Fire Dept. as well.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT: Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to re-open the warrant to include an article from the Board of Health to continue funding for the Septic Betterment Program. So voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to close the warrant. So voted unanimously in favor.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Relative to the recently added articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, the Selectmen voted to recommend "town meeting floor" on article #4 and "favorable action" on articles #5, 6, 7, and 8.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION: Clifford Lechtur was present to request permission to solicit door to door for his business, The Cleanist Cleaners. He presented his CORI report as required. He explained that he has a pick up and delivery service, two days per week and serves the local communities. He will be offering three \$10.00 coupons to try his service and there are no contracts required. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to grant permission for solicitation for 90 days to begin on April 6, 2011, by Mr. Lechtur only, on Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to Dusk. Mr. Lechtur

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should report daily to the Pembroke Police Dept. to advise of the areas he will be soliciting in on that day. Voted 3/2 with Mr. Stone and Mr. Boulter in opposition.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Surplus Real Estate: Comments are expected from the Assessors Office on the proposed parcels for auction. Mr. Trabucco requested that information about these lots be sent to the DPW, Planning Board and Conservation Commission and these departments should be invited to have a brief discussion in two weeks.

PEMBROKE MEDIA BROADCAST: Mr. Stone wants to meet on April 14 to understand the bylaws and the requests for changes. This meeting will be posted. Mr. Boulter notes that only Article 3 of the PMB bylaws need to be addressed by the Selectmen. Mr. Hanley stated that he cannot be here for this meeting but he believes that it is vital to the community and he has confidence in the PMB. But he cautioned that the Selectmen should have a say in the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, to go into executive session for reason #3 to discuss collective bargaining strategy and litigation strategy, and upon completion of executive session no further public business to be discussed.

Roll call vote: Trabucco, yes – Stone, yes – Boyle, yes – Hanley, yes – Boulter, yes
The meeting was adjourned at 9:07