

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 15, 2020
REMOTE MEETING HOSTED BY PACTV ON ZOOM PLATFORM**

PRESENT: Video: Daniel Trabucco (Chairman), Jessica M. Rushing (Vice Chairman), John G. Brown, Jr. (Clerk), Rebecca Coletta (Selectman), Tracy Marino (Selectman), William Chenard (Town Manager), Gretchen Emmetts (COA Director), Andrew Herman, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager)

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Trabucco advised that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public hearing of the Pembroke Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but the public can view this meeting while in progress. PACTV is providing this service live on Comcast Government Access channel 15, and for those without cable, on their PRIME streaming channel by visiting www.pactv.org/prime. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, by emailing selectmen@townofpembrokemass.org or calling 781-293-3844. All votes taken during this meeting will be roll call votes.

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR GRETCHEN EMMETTS: ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Ms. Emmetts advised that select programming will go back in service next week; she met with Board of Health, Town Manager and Acting Fire Chief to determine the best way and best practices to ensure a safe environment. Ms. Emmetts stressed this is programs only, not meetings, social events or meals. Programs will be limited to six participants who will need to pre-register for the program. Entrance will be through one door, participant will go to their designated, socially distant program space and exit at the end through a different door, maintaining one-way directionality through the 1,100 s.f. space. Participants will have their temperature taken and be asked intake questions on entering. Staff will disinfect the entire space between programs limiting offerings to two programs per day at this time. There will be no more than ten occupants in any room at any time. Programs will be shut down if any issues arise. Ms. Emmetts concluding by stating that she has been working with PACTV to provide televised programming for seniors with 32 offerings in all. Ms. Emmetts advised that early COVID closure outreach figures were in excess of 3,000 calls to Pembroke regulars and more seniors previously unidentified. Mr. Brown requested an update on the Hope Fund; Ms. Emmetts stated that \$11,000 has been raised to date and four applicants' requests have been fully funded with applications still being accepted. Thoughts for CARES Act reimbursable expenses would include investing in handheld technology (tablets) and training and requests for funding for vehicle to allow transportation of seniors to medical appointments outside of the region; many seniors require transportation to Boston which is not allowed under the GATRA program.

ANDREW HERMAN, SOUNDCHECK STUDIOS: SUMMER LIVE ENTERTAINMENT REQUEST(S), THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS

Mr. Herman was present before the Board to request approval for his live entertainment series of permits for live band and cultural arts events on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Labor Day weekend from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Discussion ensued on success of prior events and shift of their business model creatively under current conditions. Mr. Herman advised that six of the events have been acoustic as is allowed and one live band event under single permit. Ms. Rushing stated

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that the live band experience for neighbors was not disruptive but confirmed that the required notification allowed abutters to adjust and plan accordingly for a summer concert series. Ms. Rushing stated that the notification must be part of any additional permitting; Mr. Herman agreed. Further discussion ensued on the December, 2018 permitting scheme of Zoning Board Special Permit versus Planning Board site plan approval. Ms. Coletta and Mr. Chenard concurred that clarification between departments is a necessary address as soon as possible to eliminate any missed site plan approval requirements in the future. Ms. Rushing moved to approve the requested permits as submitted; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. By roll call vote: 3/0/2: Brown – yes; Marino – yes; Rushing – yes, with Coletta and Trabucco abstaining.

DISCUSSION, REVIEW OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (7/14/2020)

Mr. Trabucco updated the board regarding meeting held last night of Board of Health, where they voiced concerns about holding town meeting indoors. They ultimately voted to send a letter to the Selectmen, Moderator and others voicing their support for an outdoor town meeting as they feel it would be safer. Mr. Trabucco noted that a full town meeting preview will be held on July 22, 2020 at 7:30 pm with the opportunity to have questions answered regarding safety protocols, articles, or other content.

VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2020

Ms. Rushing moved to approve the minutes of June 30, 2020 as written; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. By roll call vote: 4/0/1: Brown – yes; Coletta – yes; Marino – yes; Rushing – yes, with Trabucco abstaining.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

CARES Act Reimbursement Update

Mr. Chenard stated that the town has identified several more areas for the Board's review relating to library, Council on Aging and Veterans expenses including foggers, other sanitizers and methods including HVAC UV light changes. Will likely result in spending in excess of CARES allocations. Mr. Chenard confirmed that the phase one through three totals of all Plymouth County cities and towns combined only represents half of the total amount given to Plymouth County under the CARES Act so it is possible more reimbursement opportunities will present themselves.

Water Street Speeding, HCVE Concerns

Mr. Chenard advised that he is in receipt of a letter of complaint and concern from a Water Street resident stating that trucks are travelling on an excluded roadway and cars are routinely speeding; the resident asked about roadway configuration changes. Mr. Chenard has responded to the resident with actions taken to date by various town departments in response, including MassDOT engineer evaluations of the roadway.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Brown stated that he has been contacted by constituents considering the question of why voters weren't attending town meeting pre-COVID and a survey was proposed to gain more information. Ms. Coletta stated that she has been contacted by a constituent of Country Club Drive stating that residents would like signage erected explaining road is not a through way and has no access to golf course.

Ms. Rushing stated she has heard from a resident requesting that the Board of Selectmen issue a statement supporting racial justice as several smaller town organizations have already done so. Ms. Rushing volunteered to draft letter of support for review by the Board at the next meeting.

Len Rusczyk of Fairwood Drive telephoned into the meeting at 7:30 pm to include a ATS item: how

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will the Board of Selectmen deal with the additional costs to the town of solid waste increases in trash and recycling disposal costs. Mr. Chenard advised that the town is looking at several approaches including reviewing the current contracts, increasing education to the public on the many ways recyclables are contaminated as well as sharing other opportunities missed at the curb.

At 8:25 pm, Mr. Trabucco read the upcoming issues. Mr. Brown moved to adjourn, and Ms. Rushing seconded the motion. By roll call vote: 4/0/1: Brown – yes; Coletta – yes; Marino – yes; Rushing – yes, with Trabucco abstaining.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

A. Herman, Soundcheck Studios Live Entertainment Request(s) (BOS/TM Office)
Draft Minutes June 30, 2020 (BOS/TM Office)