

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2016

PRESENT: Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice-Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), Michelle L. Burt (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diana Julian, Joe Chinzi, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and many others.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Boyle opened the meeting and advised that this meeting is being made available to the public through a live video and audio broadcast on Comcast Government Access Channel 15 and is also being recorded for airing on the channel at future dates. Comments made in open session will be recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk has announced that the last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary is February 10th and absentee ballots are now available for the Presidential Primary on March 1, 2016. Please contact the Clerk's office with any questions at (781) 293-7211. Mr. Stone announced that Leonard Lapham has achieved the roll of Eagle Scout and his court of honor will be held on February 28th.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF MASSACHUSETTS KAYAK BASSIN' FISHING TOURNAMENT

Mr. Stone moved to grant a Special Use, Summer Events Permit to Ken Wood of Massachusetts Kayak Bassin' Fishing Club to hold a fishing tournament on Oldham Pond on May 28, 2016 as approved by the Conservation Commission; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT: JANET WHITE, 418 HIGH ST AS REGISTRAR

Mr. Stone moved to appoint Janet White of 418 High Street to the position of Registrar of Voters, term to expire 2018, at the recommendation of the Pembroke Democratic Committee. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2015

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of December 14, 2015 as written; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2016

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of January 5, 2016 as reported; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2016

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of January 11, 2016 as written; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF BOS PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Mr. Stone moved to adopt the 2016 Selectmen's Calendar as written; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne updated the Board on the activities of the Annual MMA Conference; the keynote speaker was Governor Baker, who announced that there will be an increase in local aid and Chapter 70 funding that will be published by Wednesday. Increases will range from 1.6% - 4.3% by community. Mr. Thorne is working with Town Accountant Mike Buckley to finalize the figures in the FY17 budget for next week's presentation of the Town Administrator's Budget Message on February 1st as scheduled.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Stone stated that the Board received email correspondence from a resident regarding safety issues relating to High School students walking along Hobomock Street, particularly with snow plowed to the edges. Mr. Stone stated that he has spoken to Chief Wall and the Chief is in full agreement with the

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placement of a sidewalk along Hobomock Street from Learning Lane to Four Winds Drive to gain connectivity from the schools and fields to the center of town. Mr. Thorne advised that the engineering is done, the funding still needed is to perform the work of the project; to date the budget hasn't allowed for the funding of the project through the General Fund. Mr. Stone proposed that the BOS place the Article on the ATM warrant to secure funding to build this sidewalk. Discussion ensued; Mr. Thorne stated that he spoken with DPW Director Fulmine over the last several months. Senator Vinnie DeMacedo has worked to secure state funding for a portion of the project; engineers had estimated the project at approximately \$620,000; in the fall \$100,000 was voted for the project, requiring the town to fund the remaining \$520,000. Mr. Thorne has received from the Town Treasurer a debt schedule for borrowing that shows repayment averaging \$36,000/yr. over twenty years. Further discussion ensued on the proposed project; Mr. Stone summarized that the BOS has never been opposed to the sidewalk project but the town has struggled with its funding. The annual cost would be paid out of the operating budget and not result in a tax increase.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stone advised that the Town of Norwell has sent notification to all surrounding towns of their intent to form a partnership to develop a program to educate residents about the dangers of ticks and preventative steps that can be taken. Mr. Stone stated that he hopes the Board of Health will be able to take the point on this issue and attend the scheduled tick meeting February 29th at 7:00 pm in Norwell to report back to the Selectmen with expectations and needs of the group. Mr. Boulter cautioned residents not to go out onto ice covered ponds as they are not yet safe.

Mr. Boyle read the upcoming issues before the Board from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board asked the Town Administrator to schedule the Government Affairs representative from Verizon before the Board again this year to engage in additional discussion of fiber optic services (FiOS) that are and are not available in the Town of Pembroke; Mr. Trabucco stated that past years have shown this privately held corporation's business model does not support expenditures for infrastructure. However, residents continue to report to the Selectmen's office that Verizon representatives are erroneously telling callers that fiber optic service is not available to them because "the town" doesn't let Verizon provide it.

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING: NEW CLASS II USED AUTO DEALER'S LICENSE, BIJAN MEHR, KINGS HIGHWAY MOTORS D/B/A WASHINGTON ST AUTO SALES AT 239 WASHINGTON

Mr. Boyle opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm. Mr. Mehr was in attendance. He explained that he has previously held the license at this address before; the group that subleased the parcel from him chose not to renew and they have left. Mr. Mehr intends to reoccupy the location with the same terms as defined in engineered drawings and voted by the BOS on December 2, 2013. Mr. Stone reviewed the submission and clarified that CORI requirements have been satisfied and ZBA has declared no additional hearings required on existing site plan. There were no residents present to speak in favor or opposition to the license. Mr. Boulter moved to approve the application of Kings Highway Motors d/b/a Washington Street Auto Sales for a new Class II license to be exercised at 239 Washington Street as defined with the same restrictions with nineteen vehicles and three staff parking spaces; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Boyle closed the public hearing at 7:40 pm.

At 7:40 pm, Mr. Stone moved to adjourn; Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Email with Application from K. Wood, Email M. Guiney RE: MA Kayak Bassin' (BOS/TA Office)

Letter from R. Kopper, PDTC RE: Registrar Appointment (BOS/TA Office)

Draft Minutes, January 14th, January 5th, January 11th (BOS/TA Office)

Draft 2016 Calendar (BOS/TA Office)

Complete Application Packet: Class II License Kings Highway Motors (BOS/TA Office)

Email from C. Callahan RE: Sidewalks (BOS/TA Office)