

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

PRESENT: Lewis W. Stone (Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Clerk), Matthew J. Furlong (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Richard Wall (Police Chief), Kathleen Keegan, Eric Hurt, Adam Silva, Bonnie Pajick, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Stone 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.

7:00 KATHLEEN KEEGAN, TREE LIGHTING COMMITTEE: REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Ms. Keegan, Chairman of the Pembroke Tree Lighting Committee, was present before the Board with an update of activities for the December 4th tree lighting ceremony on the Town Green. Activities will include food concessions, luminaries, crafts, touch a truck opportunities and a movie. Santa will arrive on a Pembroke fire truck at 6:00 pm; this event is free to all. Last year there were approximately 1300 people. Ms. Keegan thanked the DPW for their hard work stringing the lights on the green and the volunteers who help make the event a success. The Committee has requested \$2800 to help fund the event so it may stay a free event for all. The DPW has reported that they will need \$200 for new lights. Mr. Boulter moved to transfer \$3000 from the Camp Pembroke fund to the Pembroke Tree Lighting Committee; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

7:10 POLICE CHIEF RICHARD WALL: REQUEST THAT THE TOWN EXPLORE LOCAL CONTROL OPTIONS AS RELATES TO BALLOT QUESTION #4

Chief Wall was present to summarize the language in Ballot Question #4 that passed in the general election on November 8th. Within the language it is specified that there is an option for local authorities to develop control options, and the Chief would like the Board to vote to explore what those options are and how they can be implemented. Discussion ensued on contacting town counsel and establishing a committee to review the findings for implementation as they are revealed. Mr. Trabucco moved that the Board of Selectmen officially explore local control options as specified in ballot question four; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco moved that the Board of Selectmen create a subcommittee comprised of the Police Chief, Town Administrator, and members of the Selectmen, Board of Health and Planning Board; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION COMMISSION: ERIC HURT, 44 WEST ST

Mr. Hurt was present on his request for appointment to the recreation Commission; the Recreation Director has sent a letter of recommendation for appointment from the Commissioners. Mr. Boyle moved to appoint Eric Hurt of 44 West Street to the Recreation Commission for a term to expire in 2018; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

REVIEW OF HILL BOG RESEVOIR/CRANBERRY BOG RESTORATION PROJECT & PERMISSION GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mr. Stone summarized the Hill Bog cranberry bog restoration project and approvals voted by the Board for phase one on October 25, 2010 and phase two on September 23, 2013. Mr. Stone stated area residents have concerns with truck traffic, and the Board would like to check in with Mrs. Matthias to ensure that all terms and conditions as voted by the Board of Selectmen are clear. Mr. Stone reminded the Board that this agricultural project does not require earth removal permitting through the town, and instructed the executive assistant to invite Mrs. Matthias to an upcoming meeting.

VOTE TO ADD STREETLIGHT TO TOWN'S INVENTORY: CENTER STREET POLE #58

Chief Wall advised the Board that a public safety assessment of the area was performed and the most economical and effective means of lighting this dim corridor area would be to activate streetlight #58 across from 300 Center Street. Mr. Boyle moved to active the streetlight on center Street on pole #58 and include

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the fixture into the town's inventory at the recommendation of the Police Chief. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Stone presented the Record of Approved Bills and Payrolls from November 15, 2016. Mr. Boyle moved to approve the record with Mr. Boulter seconding the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne advised that the Building Department has requested that all approved operations of the Tree Lighting Committee be subject to the approval of the Wiring Inspector. Mr. Thorne informed the Board that a resident has requested that the town auction a parcel of property adjacent to their property. Mr. Thorne has scheduled this discussion for the Board's next meeting. Mr. Thorne presented a survey of the local area Town Hall's hours for the day after Thanksgiving and presented the historic data showing little to no use of the town's services on that day. As Pembroke is the only Town Hall open, discussion ensued on the practicality of and efficiency of opening the building. Mr. Thorne recommended that the Board close the Town Hall on the Friday after Thanksgiving this year. Mr. Boulter moved to accept the Town Administrator's recommendation; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Boulter advised that the DPW re-opened Ridge Road to through traffic at the request of the Selectmen, and they cleaned the entire area of trash and appliances that had been dumped illegally. The DPW has just reported to the Board that the area is full again of trash and debris; with their fall and winter scheduled work, they will not be able to address this area again until spring. Mr. Boulter suggested that the Police Chief look into cameras for these identified areas of illegal dumping, and he will update the Board on any future action.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Boyle suggested the need for a protocol for elected officials as relates to accident and incident response during an emergency. Chief Wall read a letter that he has prepared for his incident and shift commanders that authorize them to manage the scene autonomously and protect the scene and those who self-deploy.

Mr. Stone stated that he attended the Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting on November 17th; a tick awareness program was presented and the Commissioners announced that they had completed the final three audits of 2013, 2014 and 2015. The Commissioners established a stabilization fund deposited \$300,000 into it, voted budget transfers and announced that they had procured dredging equipment. Mr. Boulter stated that the herring Fisheries Commission has requested the use of that equipment and herring migration has appeared to have ended. He further requested that residents do not blow their leaves into the town's streams.

Mr. Stone read the upcoming issues from the agenda.

At 7:58 pm, Mr. Boyle moved to enter executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec.21(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares: DPW and Fire unions; and (7) to comply with the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §22(f), to review and consider potential approval and/or release of Executive Session Meeting Minutes for 2010-2015. Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Boyle – yes, Boulter – yes, Furlong – yes, Trabucco – yes, Stone – yes.

At 9:10 pm, Mr. Trabucco moved to adjourn; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

K. Keegan, Tree Lighting Committee Advertisement and Budget (BOS/TA Office)

E. Hurt, Application for Appointment; S. Roche Letter of Recommendation (Rec/BOS/TA Office)

Hill Bog Correspondence and Submissions (BOS/TA Office)

Record of Approved Bills and Payrolls from November 15, 2016 (BOS/TA Office)