

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Michelle Burt (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Mark Burrige (Pembroke Mariner Express), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Clerk MaryAnn Smith announces that absentee ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's office until noon on April 25, 2014. Absentee voting hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Town Clerks office. The Town Election is April 26, 2014 with voting hours 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

There is a public hearing in the Veteran's Hall tonight at 7:30 pm by the Planning Board on a proposed Zoning Bylaw for Assisted Living Facilities and a proposed Zoning bylaw amendment concerning Solar Photovoltaic Installations.

**DISCUSSION OF SOUTH EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

Mr. Thorne recommended that the Board vote to accept the proposed law enforcement mutual aid agreement, at the Police Chiefs request, upon review and authorization of town counsel. Mr. Boyle moved to accept the proposed law enforcement mutual aid agreement upon review and authorization of town counsel; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER APPLICATION OF OLD SCHOOLERS FOR BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

Mr. Boyle moved approval of the Old Schoolers bass Fishing Tournament on May 4, 2014 on Oldham Pond from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ms. Burt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL BUDGET FY15**

Mr. Thorne advised that this amount is included in the Cherry Sheet and the amount this year will be \$54,000. Mr. Thorne advised Pembroke representative Mike Valenti has recommended the acceptance of this budget. Mr. Boyle moved to support the Plymouth County Mosquito Control project's preliminary proposed budget for FY15. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**SIGNING OF THE WARRANTS**

The Annual Town Meeting warrant and the Special within the Annual Town Meeting warrant were signed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Thorne advised the Board that the Town's consultant on the Route 53 and Pleasant Street intersection project learned from MassDOT that sidewalks would be required on both sides of the street; the Town must submit a waiver for the opposing side to have it excluded from the project. The cost of this waiver for a special exemption submission will cost an additional \$3,000 but is prudent. The process has begun to obtain the waiver. Mr. Trabucco asked if the project would be delayed as a result; Mr. Thorne confirmed slightly but the step is necessary. Mr. Boyle stated that Comcast has begun informing residents that the Marshfield office will be closing as of May 30<sup>th</sup> and he asked if the Town has any recourse; Mr. Thorne advised that a preliminary review of the contract makes no reference to a local office but he will have town counsel review further.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne advised that Household Hazardous Waste Day will be Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Recycling Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mr. Thorne stated this is a semi-annual event in spring and fall. Additionally, Mr. Thorne stated that the Building Inspector is sending letters to all current candidates for election that signs are not to be posted on town property; any sign on town property must be held. Mr. Trabucco informed the Board that the Town Government Study Committee held its first meeting Wednesday,

April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A general assessment of each member's skills and interests was shared. Mr. Trabucco stated the committee has a broad cross-section of committed and diverse people; he shared that future meetings will further clarify the committee's focus. Discussion ensued on future objectives. Mr. Thorne advised that the Patriot Ledger and the Brockton Enterprise printed a survey over the weekend concerning home values from 2014, tax rates and tax increases. Pembroke ranks 13<sup>th</sup> out of 25 communities with an average home value of \$322,929 and ranked 15<sup>th</sup> at an annual tax bill of \$4,744 and Pembroke was tied for third with the lowest tax increases since 2011.

At 7:30 pm, Mr. Boyle moved to enter executive session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and 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. Mr. Boulter so declared and Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion.

By roll call vote: Mr. Boyle - yes, Ms. Burt - yes, Mr. Trabucco – yes, Mr. Boulter – yes.