

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), Tracy Marino (Vice Chair), John G. Brown, Jr. (Clerk), Rebecca Coletta (Selectwoman), Steven Ciciotti (Selectman), William Chenard (Town Manager), Ken Sweezey, Jr., Deborah Casey, Michael Quinn, Adam Gedutis, Norman Bouchet, and others.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Trabucco opened the meeting with the Chairman's statement.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The fall special town meeting warrant is open and closes Friday, August 12 at 12:00 PM.

**VOTE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KELLY PUCKO FROM PEMBROKE DRUG PREVENTION COALITION**

Mr. Brown moved to accept the resignation of Kelly (Pucko) Davoli from the Pembroke Drug Prevention Coalition and Ms. Marino seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**VOTE TO RE-APPOINT LINDA OSBORNE TO SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FOR THREE YEAR TERM**

Ms. Marino moved to reappoint Linda Osborne as Pembroke's Representative to the South Shore Community Action Council for a term to expire June 30, 2025. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**VOTE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2022**

Ms. Marino moved to accept the minutes of June 22, 2022; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE VOTE ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION REGARDING TOLLS/IMPLEMENTING MOBILITY PRICING**

Mr. Trabucco introduced the topic and referenced the article before the Board from the Boston Globe, as inserted into the Transportation Bond Bill was the creation of a mobility pricing commission to study adding toll locations and increasing toll amounts by considering congestion times and factors. Mr. Trabucco stated that included in this broadly worded pricing increase, they will consider charging commuters by the mile on top of the gas tax, congestion pricing and other fee components which could impact south shore motorists more overall. Mr. Trabucco is requesting that the Board consider sending a brief letter to the town's legislators opposing mobility pricing and congestion pricing. Ms. Coletta posited that a better option would be to work to get someone from Pembroke on the commission, and as residents move toward electric vehicles, gas tax revenue will drop and a new mechanism of supplemental funding for roadway maintenance will need to be developed. Mr. Ciciotti stated he supports a letter opposing mobility pricing and concurs that the language is very broad, allowing for many possible increases to impact Pembroke residents. Mr. Brown would sign on to a letter to clarify the intent of the commission. Ms. Marino would consider signing on to a letter but would like to do more research into the subject first. Mr. Trabucco proposed drafting a letter and adding further discussion to the next agenda. <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/07/24/business/more-tolls-congestion-pricing-mass-lawmakers-set-launch-study-new-road-fees/>.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Discussion of July 25, 2022 Implementation of Water Ban and Related Circumstances

Mr. Chenard advised that the town's water system is a closed system, not actively interconnected with any other water system. Have four active, deep-water wells whereby there is no surface water in our system. The town has three water tanks, with 300,000 gallons stored in the Oak Street tank, 500,000 gallons in the Learning Lane tank and 750,000 gallons in the West Elm Street tank for a total of 1.55 million gallons at a time. Peak water usage hours are from 5a-9a and from 5p-9p. Mr. Chenard explained that the system will recover during off peak daytime and evening hours; in fact, our pumps often shutoff in the night as the tanks become full. In third week of July, the tanks began to deplete as water usage surged, leaving the system with no ability to fully recharge. The town put a Water Ban in place on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> but businesses and

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residents took days to slow water demand, and it took the MEMA call to alert the town and result in reduced water usage, and the system has been stabilizing daily approaching full recovery. In the week leading up to the Water Ban, there was 11.9 million gallons of water used in seven days or an average of 1.7 million gallon per day. That same week in 2021 the town used 8.9 million gallons of water, or 1.266 million gallons per day, a three million gallon difference. Of note, irrigation systems are not allowed to be connected to the town water supply and we are seeing many violations which are causing concern. Losing pressure in the system is not an option, and the situation where pumps are at maximum capacity and we were still losing water; the town, however, never dropped below DEP minimums of 20 PSI. Pembroke averages at or above 80 PSI which is extraordinary, and the town has become accustomed to having water on demand at large levels. The lowest pressure was read at Oak Street at 48 PSI during the event: neighboring towns pump at 48 PSI as a standard. Discussion ensued on how interconnections work. Mr. Chenard explained that the town's fifth well on the Swanberg property is in the permitting, licensing and registration phase with DEP which will be able to go online once finished. On the capital plan in 2024-2025 will be a new storage tank on Oak Street as that is the smallest storage tank and is located in the highest demand area, as well as development of additional well sites that the town has acquired. Ms. Coletta asked if 65 gallons per person per day is the amount allowed by DEP; Mr. Chenard confirmed that annually the town stays below that requirement but, during the water use surge, residents were using 84 gallons per person per day, an unsustainable amount at this time. Discussion ensued on the legislation passed in 1889 and revised in 1964 allowing Brockton to draw water for it's residents and businesses. Further discussion ensued on water rates, Water Commissioners and the upcoming meeting Thursday wherein rates will be raised as published and the Water Superintendent's role will be funded, allowing the job posting to go forward.

### Community Center Project Update

Mr. Chenard shared the bid status and advised that the sub contractor's bids are due August 10, but the general contractors are asking for more time as it will take more time to turn the bids around effectively. It is more favorable to push the date to later in August to maximize how many GCs bid and their ability to turn the sub-bids around versus the time lost by not having the bid results earlier. Mr. Chenard stated that he recommends that the GC bid date be extended to the end of August and that a special bid results meeting be held jointly with Advisory Committee, Recreation Commission and COA Board via Zoom webinar. Discussion surrounding including the project in the fall warrant versus calling a special town meeting and consensus was achieved on including this portion of the project in the fall warrant for October 18.

### Route 36 Project

Mr. Chenard advised that there are two sets of tree crews and drainage crews on Center Street preparing the site for the Reconstruction Project in the spring. He will provide an ARPA water capital outline at the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Marino stated that Pembroke Police Department is participating in a program: when they witness kids following the rules or acting exceptionally, they are handing out Dairy Twist gift certificates that were donated by Tiny and Sons. Deputy Chief LaPierre has scheduled a Narcan training with the help of Plymouth Community Outreach in Veterans Hall on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Ms. Coletta stated that the Board received a letter from Pembroke for Racial Justice who is now UPlift Pembroke who are working with the South Shore Unity Council, and they have sent a letter. Ms. Coletta read the letter aloud.

August 1, 2022

Dear Residents and Leaders of Boston's South Shore Communities,

We are writing to introduce ourselves to you as organizations that are deeply dedicated to the principle that every single person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect no matter who they are or where they come from. In 2019, we came together to form a coalition called the South Shore Unity Council. Through programming, events, and other community initiatives, we seek to bridge differences in experience and perspective in order to build a culture that respects and values the individuality and humanity of every individual.

We will not stand quietly by in the face of disrespect or mistreatment of our neighbors based on race, sexual orientation, gender, religious affiliation, disability or any other reason. We condemn recent acts of racism and anti-Semitism, actions targeting the LGBTQIA+ community, Muslims, and

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others, as well as the dissemination of white supremacist propaganda in our communities. We stand with our neighbors of diverse backgrounds and are committed to ensuring our diverse communities are welcoming and safe for all.

No town, no matter how filled with kind and well-meaning people it may be, is entirely free of bigotry. We can all strive to do better.

If you have not already, we strongly encourage you to reach out to work with us in your town. We also hope you will collaborate with leaders and groups in neighboring towns and discover how they are working with their particular South Shore Unity Council partners to foster a community where every citizen feels valued and supported.

Respectfully,

The South Shore Unity Council:

Cohasset Diversity Committee

Cohasset Pride Project

Duxbury for All

Hanover Pride

Hanover Unity Council

Hingham Unity Council

Hingham Pride Project

Hull No Place for Hate Committee

Hull Pride

Uplift Pembroke

Scituate Together for Representation, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (STRIDE)

Scituate Pride Trans/Parent Support Group of the South Shore

Weymouth for Inclusion Solidarity and Equity (WISE)

Ms. Coletta advised that this private group is working with the South Shore Unity Council and everyone is welcome to participate.

Mr. Chenard advised that correspondence received regarding a proposed friendly 40B project will be on the Board's next agenda to present the project, and the Pembroke Affordable Housing Committee has voted to support the project and the project will get the town over 10% SHI.

At 8:35 pm Mr. Trabucco read the upcoming issues from the agenda. Ms. Marino moved to adjourn; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **MATERIALS & EXHIBITS**

Email, K. Pucko (TM Office)

Email, SSCAC (TM Office)

Draft Minutes of June 22, 2022 (TM Office)

Permit Application to MassHousing: 7-15 Mattakeesett St (TM Office)