

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice Chairman), Gregory Hanley (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), Thomas Tucker, Norman Shepherd, George Woodbury, Ben Bastianelli, Len Rusczyk, Thomas Driscoll, Bill Harmon, Joe Pellegrino, John Mattinson (PMB Cable), Mike Melanson (Pembroke Mariner & Express) and others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Messages from The Town Clerk: Feb 15 is the last day to register or change your party. The Presidential primary election is March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Town Hall will be open until 8:00pm for that purpose only. Any questions call 781-709-1403. Absentee ballots for Presidential primary are available in the Town Clerk's office; voting hours are from 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday and Monday evenings 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Nomination papers are available until March 8: 1 seat for Town Moderator, 2 for Board of Selectmen, 2 for Board of Assessors, 1 for Board of Health, 1 for Housing Authority, 1 for Library Trustee, 2 for Planning Board, 1 for Constable, 2 for School Committee.

Friends of the Pembroke Library are hosting the Trivia Bowl on February 4, 2012 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$150 per table and are available at the circulation desk at the Pembroke Public Library, 142 Center Street, 781-293-6771. Participants must be 21 years of age and older.

Mr. Trabucco congratulated Eagle Scout David Lopes, Pembroke resident who was pinned with his Eagle Scout Badge at a ceremony yesterday. Mr. Boulter presented the Limited Edition pewter plate donated to the Town of Pembroke by the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee at the kickoff event January 15<sup>th</sup> and stated that the Birthday celebration will be held in conjunction with the First Church in Pembroke on March 21. All local dignitaries will be invited.

**7:05 THOMAS TUCKER: APPLICATION TRANSIENT VENDOR PERMIT;  
HOT DOG CART**

Thomas Tucker appeared before the Board to describe his mobile food cart and his objective to provide an affordable meal to kids and families on the Town Green and other Town events. Mr. Boulter asked if he was willing to step aside and not compete with non profits by not selling their products or not selling when they are selling; Mr. Tucker said yes. Mr. Hanley asked if Mr. Tucker was a Pembroke resident; Mr. Tucker resides in Norwell with children and grandchildren in Pembroke. He is licensed by the Commonwealth and by Norwell. Mr. Hanley expressed concern for local fundraisers and asked if Mr. Tucker had spoken with the Chief of Police; Mr. Tucker said no. Mr. Boyle asked if Mr. Tucker was Servesafe Certified; Mr. Tucker stated he is. Mr. Boyle stated he also has concerns about local fundraising groups. Mr. Stone pointed out that the Planning Board has given Mr. Tucker permission to operate but 100 feet from Center Street. Ms. Cytrynowski stated Mr. Tucker has letters from other Towns that he operates in good faith and he splits the profits with fundraising organizations if they are present; he also doesn't have competing products. Mr. Hanley made a motion to table this request until the Board has received more information from the Chief of Police and the Board has a chance to invite the soccer and baseball organizations in to determine whether there are competing products. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle stated that based on Mr. Tucker's agreements of non-compete and the certifications he has complied with through Board of Health, he could support this application. Mr. Trabucco requested a vote on the motion to table; three votes in favor of the motion to table. Mr. Trabucco stated that he would like a letter from the Chief of Police in support of Mr. Tucker's mobile food cart and the Board would like to talk to the Youth Sports programs in town,

soccer and baseball. Mr. Tucker will be put back on the agenda in two weeks for reconsideration of his permit.

**7:15 PUBLIC HEARING: CLASS II LICENSE TRANSFER – ROUTE 14 MOTORS TO SHEPHERD’S AUTO SALES, NORMAN SHEPHERD**

Norman Shepherd appeared before the Board to request that the Class II Auto Dealer’s license at 104 Mattakeesett Street be transferred back into his name; he has owned the property since 1983 and has held the license in his name before. Mr. Boulter moved to approve the transfer of the Class II auto dealer’s license into the name of Norman Shepherd, d/b/a Shepherd’s Auto. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER THE USE OF LOCAL AND STATE ROADS FOR THE CAPE COD GETAWAY MS BIKE TOUR JUNE 23 AND JUNE 24**

Mr. Boulter moved to grant approval of the use of local and state roads pending the approval of the Chief of Police and the DPW on June 23 and June 24 for the MS Bike Tour. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion; vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER USE OF THE TOWN GREEN BY THE PEMBROKE GOES PINK FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 30**

Mr. Boyle moved to approve the use of the Town Green on September 30 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm by Sandra Horvath and the Pembroke Goes Pink Fundraising Committee. Mr. Hanley seconded the motion; vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR LONG POND PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Timothy Kaufman of Long Pond Physical Therapy has requested a one day liquor license for their Chamber of Commerce reception and Open House on Thursday, February 16 at 31 Schoosett Street Suite 300 to serve beer and wine. Mr. Boyle moved to approve the one day liquor license application; Mr. Hanley seconded the request. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**APPROVE FUNDING OF THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE HOBOMOCK SCHOOL PROJECT BY THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY**

Mr. Hanley moved to approve the funding of the reimbursement of the Hobomock School Project by the SBA; Mr. Boyle seconded. Mr. Thorne advised the Board that this will save close to \$500,000 in interest. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Stone moved and Mr. Boyle seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2012 as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**OPEN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Mr. Boyle made the motion to open the warrant for Annual Town Meeting to be held April 24, 2012 effective and close it February 9, 2012 at 4:30pm. Mr. Hanley seconded; the vote was unanimously in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Trabucco advised the Board that he is trying to arrange a meeting between the Town of Pembroke, the OCPC and the Department of Transportation’s new regional director for an update on the status of the Route 14 Project and to gather more information on obtaining a traffic light at Pleasant Street and Route 53.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne advised the Board that members of the Recycling Committee were present to give part of this report; Len Rusczyk advised that there is no further information at this time on grant reimbursements and the article series on recycling is beginning in the newspaper. Tom Driscoll updated the Board on the Recycling Committees meeting and their recommendations. The committee is recommending that the Recycling center be closed for regular operations and remain open once per month under the supervision of the BOH and DPW with volunteer staff. This would save approximately \$100,000. Mr. Boyle moved to table discussion for ninety days; Mr. Hanley seconded. Vote was unanimously in favor of tabling this issue for ninety days. Mr. Thorne has requested the Board transfer \$1000 from the Camp Pembroke Fund for a Strategic Planning Retreat for Department Heads, Boards and Commissions and any members of the public that would like to attend. Mr. Boyle moved to grant the Town Administrator's request to transfer \$1000 from the Camp Pembroke Fund; Mr. Hanley seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

## **GEORGE WOODBURY STREETLIGHT ACQUISITION PRESENTATION**

Mr. Woodbury was present before the Board with their analysis of Pembroke's streetlight layout and costs. There are 625 streetlights and National Grid gave a purchase price in March 2011 of \$8384.26; this would have depreciated over time. Pembroke currently spends \$87,000/yr on streetlights; if we acquired the streetlights we would save \$35,000/yr. Mr. Woodbury explained where the savings is derived; he stated out of 87 communities that have purchased their own streetlights, only 6 maintain them in house. The rest hire outside, experienced contractors. Based on 625 streetlights, fail rate would be approximately 18%/yr or 100 lights/yr which is part time. National Grids fixtures do not allow for newer technology in the bulbs that are used in the fixtures. A 50 watt high pressure sodium lamp used 58 watts total from ballast out; an LED uses 24 watts. Additional cost savings of 50% realized through switching to LED technology; induction savings only 35-37%. Discussion ensued on the differences between induction versus LED technology. Induction allows for warmer colors perceived by a higher coloring index using higher degrees Kelvin, but savings is higher with LEDs. Induction produces warmer color and sharper light. Lifetime of both bulbs is approximately 100,000 hours or 20 years. Pembroke has a few excessively high wattage bulbs in town. The induction and LED bulbs have a ten year warranty so replacement is at no cost to the town if the light fails but require a new fixture head. The net project costs with LED efficiency changes would be \$173,405.00. The next step is a complete audit of the system to verify what is in the field, finalize the plan and firm up the costs. The Board could then make a decision on how to proceed. National Grid can hold the process up for 60 days once the Town notifies them that the Town plans to proceed with the acquisition of the streetlights based on the legislation. There is no law requiring towns to have streetlights; the goal is to update the current lights to consistent levels. Mr. Trabucco asked if private contractors profit from maintenance contracts like NGrid; Mr. Woodbury stated no, contract terms are per light per month. It is in the contractors nest interests to fix it right the first time; rates range from 80¢-\$1.20 per light per month. It is more efficient. Approximate annual cost of maintenance contract is \$10,000 plus \$5,000 contingency fund. Mr. Bastianelli stated he feels the costs associated with implementing the program and maintaining these lights will far exceed the \$35,000 in savings. Mr. Woodbury stated surrounding towns could provide references to savings and maintenance costs that have bid as low as 82 cents/light down from \$1.35/light. Mr. DeMarzo questioned the technology options and the current prices; agreed there could be a savings but stated he believes the costs will go down over time. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Stone stated that it makes more sense to upgrade to new fixtures and energy efficient bulbs than purchase existing fixtures based on savings projections. Mr. Woodbury stated that the protocol would be to start with a few selected area sample fixtures to be installed for residents to view in advance. Mr. Trabucco asked if the government was planning to mandate high efficiency street lighting in the

future; Mr. Woodbury stated no immediate plans. Mr. Hanley reiterated terms of the consultants contracted and thanked Mr. Repoff and Mr. Woodbury for their detailed report; he also pointed out our equipment is old and inefficient. Mr. Hanley also stated Pembroke would save 161,101 kw hours is electricity through the upgrade. Mr. Hanley stated that anyone is welcome to contribute to the committee; it is inclusive not exclusive. Mr. Bastianelli would like to submit his response to the report as he has concerns. Mr. Trabucco stated he welcomes feedback and copies of the Streetlight Acquisition Report will be available in the Selectmen's office. Mr. Hanley stated the Energy Committee is welcome to contribute as is any resident. Bill Harmon asked if Mr. Woodbury has a specific vendor he purchases the lights from; Mr. Woodbury stated no, the project goes out to bid. Mr. Boulter made the motion for the Town to give notice to National Grid that we intend to purchase our streetlights contingent upon an audit by Smart Energy Consulting Services and a final purchase price being provided to the Town. Mr. Hanley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Woodbury will draft the letter for the Town to send to National Grid.

#### **ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Stone received telephone calls from residents stating they had lost their street signs. Mr. Stone has contacted the DPW Director to report the signs missing and he is looking into the matter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to go into executive session 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, and upon conclusion no further votes or public business to be discussed. Roll call vote: Boyle, yes - Stone, yes - Trabucco, yes - Hanley, abstain - Boulter, abstain

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.