

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2023**

PRESENT: Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), Tracy Marino (Vice Chair), John G. Brown, Jr. (Clerk), Rebecca Coletta (Selectwoman), Steven Ciciotti (Selectman), William Chenard (Town Manager), Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager), Erin Obey (Superintendent of Schools), MaryBeth Brust (Assistant Superintendent), Lance Kennedy (School Committee), Susan Bollinger (School Committee), Linda Peterson (Advisory Chair), Stephen Walsh, Kristianne Cullinane, Robert Kenney, Timothy Landy, Maureen Jasie, Elizabeth Benotti, Radwan Alkarrash, Jean Comfort, Judy Schofield, Frasier Townley, Don Bryant, Elin Flashman, Dana Beane, Art Egerton, and others.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Trabucco opened the meeting with the Chairman's statement. Ms. Marino announced that Clean-up Day will be April 22, 2023, from 8am-12pm and all volunteers will meet at PCMS on School St.

SUPERINTENDENT ERIN OBEY: FY24 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Obey presented the Administration's FY24 recommended budget for maintenance of effort, adjusted for level one priorities and reflective of retirements, offsets and amended SPED tuition prebuys, as well as additional revenues from increased Chapter 70 to \$30/pupil, increases in funding from the town and in fees. With the Town Manager budgeting \$38,037,903 for FY24, the resulting gap became \$400,000 and Ms. Obey explained in detail how the School Committee solved for that difference to balance the budget. Discussion ensued on historical funding levels, impacts on today's budget and curriculum offerings. It was agreed by all parties that reconvening the Budget Subcommittee of two SB and two SC members together with the Superintendent and Town Manager would be beneficial.

PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: WARRANT ARTICLE 10 EXPLORE JOINING REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Ms. Obey presented historical enrollment information and the timeline of vocational enrollment options. The next step for the town to take in lieu of a joint vote of the two boards would be to form an exploratory committee to consider that the town enter into a regional agreement for vocational education services. That group's recommendation would then be presented to annual town meeting in May of 2024 in a potential debt exclusion override vote on the warrant and on the ballot. If the current member towns convene and vote to accept Pembroke into the Regional Agreement, the first group of students that could enroll at SSVTHS would be in the fall of 2025. Ms. Obey provided details of the PHS Pathways program for biomedical and engineering instruction as well as the upcoming Pathway to Early Education.

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING: CLASS II LICENSE APPLICATION: RADWAN ALKARRESH D/B/A AUTO DEALS, DEALERS LICENSE WITH NO OUTSIDE STORAGE OR DISPLAY AT 3 OLD COLONY TERRACE

At 7:30 pm, Mr. Trabucco opened the public hearing on Mr. Alkarrash's application for an auction/used vehicle auto dealer's license. The applicant was present to state that he seeks to purchase automobiles at auction from southern states where vehicles have less run, and then ship them abroad with no cars to be shipped to the address, stored at the address, or displayed at the address. Mr. Trabucco opened the floor to those in attendance to speak in favor of the application; there were none. He then opened the floor to those who wanted to speak in opposition to the project. Abutter Jean Comfort voiced concerns about property ownership and the possibility of automobiles being close to the pond and leaking various fluids. Mr. Alkarrash stated that the property is owned by his in laws and he has lived there for several years. Ms. Judy Schofield stated that she lives close to the property where there were many cars there in years past, and she wants to ensure that there wouldn't be a problem with stored vehicles in the future. Ms. Coletta stated that the property owner has granted permission for resident Radwan Alkarrash to have a home business at the location, and a license in effect granted by the Board gives the town the authority to regulate the absence of vehicles at the property. Mr. Brown moved to close the public hearing; Ms. Marino seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Ciciotti moved to approve the application of Radwan Alkarrash d/b/a Auto Deals for a New Class II Auto Dealer's License to be exercised at 3 Old Colony Terrace with no storage or display of vehicles. Ms. Marino seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

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VOTE TO RE-APPOINT GRETCHEN EMMETTS AS PEMBROKE'S REPRESENTATIVE TO OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES (OCES)

Mr. Brown moved to re-appoint Gretchen Emmetts as the Old Colony Elder Services Representative for the Town of Pembroke. Ms. Coletta seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

TOWN MANAGER PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF FY24 CAPITAL PLAN ARTICLE

Mr. Chenard presented the submissions addressing the town's capital plan budget objectives as incorporated into article five. Discussion ensued on the pending Attorney General determination regarding paving contract(s), water capital items, pavement management plans both short and long term as well as public safety needs. Mr. Chenard reviewed the facilities and IT requests as well as recreation requests. He also reviewed the school's capital requests for FY24. Finally, he reviewed the water capital requests. Discussion ensued regarding the updates to the water system. He stated that the grand total of capital requests was \$7,251,197. Discussion ensued regarding capital spending.

VOTE RECOMMENDATIONS ON REMAINING ARTICLES

Special within Annual Warrant Articles 1 (Transfers) & 2 (Clerical Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Mr. Chenard reviewed the departmental transfers as well as the proposed collective bargaining agreement. Ms. Coletta made a motion for favorable action for special warrant articles 1 and 2, Ms. Marino seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Annual Warrant Articles 2 (Operating Budget), Article 5 (Capital Budget), Article 9 (Collective Bargaining Agreement, Clerical), Article 10 (Explore Vocational School), Article 12 (Zoning Bylaw Amendment, MBTA - Adjacent Communities), Article 17 (Public Safety Building Project)

Mr. Chenard reviewed article 2. Ms. Coletta moved favorable action on article 2, Mr. Ciciotti seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Chenard reviewed article 5. Mr. Ciciotti moved favorable action on article 5, Mr. Brown seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Chenard reviewed article 9. Ms. Coletta moved favorable action on article 9, Ms. Marino seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Marino moved favorable action on article 10, Mr. Ciciotti seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Chenard reviewed article 12. Ms. Coletta moved favorable action on article 12, Ms. Marino seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Brown moved favorable action on article 17, Ms. Marino seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

SIGN SPECIAL WITHIN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Trabucco stated that all board members would sign the warrant for posting as the meeting progressed.

VOTE REGARDING APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL (ONE DAY) LIQUOR LICENSE, MGL C138 §14, EAST PEMBROKE COMMUNITY CLUB BREAKFAST ON MAY 7th FROM 8:00 TO 11:00 AM

Ms. Marino made a motion to approve the request of the East Pembroke Community Club for a One Day Liquor License under MGL c. 138 subsection 14 to serve alcohol from 8:00am to 11:00am on May 7, 2023, at 27 Taylor Street, Ms. Coletta seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2023

Ms. Marino made a motion to accept the minutes of March 22, 2023, Mr. Ciciotti seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Public Safety Building Committee Update Mr. Chenard stated that the posters with the plans will be posted at Town Hall and the Library. He also stated that for other towns, the bids are coming in for projects very similar to the proposed plan for Pembroke, so he will keep the board updated as to where those bids come in.

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Mr. Chenard reminded the public of the public safety building forum on May 2 at Tiny & Sons on Washington Street at 6pm.

Ms. Coletta asked Mr. Chenard about a situation on Barker Street as she heard from neighbors. Mr. Chenard stated that there would be minimal public comment at that time due to the involvement of legal counsel. He stated that he would schedule an executive session on May 3 to provide an update.

LIAISON UPDATES

Mr. Brown updated the board on the activities of the Council on Aging, which included an upcoming visit to the State House.

Ms. Coletta informed the board that she would be the acting president of the Old Colony Planning Council until the end of her term in June. She stated that she would be sitting on the MAPC board as well.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Norm Boucher asked Mr. Chenard about the capital list proposed for the town meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the capital appendix.

Mr. Trabucco read the upcoming issues. At 8:55 pm, Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Marino seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Final Draft Special Warrant, Final Draft ATM Warrant with Appendices (TM Office)

Letter from OCES Requesting Pembroke Appointment Action (TM Office)

MGL c.138 §14 Special Liquor License Application: East Pembroke Community Club, May 7 (TM Office)

Draft Minutes of March 22, 2023 Meeting (TM Office)