

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

PRESENT: Daniel Trabucco (Chair), Steven Ciciotti (Vice Chair), John G. Brown, Jr., (Selectman), Richard Flynn (Selectman), William Chenard (Town Manager), Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant TM), Jeanne Gigliotti (Assessor), Greg Hanley (PCC), Jared Valanzola (PCC), Susan Moran (Rep. Cutler), David McPhillips, Linda Osborne, Bob DeMarzo, Steve Luke (Luke's Liquors) and others.

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

Mr. Trabucco invited Veterans Agent, David McPhillips and Town Memorial Committee Chair, Linda Osborne to speak about the upcoming Veterans Day event on Saturday, November 11, at 11am at the High School Auditorium. Mr. McPhillips read the proclamation. Mr. McPhillips encouraged the public to attend the ceremony.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT: PLYMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER, COMMISSIONERS:
CHECK PRESENTATION**

Commissioners Valanzola and Hanley addressed board and presented a \$1.9 million dollar check to the town as ARPA funds. Members of the Select Board thanked the Commissioners.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS: FY24 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Ms. Gigliotti discussed the estimated tax levy for FY2024 (\$49,777,430) and how the tax rate was determined. She explained the preliminary average single-family assessment and that the proposed single tax rate would be \$12.03. Ms. Gigliotti also explained the difference between a single tax rate and splitting the tax rate between commercial and residential. The Board of Assessors recommended to the board that they vote a single tax rate and recommended a no vote on the small commercial exemption. Mr. Ciciotti moved that Pembroke keep the unified tax rate, seconded by Mr. Brown, the vote passed unanimously. Mr. Brown made a motion not to adopt the small commercial exemption, Mr. Flynn seconded, the vote passed unanimously. Mr. Trabucco continued the tax classification hearing, seconded by Mr. Ciciotti, the motion passed unanimously.

**VOTE: NOMINATE SELECT BOARD MEMBER AS SIGNATORY MEMBER CANDIDATE FOR
OLD COLONY MPO**

Mr. Trabucco stated that the due date for that nomination had passed.

**DISCUSS: SPRING ARTICLE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR
LICENSE(S): OLD OAK ST**

Mr. Chenard stated that the office occasionally gets requests for additional package store liquor licenses. He stated that he would encourage the board to move forward with this for a town meeting vote in the spring. He stated it would allow for more revenue for the town as currently there is a demand for more package store licenses. Mr. Ciciotti stated that he was in favor of this change, he asked what the recommendation would be for number of licenses to be added. Mr. Chenard stated that he would put some feelers out to get an idea of how much interest there truly was. Discussion ensued regarding adding more package store licenses to the spring warrant. Mr. Brown invited the business owner, Mr. Luke, who was interested in the specific location to speak. Mr. Luke discussed their business plan and their interest in obtaining a package store license at that location.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Firework Public Forum Update: Mr. Chenard stated that the planned public forum was scheduled for December 4 at 7pm at the Hanover High School. He also reminded the public that Sunday marked the end of daylight savings time and for residents to take safety precautions as the sun would be setting before 5pm until February 2024.

Mr. Chenard updated the board on the Community Center project, stating that the fiber connections were in, and that first access would occur in late March, with the building being turned over by May 1, 2024.

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Mr. Chenard also provided an update on the Congress Street culvert, stating that repairs were underway. He stated that work would continue for the Route 36 project, keeping the project a year ahead of schedule.

LIASION UPDATE

Mr. Flynn provided a Bylaw Review Subcommittee update, stating that the committee was reviewing several departmental submissions. He stated that there would be a public forum before putting anything forth on the warrant.

Mr. Ciciotti gave an update for the Master Plan Committee. He stated the deadline had passed for any changes to the chapters of the plan, but he stated that the work product so far was great.

Mr. Brown discussed implementation of the Veterans work program. Mr. Chenard stated that there was input from the Assessors as well as the Veterans Agent, and that he was putting together recommendations.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Flynn discussed the gun control law that had been up for debate at the state level. He invited Rep. Cutler to appear before the board and explain his vote in support of the bill for stricter gun laws. Mr. Trabucco stated that the invitation would be extended to Rep. Cutler.

Mr. Brown announced that the singing Trooper would be at the COA on November 17, 2023. He also thanked the Chamber of Commerce and Tolson's Tap and Tavern for the event that was held in support of the food pantry.

Mr. Chenard invited the public to the Veterans Day event at the Pembroke High School on November 11, 2023.

Mr. Trabucco read the upcoming issues. At 8:00pm, Mr. Brown moved to adjourn, Mr. Flynn seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Tax Classification Presentation (TM Office)

Veterans Day Proclamation (Veterans Office)