

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 30, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Gregory M. Hanley (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), MaryAnn Smith (Town Clerk), Jean Holland (Town Landing Administrator), David Boyle (Town Landing Committee), Patricia Merritt, Jessica Merritt, Dawn Devine, Tom Driscoll (Board of Health), Len Ruszczyk (Recycling Committee), Gordon Martin (Recycling Committee), Mike Virta (Recycling Committee), Ben Bastianelli (Recycling Committee), Tom Irving (Recycling Committee), Chester Drown, Janet LaBerge, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), John Mattinson (PMB Cable), WATD Reporter and others.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Trabucco relinquished Chair to Mr. Boyle for the purposes of receiving nominations. Mr. Boyle requested nominations for Chairman; Mr. Boulter nominated Mr. Hanley. Mr. Trabucco seconded the nomination. Mr. Trabucco nominated Mr. Stone; Mr. Stone seconded the nomination. Roll call vote: Stone – Stone, Hanley – Hanley, Boulter – Hanley, Trabucco – Stone, Boyle – Hanley. Mr. Boyle relinquished Chair to Mr. Hanley as the new Chairman. Mr. Boulter nominated Mr. Stone as Vice-Chairman; Mr. Boyle seconded the nomination. The roll call vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco nominated Mr. Boulter as Clerk; Mr. Boyle seconded the nomination. The roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

**7:05 JESSICA MERRITT: GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD SERVICE PROJECT  
PROPOSAL**

Ms. Jessica Merritt was present before the Board to request permission to conduct a Water Safety Awareness Day on the weekend of June 23, 2012 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Town Landing. She is lifeguard at Town beaches, swim team coach, Pembroke High School swim team captain and is CPR/WSI certified. She is planning this event as her service project for her Gold Award with the Girl Scouts. She has planned several safety and related stations and will record the planning of the events in a project binder for future implementation as well. She has the support of the Town Landing Committee, several of whom were in attendance. The BOS praised Ms. Merritt's presentation; Mr. Boyle moved to grant permission to run a Water Safety Awareness Day on June 23, 2012 from 10am-1pm with a rain date of June 24, 2012 from 10am-1pm. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor.

**7:15 MOBILE VENDOR: ICE CREAM VENDOR PERMIT, DAWN DEVINE d/b/a  
JJ'S SUNDAE EXPRESS**

Ms. Devine appeared before the Board to state she has operated her vehicles for six years in surrounding towns but would like to do functions in Pembroke. She offers hot fudge sundaes, soda floats and eight flavors of scooped ice cream and works closely with non-profits, fundraisers and charities. Ms. Devine seeks a permit for seven days from noon to dusk; she has had her background check completed by the Pembroke Police Chief. Mr. Boulter made the motion to approve Ms. Devine's ice cream vendor permit to operate an ice cream truck throughout the Town from noon to dusk daily pending approval of the Chief of Police and the Board of Health. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On April 23, 2012, the Town of Pembroke's Veterans' Office received Special Congressional Recognition in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the office's receipt of the Excellence Award from the Department of Veterans' Services on May 7, 2012. Mr. Boulter updated the Board on the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee's Arbor Day tree planting on April 27 and 28; 350 trees were planted at Windswept bogs. All three elementary schools received trees and a visit

from the DPW; individual participants were acknowledged. May 12<sup>th</sup> is the Golf Tournament; more details can be found on [www.pembroke300.com](http://www.pembroke300.com).

### **CONSIDER DATE AND QUESTIONS FOR THE BALLOT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION**

The Town Clerk, Ms. Smith, appeared before the Board with a proposed date and time for a Special Election of June 23, 2012 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in all five precincts. Mr. Boyle moved the Town Clerk's recommendation for the BOS to call for the Special Election to be held on June 23, 2012 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor. Discussion ensued regarding the questions; it was agreed by all members that the questions should be three separate questions. Mr. Hanley questioned the order in which the questions should appear; he stated his preference that they be listed in the order that they were pulled and voted at Town Meeting. Mr. Thorne advised that K&P will have Lauren Goldberg review the proposed questions and determine language and order as she specializes in Special Elections. Mr. Bastianelli suggested that the questions be changed from the wording voted to clarify the Chiefs needs; Chief Neenan confirmed that the explanation for the two articles that articulates the differences between four and eight firefighters were not in the actual articles. Mr. Hanley suggested the possibility of adding an explanation of each question to the ballot.

### **7:30 RECYCLING CENTER HOURS AND SERVICES DISCUSSION**

Mr. Driscoll of the Board of Health appeared before the Board of Selectmen; he states it is the position of the Board of Health that the Recycling Center should reduce their services to one day per month and have the Board of Health oversee those operations with assistance from the DPW. If this modification is enacted, Mr. Driscoll states the potential savings to be between \$125k-\$150k/year or 10% of the solid waste budget. He also stated hauling fees will remain but be reduced if limited to one day per month. Mr. Boulter wanted clarification of whether the haulers come steadily or on an as-needed basis when full. Mr. Driscoll states they come steadily; Mr. Thorne disagreed but will verify. Mr. Thorne advised that the FY13 budget scaled back the operating cost of the Recycling Center; he recommended that the BOS take this information under advisement and analyze this potential savings. Mr. Boyle moved to table this discussion to allow the Town Administrator to analyze these potential savings and determine their accuracy. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. Mr. Ruszczyk stated that the vote of the Recycling Committee was unanimous in supporting this reduction proposal; he stated that the compelling trend is that the Recycling Center is too expensive to keep open. Mr. Stone would like to consider a report delivered to the BOS today by Mr. Valenti and stated residents have some service needs like yard waste that require the Recycling Center. Mr. Hanley called for the vote on Mr. Boyle's motion to table; the vote was unanimously in favor.

### **CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF TAX POSSESSION PROPERTY, PARCEL D10-9C**

Mr. Boyle moved the recommendation of the Treasurer/Collector Kathleen McCarthy that the Board of Selectmen accepts the property located at 40 Center Street, Map D10, Parcel 9C, as a tax possession property for the Town of Pembroke. Mr. Stone seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor.

### **CONSIDER THE COA NOMINEE TO THE OCES' BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Stone moved to appoint Mary E. Willis, Council on Aging Director, as the Pembroke delegate to the Old Colony Elder Services Board of Directors. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Stone moved and Mr. Boyle seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 9 and April 23, 2012 as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Boulter stated that the BOS were present at the Community Center walkthrough on April 28. The next meeting of the Community Center Study Committee will be Wednesday, May 2 at the Community Center. Mr. Boulter states the building is in dire need. Mr. Boyle stated that a decision must be made in the next several months concerning the building. Mr. Trabucco wanted to clarify that no decisions have been made; when a decision is made it will be “an informed decision”.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne notified the BOS that the DEP is holding grant workshops; two grants that the Town is considering is one for recycling dumpsters and one for an improved recycling program in the schools. Mr. Thorne wanted to update the Board on specific finds from the Strategic Planning Retreat; department heads have requested a five year capital and operating plan. The intern who was present at the retreat will be interning with the Town from May 21 to the end of August and will assist all department heads develop their five year capital and operational plan. Mr. Stone requested an update on the Streetlight project; Mr. Thorne stated information is still being gathered regarding maintenance plans, bulb types, etc. but he will update next week. Mr. Trabucco stated that OCPC may consider partial funding of the project.

Mr. Boulter updated the Board on Public Safety Night June 19, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Learning Lane. Volunteers through the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee from the police department will have photo ids and fingerprinting for kids, K-9 unit and a cookout for families to attend. This is scheduled to mirror the nationwide National Night Out (Against Crime).

**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: Boulter, yes - Boyle, yes - Stone, yes - Trabucco, yes – Hanley, yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm