

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Gregory M. Hanley (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice Chair), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Robert Clarke (Conservation Agent), Linda Peterson (Advisory Committee), Michelle Burt, Ralph Cappola, Robert DeMarzo, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), Michael Melanson (Pembroke Mariner Express), Erika Christianson (PACTV Cable), and others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Dancer's World will hold a Car Wash Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Community Center. The American Legion with the Boy Scouts will host flag retirement ceremony on the Green Flag Day, June 14 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Boy Scout Troop 105 will hold their Court of Honor and Barbeque from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the Herring Run.

**7:00 ROBERT CLARKE, CONSERVATION AGENT: THORPE PROPERTY DISCUSSION**

Conservation Agent Robert Clarke was present before the Board to discuss details of the Thorpe property deal with the Town of Pembroke. Mr. Clarke advised that the Thorpe property was part of the Duggan legal suit; part of the settlement required the Town to remove the water from that property and move it somewhere else. Mr. Clarke stated that the only other place to move it was through the Thorpe property which was cranberry bogs, not takable by eminent domain as it is agricultural land. The USDA had a sizable loan on the property so they would not allow the property go to tax title taking. Mr. Clarke advised that, after much negotiating, Mr. Thorpe signed off on the land and the USDA released their hold on the twenty-two acres of land for \$55,000. Mr. Clarke advised that, due to time constraints, Conservation bought the land for the Town as they are allowed to do without a full vote of Town Meeting with the understanding that they would be reimbursed to their account. Mr. Clarke stated that he is before the Board unhappy that the ConCom article for reimbursement does not have the support of the Board. Mr. Hanley requested clarification that reimbursement was the plan all along; Mr. Thorne agreed, but pointed out that financial times are difficult. If the budget passes we will be in a deficit; reimbursement should happen at some point, but now would be difficult. Mr. Thorne confirmed that Mr. Clarke is accurate in his assessments and he worked hard to negotiate this deal for the Town. Mr. Trabucco confirmed Mr. Clarke's role in the procurement of the property and the serious significance of doing so; he thanked Mr. Clarke but also confirmed that the money is not available now. Mr. Clarke stated his primary concern is having the support of the Board and wants to ensure this is not forgotten. Mr. Hanley asked if Conservation is anticipating a land purchase in the near future; Mr. Clarke stated that they are keeping their eye on three parcels but do not have definitive plans at this time. Mr. Clarke updated the Board as to the National Grid Earth Day project at Luddam's Ford on Thursday, April 25. They will be cleaning the park, painting the guard rails and making other improvements in a day long project.

**CONSIDER THE USE OF OLDHAM POND FOR BASSMASTER'S FISHING CLUB: JUNE 30, 6:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

Mr. Stone moved to grant a Special Use, Summer Events Permit to Michael Doro, RI Bass Fishing Club, to hold a catch and release fishing tournament on Oldham Pond on June 30, 2013 with an alternate location of Stetson Pond as needed, with the approval of the Conservation Commission and the Town Landing Committee. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. Mr. Trabucco announced that both Conservation and Town Landing have approved this event. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF ARTHUR E. EGERTON, JR., 413 CENTER STREET, TO THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Boyle moved to appoint Arthur Egerton to the Open Space Committee; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne advised that he has met with the Town Landing Committee; he is going out to bid with the new docks for Oldham Pond, Little Sandy and potentially the boat ramp on Oldham Pond. These docks should last a lifetime and should be in place before Memorial Day.

Mr. Hanley thanked Mr. Thorne, Mr. Stone, Mr. Boulter, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Trabucco and Mrs. Chilcott for their support and hard work. All wished Commissioner Hanley well.

Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and 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 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Mr. Hanley so declared.

Roll call vote: Trabucco, yes - Stone, yes - Boyle, yes - Hanley, yes.