

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Michelle L. Burt (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Linda Peterson (Advisory Committee), Art Edgerton, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), Erika Christianson (PACTV Cable), Mark BurrIDGE (Pembroke Mariner Express) and others.

**CONSIDER ROADSIDE STAND REQUEST: BETTY CORTI, ANNUAL LIONS CLUB MUM SALE**

Mr. Boyle moved to grant a Roadside Stand permit to the Lions Club for their annual Mum Sale on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to sell chrysanthemums at 32 School Street. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion; the vote was unanimously in favor.

**CALL FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Mr. Boyle moved that the Board set the date for the Special fall Town Meeting as November 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Pembroke High School. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER OPENING THE FALL STM WARRANT**

Mr. Boyle moved to open the Special Town meeting warrant and close it September 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER REQUEST OF PEMBROKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE**

Mr. Boyle moved to grant a One Day beer and wine license to the Pembroke Historical Society to be exercised at 116 Center Street on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER THE RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HERRING FISHERIES COMMISSION**

Mark Ames, Carey Day, Andy Key, Craig Richmond, Jeffrey Richmond and Richard Rounds have submitted letters of resignation. Mr. Boyle moved to accept their resignations with regret; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2013**

Mr. Boyle moved to accept the minutes of August 26, 2013 as presented. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne updated the Board on the scheduled date for Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Recycling Center. Mr. Thorne advised the Board that the Plymouth County Retirement Board is entertaining proposals to amend the funding schedules and the meeting is Thursday evening. Their goal is to be fully funded by 2030, but the proposed payment assessment to reach that goal is extremely financially burdensome to all communities including Pembroke. The Town's FY14 assessment is \$2,468,398; if the Retirement Board's proposal is accepted, the assessment for FY15 will increase by \$500,000+. Additionally, the funding schedule states that every three years the Town is assessed with an actuarial evaluation of an additional 10-14%; in the non-valuation year, the normal rate is 4%. The Town can expect an additional \$125,000 assessment in FY15. Town's are getting together to propose that the Retirement Board extend the funding schedule to 2034, saving communities 3% annually, and to request that the Board not consider a non-valuation year increase from 4% to 8% at the meeting Thursday evening. This would reduce the Town's FY15 ~\$500,000 valuation by \$150,000 and the FY16 non-valuation ~\$250,000 assessment by \$118,000. Mr. Thorne requested that the BOS authorize him to send a letter outlining these two proposals; Mr. Boyle moved the Town Administrator's recommendation. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion; the vote was 3-0-1, three in favor, none opposed with Mr. Boulter abstaining

from the vote as he receives retirement pay. Mr. Trabucco inquired about the increases. Mr. Thorne explained that the Retirement Board is required to use new mortality tables in their actuarial analysis because people are living longer; this results in increased assessments. Additionally, investment issues are a factor whose costs are passed along to communities.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Boulter inquired into the status of the expired Bonney Street trailer permit; Mr. Boulter would like a report on this at the next meeting.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

Mr. Thorne advised that he and Gene Fulmine met with engineers on the Route 53 & Pleasant Street Traffic Signal Project; they are coming in to the September 23<sup>rd</sup> BOS meeting to present their updated design. Mr. Thorne stated it will involve two lanes southbound, a through lane and a left hand turning lane on Route 53 from Water Street to Pleasant; northbound it will be one lane with possibility of right hand turning lane.

### **UPCOMING ISSUES**

September 16<sup>th</sup> Jeff Mathias will present a Hill Bog project update and Energy Committee Chairman Nick Zechello, Jr. will be in to update the Board on a prospective solar panel by-law. On September 19<sup>th</sup> the warrant closes for Special Town Meeting. September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the CHA presentation of the Route 53 & Pleasant Street Traffic Signal Project design and September 30<sup>th</sup> is a public hearing for the street acceptance of Summer Path Way.

At 7:25 pm, Mr. Boyle moved 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. Mr. Boulter so declared and Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion.

By roll call vote: Ms. Burt - yes, Mr. Trabucco - yes, Mr. Boyle - yes, Mr. Boulter - yes.