

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

**PRESENT:** Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Michelle Burt (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Vinnie Carita, Greg Hanley (Plymouth County Commissioner), Dan Balboni, Mike Camara, Bill Rhatigan, Tom Cipolla, Mike Virta, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

Mr. Boyle introduced Vinnie "Kid Sal" Carita of Pembroke, winner of the International Boxing Union and World Boxing Union cruiser weight championship. He has boxed for ten years and worked hard for this accomplishment. He displayed his belts and photographs were taken.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Stone attended a Girl Scout Troop #75045 Bronze Award ceremony and the BOS were presented with a framed certificate and ornament in appreciation for their support of Bicycle Safety Awareness Day. Town Clerk MaryAnn Smith has announced the date for the Special Election for the school roofs on January 25, 2014. The last day to register to vote will be January 6<sup>th</sup> and the Clerks office will be open that evening until 8:00 pm for that purpose; please call 781-293-7211 with any questions. The Pembroke Party for the Pantry was held Friday night and was well attended, receiving many donations for the Food Pantry. Sunday, the Town enjoyed a wonderful tree lighting ceremony with spectacular results sponsored by the Pembroke Tree Lighting Committee.

**CONSIDER REQUEST OF POLICE CHIEF: SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT, JAMES A. BOULTER**

Mr. Boyle moved the appointment of James A. Boulter as Special Police Officer at the recommendation of Chief Wall; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Boulter abstaining from the vote.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of November 18, 2013 as written; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thorne announced that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has completed their financial review of the town as requested by the BOS; Mr. Thorne stated it should be received by mail tomorrow. The DOR will present their findings to the BOS at a meeting if desired.

**ASK THE SELECTMEN**

Mr. Stone advised that he has spoken with a resident regarding speeding issues and heavy trucks traveling on Valley Street. Mr. Stone has spoken with the Police Chief and has requested that the Chief and the traffic officer perform a current evaluation of Valley Street.

**7:15 GREG HANLEY: PLYMOUTH COUNTY MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COOPERATIVE**

Plymouth County Commissioner Greg Hanley was present before the Board to outline potential offerings from the PCMSWC. He discussed the group's mission statement, programs and services, funding, space and equipment needs, contract alignment and multi year goals and overview. Handout was provided. Mr. Stone questioned the cooperative's funding through a "community fund" and asked if fees assessed annually. Mr. Hanley confirmed and stated that membership into the cooperative would be for a commitment with a circuit breaker at five years to allow communities to leave at that time. The cooperative is deciding between a formula based on cost per household or a straight fee; a steering committee will be formed. Early membership will result in a "tier one" membership with a seat on the steering committee. Mr. Thorne asked if the cooperative is considering both disposal and curbside pickup; Mr. Hanley stated in the affirmative and added that host communities who locate a transfer station in their town will see a reduction in tipping fees,

while other communities in the cooperative will pay full rates. Mr. Hanley stated they plan to have an award in March on a bid that will be put forth in January, so Pembroke has time where their contract doesn't expire until June 30. Mr. Boyle asked if Pembroke could keep their pickup company as they are performing above expectations and residents are satisfied with their work. Mr. Hanley stated that a bidding process through RFP will begin when the town's current contract expires, but he feels confident that DelPrete will bid.

**7:45 MIKE CAMARA, DAN BALBONI, BILL RHATIGAN: ABC DISPOSAL SERVICES, INC.**

Mr. Camara began ABC Disposal Services, Inc. New Bedford Waste Services presentation of twenty slides covering an overview, facilities, references and experience, the proposed Rochester facility with solar panels and development of EcoTac briquettes, facility timeline and permitting and recycling versus incineration. Handout was provided. Mr. Rhatigan discussed the future production of EcoTac briquettes by their Zero Waste Solutions division; they contain repurposed material while removing material that would be a harmful emission; they achieve coal burning equivalency at 14,200 BTU, are hydrophobic absorbing no water making the storable inventory; they produce 70-90% less ash. Mr. Stone asked if they were completely made from waste or did they contain some recyclable material; Mr. Rhatigan confirmed that they contain unusable recycling material such as soiled pizza boxes and some types of plastic. Mr. Trabucco asked about fire prevention in a hydrophobic environment; Mr. Rhatigan confirmed that EcoTac briquettes have a higher flash point and do not contain the materials that other products, some types of coal, have; the others have to ability to create a spontaneous combustion but not EcoTac. Mr. Balboni presented differences between recycling versus incineration and summarized an offer of \$60 per ton for municipal solid waste and 70% per ton for construction and demolition debris. He confirmed that Pembroke would have their materials transported to New Bedford facility if proposed Rochester facility construction delayed.

**8:15 TOM CIPOLLA: COVANTA ENERGY SEMASS**

Mr. Cipolla was present before the board, explaining that Covanta has held the current contract with the Town since 1999. He stated that the SEMASS facility is in Rochester; they own and operate 45 facilities nationwide and are publicly traded (NYSE: CVA). Mr. Cipolla stated that the City of New York is entering a long term contract with Covanta for Energy from Waste services. Mr. Cipolla presented thirty slides; handout was provided. Covanta processes one million tons annually generating 600,000 megawatts per year, enough to power 75,000 homes continuously. They reclaim or recycle 50,000 tons of metals annually while operating 60% below the EPA standard for emissions with a beneficial designation from the DEP on resulting ash. Mr. Cipolla additionally stated that organics recycling will soon be mandated by the DEP and Covanta has an agreement with Turning Earth in CT to develop the first anaerobic digestion project in the state; tipping fees will be less for organic material than MSW. Mr. Cipolla summarized an offer of a five or ten year term with optional five year additional terms, \$60 per ton fee for first eighteen months or until December 31, 2015 with an escalator of 2.5% per year beginning January 1, 2016. Mr. Trabucco asked if removing organic waste from the facility will reduce energy created; Mr. Cipolla stated that the material can be supplemented by other waste to produce energy and organic recycling is the right thing to do.

**UPCOMING ISSUES**

Mr. Boulter stated that December 15<sup>th</sup> Emergency Management Co-Directors Rick Wall and Mike Hill will present an EM briefing.

At 8:40 pm, Mr. Stone moved to enter 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. Mr. Boulter so declared.

Mr. Boyle announced that he is a candidate for re-election to a three year term as Selectman for the Town of Pembroke.

Mr. Trabucco seconded Mr. Stone's motion.

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