

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF PEMBROKE
MARCH 11, 1997**

The meeting was opened at 11:00 a.m. by Moderator Petit.

A motion was made to read and act on Articles #1 and #2 and the remaining articles to be acted upon at the deliberative session on March 15, 1997.

MOVED: Charles Mitchell

SECOND: Armand "Tom" Martel

VOTE: YES

MOTION PASSED

Moderator Petit reads Articles #1 and #2 on the Town Warrant and then opens the polls for voting.

ARTICLE #1: To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing.

*Denotes elected

Town Clerk for one year:

James F. Goff 787*

Water Commissioner for one year:

William Stanley 688*

Treasurer for one year:

Jane P. Bates 714*

Water Commissioner for five years:

Edward R. Lavallee 697*

Selectman for three years:

Gerald R. Belanger 455*

Brian B. Tufts 359

Library Trustee for one year:

Arthur H. Fowler 706*

Sewer Commissioner for two years:

Paulette Malo 661*

Library Trustee for three years:

Elsie R. Brison 688*

Sewer Commissioner for three years:

Andy Boisvert (write-in) 19*

Trustee of Trust Funds for three years:

Norman H. Provencher 695*

ARTICLE #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments to the existing Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pembroke as proposed by the Planning Board:

AMENDMENT #1

Amend Article XIV. Section 143-111, by adding a new section F, to read as follows:

F. To hear and decide any equitable waivers of this chapter pursuant to RSA 674:33-a, as amended. (Equitable Waivers);

Explanation: Section 143-111 outlines the duties and powers of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The State legislature passed legislation in 1996 allowing Zoning Boards to grant equitable waivers, or deviations, from the property setbacks or other dimensional requirements, without showing hardship as required under the variance process. Individuals seeking relief from the setback requirements will still be required to go in front of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and have a public hearing, however the standards for relief have been reduced.

YES: 287

NO 340

AMENDMENT #1 FAILED

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DELIBERATIVE SESSION
MARCH 15, 1997**

Moderator Petit opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with a moment of prayer and read the results of the official ballot. The registered voters have been checked in with the Checklist Supervisors. Michael Duffy of the Economic Development Committee then explained how they will handle the voting on the slogan contest for the Town.

ARTICLE #3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to be added to the Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.
(Majority vote required)

MOVED: Gerald R. Belanger

SECONDED: Alan Topliff

VOTE: YES

ARTICLE #3 ADOPTED

ARTICLE #4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) to purchase a rubbish packer and a one ton dump truck with equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of a sum not to exceed one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) from the Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.
(Majority vote required)

MOVED: Pat Fair

SECONDED: Peter Mehegan

There was a motion made to "amend Article #4 from \$145,000 to \$35,000 for the purchase of a one ton dump truck and equipment".

MOVED: Catherine A. Roche

SECONDED: Thomas Veinote

Richard Kelsea and Charles Hamilton suggested that the Selectmen find out if it would be more cost effective to have the solid waste removal handled by a private contractor.

After much discussion, Henry Munroe moved to vote on the amendment.

MOVED: Henry Munroe

SECONDED: Mark Tetrault

VOTE: YES

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: NO

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE #4 FAILS

There was a motion made to require that the current rubbish packer be traded in toward the purchase of the new rubbish packer.

MOVED: Paul Roche

SECONDED: Mark Tetrault

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: YES

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE #4 PASSES

VOTE ON ARTICLE #4 AS AMENDED: YES

ARTICLE #4 PASSES AS AMENDED

ARTICLE #5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed one hundred sixty-two thousand dollars (\$162,000) to purchase a fire tanker truck and to authorize the withdrawal of a sum not to exceed one hundred sixty-two thousands dollars (\$162,000) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
(Majority vote required)

MOVED: Henry Lewis

SECONDED: Peter Mehegan

VOTE ON ARTICLE #5: YES

ARTICLE #5 PASSES

ARTICLE #6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.
(Majority vote required)

MOVED: Richard Bilodeau

SECONDED: Brian Lemoine

VOTE ON ARTICLE #6: NO

ARTICLE #6 FAILS

ARTICLE #7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Academy Road Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
(Majority vote required)

MOVED: John B. Goff

SECONDED: Armand "Tom" Martel

Town Administrator David L. Stack explained that the schedule for the construction of the sidewalk has now been pushed back until the year 2000.

VOTE ON ARTICLE #7: YES

ARTICLE #7 PASSES

ARTICLE #8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of small equipment by the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
(Majority vote required)

MOVED: Peter Mehegan

SECONDED: Henry Munroe

VOTE ON ARTICLE #8: YES

ARTICLE #8 PASSES

ARTICLE #9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of office equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,850) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.
(Majority vote required)

MOVED: John B. Goff

SECONDED: Nancy Clifford

VOTER ON ARTICLE #9: NO

ARTICLE #9 FAILED

ARTICLE #10. (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Library Building capital reserve fund previously established in 1937.

Recommended by Library Board of Trustees. Not recommended by Board of Selectmen.
Not recommended by Budget Committee.
(Majority vote required)

MOVED: Lianne Hanson

SECONDED: Clint Hanson

After much discussion Marc Chronis moves to vote on the article.

MOVED: Marc Chronis

SECONDED: Mark Tetrault

VOTE ON ARTICLE #10: NO

ARTICLE #11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,797,424 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles addressed.

SECONDED: Kenneth Plourde

There was a motion made to add \$124,715 to the bottom line making it \$3,922,139.

SECONDED: Paulette Malo

"11. Approval of Proposed 1996 Municipal Budget

1) Minor Road Construction	86,965
2) General Assistance	15,000
3) Merit Raises	10,750
4) Town Hall exterior painting	6,000
5) Police Station renovation	2,000
6) Highway Garage bathrooms	2,000
7) Memorial Field bldg. Maintenance	1,000
8) Memorial Field riverbank stabilization	1,000

\$124,715"

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE #11 FAILS

ARTICLE #11 PASSES

SECONDED: Isabelle Racine

The polls were opened at 11:45 a.m. and after all registered voters present who wished to vote had done so, the polls were closed at 12:05 p.m. The results are as follows.

ARTICLE #12 PASSES

Recognition was given to Read Parmenter as Pembroke's 1997 Outstanding Citizen.

There was a motion made to adjourn.

MOVED: Peter Mehegan

SECONDED: Frederick Walker

**VOTE: YES THE 1997 PEMBROKE TOWN MEETING WAS ADJOURNED
AT 12:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Goff
Town Clerk
Town of Pembroke