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

MOTION PASSED

VOTE: YES

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:	Clerk for one year: Water C		commissioner for one year:	
James F. Goff	787*	William Stanley	688*	
Treasurer for one year:		Water Commissioner for five year	ars:	
Jane P. Bates	714*	Edward R. Lavallee	697*	
Selectman for three years:		Library Trustee for one year:		
Gerald R. Belanger	455*	Arthur H. Fowler	706*	
Brian B. Tufts	359			
		Library Trustee for three years:		
Sewer Commissioner for two	o years:	Elsie R. Brison	688*	
Paulette Malo	661*			
		Trustee of Trust Funds for three	years:	
Sewer Commissioner for three years:		Norman H. Provencher	695*	
Andy Boisvert (write-in)	19*			

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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF PEMBROKE 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

VOTE: YES

SECONDED: Alan Topliff

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

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

SECONDED: Peter Mehegan

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

VOTE: YES

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: NO

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE #4 FAILS

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE #4 PASSES

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

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VOTE ON AMENDMENT: YES

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 asum 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 L	ewis
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VOTE ON ARTICLE #5: YES

VOTE ON ARTICLE #6: NO

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

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 #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

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

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

SECONDED: Peter Mehegan

ARTICLE #5 PASSES

ARTICLE #6 FAILS

ARTICLE #7 PASSES

SECONDED: Henry Munroe

SECONDED: Nancy Clifford

VOTE: YES

VOTE ON ARTICLE #10: NO ARTICLE #10 FAILS

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.

MOVED: David Freeman-Woolpert **SECONDED:** Kenneth Plourde

David Freeman-Woolpert, Chairman of the Budget Committee, explained that this amount would add just under 4% to the net amount to be raised by taxes to the Town's portion of the tax rate.

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

MOVED: Gerald Belanger

SECONDED: Paulette Malo

The following is an explanation to the amendment contained in the handout from the Board of Selectmen at the beginning of the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting.

"11. Approval of Proposed 1996 Municipal Budget

At this point in the meeting, the proposed 1997 municipal operating budget will be discussed. As a result of its deliberations, the Budget Committee cut \$222,568 from the municipal budget that has been proposed by the Board of Selectmen. Of the \$222,568, \$124,718 was designated by the Budget Committee to be cut from the operating budget. The Board of Selectmen is asking the voters present to amend the budget to add back \$124,715 for the following purposes:

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

TOTAL

\$124,715''

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: NO

VOTE ON ARTICLE #11: YES

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE #11 FAILS

ARTICLE #11 PASSES

ARTICLE #12. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Pembroke, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$60,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400 and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000, excluding the value of the person' residence.

MOVED: Henry Lewis

SECONDED: Isabelle Racine

This article was voted on by ballot.

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.

YES 187 NO 37

ARTICLE #12 PASSES

ARTICLE #13. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and relinquish all interests of the Town therein a portion of Sand Road beginning at a point nine hundred and fifty feet (950') from Pembroke Street/Route 3 and terminating at Sheep Davis Road/Route 106, pursuant to RSA 231:43, provided that the Town incurs no expense resulting from the discontinuance.

MOVED: Paulette Malo

SECONDED: Dale Laberge

Town Administrator David L. Stack explained that all of the property owners of Sand Road were contacted about this and were in favor because they felt it would eliminate the illegal dumping being done on their properties on that road.

Richard Chase stated that he thought it would create a substandard lot by eliminating the frontage for one of the pieces of property.

There was a motion made to table Article #13.

MOVED: Daryl Borgman

ARTICLE #13 TABLED

SECONDED: David Freeman-Woolpert

VOTE ON MOTION: YES

ARTICLE #14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4 (d) authorizing the Pembroke Library Trustees to accept gifts or personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town meeting. No acceptance of any personal property shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of such personal property.

MOVED: Gerald R. Belanger

SECONDED: Armand "Tom" Martel

ARTICLE #14 PASSES

VOTE ON ARTICLE #14: YES

ARTICLE #15. To hear the reports of auditors, agents and committees or of officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

There was a motion made to accept the reports printed in the 1996 Pembroke Town Report.

MOVED: Armand "Tom" Martel	SECONDED: Gerald R. Belanger
VOTE ON ARTICLE #15: YES	MOTION TO ARTICLE #15 PASSES

ARTICLE #16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Charles Hamilton stated that the budget could be reduced by \$71,313 by eliminating the Planner and Building Inspector positions, he felt that these positions were not needed and made a motion to reconsider Article #11.

MOVED: Charles Hamilton SECONDED: Oscar Plourde

VOTE FOR RECONSIDERATION: NO

Michael Duffy of the Economic Development Committee gave the results of the voting for the new Town Slogan.

1st Place - Marc Chronis
2nd Place - Diane Beaman
3rd Place - Donald Jolin

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Catherine Roche made a recommendation to the Planner and Board of Selectmen to look at Zoning to extend the LO District south to the Pembroke - Allenstown town line.

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: YESTHE 1997 PEMBROKE TOWN MEETING WAS ADJOURNED
AT 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Goff Town Clerk Town of Pembroke