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BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall Hearings Room

Chairman Thomas J. Pires, Selectman, convened the regular bi-weekly meeting of the Board of Health in the Town Hall Hearings Room at 6:34 p.m., and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were Selectman Dean V. Cronin, and Patrick W. Menges, Clerk of the Board, acting Administrative Assistant Rosalind Grassie, and Building Commissioner James Aguiar.

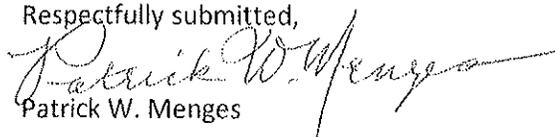
On a motion of Mr. Menges, seconded by Mr. Cronin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 9th meeting, as prepared by the Clerk of the Board. On a motion of Mr. Menges, seconded by Mr. Cronin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 16th meeting as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

The senior members of the Board shared the reading orally of announcements from the obverse side of the Agenda. Mr. Cronin read announcements 1 – 4, and Mr. Pires read announcements 5 – 10.

Building Commissioner James Aguiar reported that asbestos removal for the former Raul Silva house on Tremont Street, which is condemned and slated for demolition, will begin next week. He stated that as the siding is Transite siding (R), the building will not be encapsulated. The Dighton Water District Superintendent, Gregory Olsen, has told Commissioner Aguiar that the Water District will supply water to wet down the outside of the building so that airborne asbestos dust will be minimal. Debris will be double bagged and removed from the property to a proper disposal location.

Commissioner Aguiar addressed water concerns of town residents. He stated that with extreme rains, Dighton has received a lot of water in a very short period of time. He said "Please be aware that all concerns and complaints will be addressed in a timely manner." Commissioner Aguiar stated that catch basins are being cleaned, but with this amount of rain, it's a problem that we all have to deal with. He urged the Board of Health to continue the Title V Septic System Betterment Loan Program. He noted that with all of the failed septic systems due to the heavy rains, it is important to keep funds available for the townspeople who need septic system upgrades. Selectman Menges said that for this time of year, the torrential rains are unusual, and commented that the volume of rain had been substantial. He said that once the leaves are on the trees, and the trees begin to drink a lot, much of the problem of excessive surface water and ground water will abate. On a motion of Selectman Menges seconded by Selectman Cronin, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick W. Menges

Clerk of the Board of Health

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