



TOWN OF DIGHTON

Board of Health

979 SOMERSET AVENUE

DIGHTON, MA 02715

Regular Meeting

August 27, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Pires called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present:

Thomas Pires, Dean Cronin and Patrick Menges.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion Patrick Menges seconded, Dean Cronin to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2014 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.

Correspondence:

Thomas Pires read correspondence from the State Health Officials announcing the first human case of West Nile Virus in Massachusetts.

Announcements:

Dean Cronin read the announcements and Patrick Menges added that the September 3, 2014 Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held on the South Dighton Waterfront and the September 10, 2014 Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held at the North Dighton Fire Station.

Shark Siting in the Taunton River: Board of Health Agent James Aguiar reported that a 12'-14' Tiger Sand Shark had beached itself near the Taunton Yacht Club. The Health Agent was called due to the fact that an animal beaching itself is a sign of a diseased or hurt animal. The Shark was able to free itself and swim away.

Old Business:

Tobacco 21 Initiative: On Wednesday September 10, 2014 Dr. Lester Hartman and Bristol County Tobacco Coordinator Marilyn edge will be talking to the Board regarding the Tobacco 21 Initiative. The Board will be acting on this proposal that night.

Inspectors Reports:

Building Commissioner James Augiar stated that he had been conducting inspections at the schools prior to their opening September 3, 2014. He reported that there had been an electrical fire in the Superintendent's office due to an issue with a defective outlet that a power strip had been plugged into. Due to the quick actions of the custodial staff and the Fire Department the damage was minimal.

The Building Commissioner also stated that there had been another fire on Karen Road over the weekend and that fire was still under investigation.

1318 Rebecca Road was noticed to again be in disrepair. The town will be taking the initiative to bring the property back to compliance.

Dighton Lions representative Robert Mullen, asked that the public be reminded that the 10th Annual Dighton Arts Festival will be held at Araujo Farms Sunday November 2, 2014.

Harbor Master Ronald Marino stated that he had been in the river with the Shark and that it was a full size 12-14' mature adult shark. There was a second reported sighting at the Taunton Yacht Club by Officer Reynolds who alerted the Somerset Harbor Master.

Adjournment:

Motion Patrick Menges second, Dean Cronin to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M.