



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday November 19, 2014
6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes*

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Pires called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Present:

Thomas Pires, Dean Cronin and Patrick Menges.

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

Approve Minutes:

Motion Patrick Menges seconded, Dean Cronin to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 5, 2014 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.

All in Favor

Aye

Correspondence:

Selectman Patrick Menges read a Food Recall Notice from Lundberg Family Farms voluntarily recalling Eco-Farmed and Organic Brown Rice Flour

Selectman Dean Cronin read a food recall letter from Buddy's Kitchen recalling approximately 62, 488 pounds of meat and poultry products

Chairman Thomas Pires read a Food Recall Letter from B & G Foods voluntarily recalling certain Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix, Taco Sauce and Las Palmas Taco Sauce Products.

Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Old Business:

2022 Old Somerset Avenue:

The Building Commissioner, Board of Health Chairman, Police Chief and Deputy Fire Chief all visited the property at 2022 Old Somerset Avenue to conduct safety inspections. All departments submitted their recommendations to the Building Commissioner and the consensus was unanimous. The structure is unsafe and needs to be demolished.

A 12 o'clock letter will be mailed to the property owner from the Building Department and the Town will give the property owner 30 days from the date on the 12 o'clock letter to secure funding and obtain a permit and start the repair process or the Town will commence with demolition.

New Business:

Relocating the Board of Health Office

There was a discussion regarding moving the Planning Board Office into the Sewer Department Office and moving the Sewer Department into The Planning Board Office

Building Commissioner James Aguiar explained that the correlation between offices on a daily basis would be greatly increased if the Building Department, Zoning Department and Board of Health were to be relocated down stairs with the Planning Department and the Sewer Department be relocated upstairs. This would provide a professional atmosphere with the ability to accommodate everyone's needs all in one centralized area.

He also mentioned that he was in the process of preparing an article for the Towns People to vote on at the Annual Town Meeting. It will provide the ability to archive all town properties information, providing both a short and long term benefit for all departments.

The Building Department secretary is shared with The Veteran's Department.

Donald Hirschy, Veteran's Agent for the town of Dighton spoke on behalf of the relocation. He stated that the town has an aging Veteran's population and the main entrance into Town Hall is at times cumbersome for our veterans and their wives. The current walkway into Town Hall is 100' long and has an uphill grade. He explained that the back entrance into Town Hall would benefit all Veterans with only having a short walk into the building and ease of close parking. He also mentioned that with the current office situation the Town is not in compliance with Veterans Services Privacy Laws.

Patrick Menges reminded the Board that what was discussed with the Sewer Commission was moving the Sewer department into the Planning Board Office.

He mentioned that he would like to act on this relocation before January 1, 2014 and would like construction in the Selectmen's Office to recreate an office the way it was for the Town Administrator. Mr. Menges requested that Department Heads need to create a plan and present to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting scheduled for December 3, 2014. He also announced that all Department FY15 Budgets will be due in January.

Animal Shelter Report:

The friends of the Animal Shelter requested that the Board of Selectmen attend the Friends of the Animal Shelter fundraiser and go see the improvements recently completed by Eagle Scout Thomas Monroe of troop #45 . Selectman Menges visited the shelter accompanied by Animal Control Officer Stacy Ferry. He reported that the shelter now has a washer/ dryer for clean linens and blankets for the animals, cages for cats in the utility area, a heated bathroom walled off from everything else, there is a handsome staircase up to a balcony which is the storage area and a chain link bay with dividers for the dogs. He commented that Thomas Monroe had done a beautiful carpentry job. He also commended the Animal Control Officer for the work she has done with the Friends of the Shelter. Mr. Menges also thanked Building Commissioner James Augiar for the over site and help he provided Thomas during the renovations.

Inspectors Reports:

Kevin Bernardo Health Agent:

Reminded everyone that if an emergency were to occur that all pets must be taken if people need to be evacuated.

Patrick Menges explained that the Disaster Committee is addressing this issue and that Dighton is prepared in the case of an emergency.

Thomas Pires:

Inquired about Town businesses using scales and the need to have these scales calibrated on a yearly basis. He requested the Health Inspector, Kevin Bernardo submit a list of Town businesses that operate using a scale.

Public Input:

Bob Mullen from the Dighton Lions: Reminded everyone about the lights on ceremony that will be held November 29, 2014 at 3:30 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion Dean Cronin, second Patrick Menges to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant

Thomas J Pires
Chairman

Dean V. Cronin
Member

Patrick W. Menges
Clerk

