



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday December 17, 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 December 3, 2014 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen Karin Brady.

All in Favor

Aye

Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Old Business:

Recycle Bin / Label Options

Chairman Tom Pires asked the Board of Health secretary to give a brief summary on options for town recycling storage containers. Rosalind Grassie stated that the Board of Health has recycle bins on sale at town hall for \$8. The current bins do not have covers and if the weather is bad the recyclables are blown around the neighborhood. She explained that the board of health has looked into the option of a weather proof sticker that residents may purchase from the town for \$1 and affix to their choice of storage receptacles.

The Board had brief discussion and explained that Peter Borges of Borges Bros. Trucking, the towns rubbish and recycling hauler has previously stated that as long as the recycling containers are clearly marked "recycling" they have no issue with picking up storage containers other than the blue town bins. Now residents will have the option of purchasing large, oversized, covered bins on rollers for their storage needs or smaller compact lightweight inexpensive bins from any home improvement store.

Motion Dean Cronin seconded, Thomas Pires to transition to weatherproof labels at the cost of \$1.00.

All in Favor

Aye

The Board noted a there will be a grace period for the label transition and requested the secretary order 2000 labels.

New Business:

FY 2016 Board of Health Budget:

Motion Patrick Menges seconded Dean Cronin to table the FY 2016 budget discussion until a proposed draft budget is completed and then call a special meeting once drafted.

Chairman Pires stated that he had worked with the board of health secretary on the budget and discussed a potential grade review due to added duties and responsibilities. He explained that a formal request will a request submitted in writing prior to the Board of Health January 7, 2015 meeting.

Board of Health Annual Report:

Motion Patrick Menges seconded, Dean Cronin to draft the Board of Health Annual Report and once drafted call a special meeting.

All in Favor

Aye

Chairman Pires requested Nancy Goulart speak on behalf of the Brook Street Bridge. She stated that the Bridge is now completed and there will be rededication to Mr. Rose in May 2016.

Inspectors Reports:

James Aguiar Building Commissioner:

Explained that the Mass Department of Environmental Protection has revised its Asbestos Regulation. He stated that these amendments took affect June 2014. These revisions will affect the demolition or renovation at municipal properties and demolitions or renovations overseen and regulated by the town. He asked the Board who they would like to attend these meetings. Thomas Pires stated that he would be attending the January meeting and asked the commissioner who he thought should attend. The commissioner requested himself, Thomas Ferry highway superintendent, and Board of Health administrative assistant Rosalind Grassie for paperwork involved.

Kevin Bernardo Health Agent:

Massage Therapy inspections will be undergoing next month. The four businesses in Town will be visited. The businesses are required to have a business certificate, liability Insurance and a license.

Food Inspections will be completed this week. There are 2 re-inspections needed and all paperwork will be submitted.

Jeff Wagner Reporter for the Taunton Daily Gazette:

Why the change in recycling containers? The Board explained that the current containers are 28” x 1’ and are a cost to residents of \$8.00. They are small and do not have covers. The proposed stickers will be \$1.00. and can be placed on any storage container that a resident would like to use.

Selectmen Patrick Menges:

Commended Andrew Howland and his friend John for the beautiful job decorating the Selectmen’s Meeting Room for the enjoyment of all.

He also thanked the town clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, and town accountant for all their help in decorating Town Hall.

Public Input:

None

Adjournment:

Motion Dean Cronin, second Patrick Menges to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant

Thomas J Pires
Chairman

Dean V. Cronin
Member

Patrick W. Menges
Clerk

