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Wednesday January 7, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:
Chairman Thomas Pires called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 17, 2014 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen Karin Brady.

All in Favor Aye

Chairman Thomas Pires read a letter from Mass DEP regarding the Dangerous wind chill tonight and Thursday. He then asked animal control officer Stacy Ferry if she would like to add any warnings to town residents regarding the cold weather and caring for our pets.

Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry reminded everyone to bring your animals inside if at all possible. She explained that some animals prefer to stay outside and for those animals she stated that we need to provide them with hay or straw to help keep them warm. She also stated that there is a group that will assists residents with essentials for animals.

Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Old Business:
Recycle Bin / Label Clarification

Chairman Tom Pires explained that the Town has a contract with Borges Brothers Trucking for curbside pickup of bulky waste and recycling. Peter Borges has stated that his employees are having a hard time identifying recycling containers. The workmen are having to take the time to look in bins and this is taking extra time and costing the town money. Mr. Pires explained that any recycling receptacle table is acceptable with the purchase of a Town of Dighton Sticker for a dollar and that sticker should be put on the recycling container. The sticker is permanent and will only need to be replaced when the container is no longer useable. He also clarified that Town recycle bins are still acceptable and may continue to be used without the need for a town sticker.

Questions: Recycle Bins must say Town of Dighton; NO Any recycle bin can be used
Are 30 gallon containers acceptable? YES

Dean Cronin explained that the town recycle bins are too small and they were bought 5 years ago at a cost of $8 now the same recycle bin is $13.

Amendment to Betterment Agreement with 411 Center Street:
September 25, 2013 the Board of Health acted on a Title V Betterment loan for 411 Center Street. This loan was recorded with the 20% contingency.
The installation did not need to use the contingency. The correct Betterment loan should reflect the amount of $22,975.

Motion Dean Cronin second, Patrick Menges to amend the vote taken September 25, 2013 to now reflect the amount of $22,975 and to have the amended Betterment Loan Agreement recorded with the registry of deeds.
All in Favor Aye

New business:
Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry explained the Town of Dighton's policy regarding cats. She stated that the Town does not chase ferro cats. Injured cats will be taken care of but ferro cats are wildlife and not under the jurisdiction of the animal control officer. She reminded residents that if you feed ferro cats they are yours and will be your responsibility. The friends of the Dighton Animal Shelter will help residents feed ferro cats.
Domestic cats are different if you see a domestic cat left outside call the animal control officer.

New Business:
Septic Variance 222 Kirk Terrace: The variance request is for the separation of ground water from 5' to 3' and to continue using the gravity system rather than a pump system. Neither the home owner or a representative was present, Health Inspector Kevin Bernardo presented the case. He explained that the request was for a repair for an existing house with a failed system. The variance would be a 4' to 3' water separation. Building Commissioner James Aguiar asked to address the Board stating that he intended to present the case for the engineer but was detained in a previous meeting with the planning board. He explained that there was no well on the site

and would there would be no restrictions on granting the variance. Patrick Menges asked about the need for a deed restriction for a 3 bedroom house and the board requested that a set of plans be submitted to the water district for their review comments on this application due to the close proximity of a water resource.

Inspector Reports:

Building Commissioner James Aguiar 2022 Somerset Avenue:
Reported that he had left repeated voicemail messages for the homeowner but had not heard anything from them. He stated that the 30 days had expired and the building department was moving forward with the demolition process.

Kevin Bernardo Health Agent:
Explained that he had looked into the permitting process for Pot Luck events and he read an advisory from the Department of Public Health. The advisory explained that towns do not inspect these events

Chris Costa Pluming Inspector:
No report this week everything is flowing.

Public Input:
None

24 Trauma:
Kerry Gilmore, Bio-remediation explained what her company does and how they could benefit the town in the case of an emergency. They deal with bio clean up, squalor, Ebola, industrial accidents, hoarding, medical emergencies ECT....They explained pricing and how they would be willing to work with the town on billing or other means of payment. She also stated that the company had trained the Dighton Police Department last month and would be happy to assist the town in any way. Informational packets were distributed to the selectmen with all contact information.

Adjournment:

Motion Dean Cronin, second Patrick Menges to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.
All in Favor Aye

Respectfully Submitted
Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant

Thomas J Pires	Dean V. Cronin	Patrick W. Menges
Chairman	Member	Clerk