



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday January 28, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes*

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Pires called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 January 28, 2015 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.

All in Favor

Aye

Chairman Thomas Pires explained that the meeting tonight was scheduled to start at 6:00 PM to give enough time each agenda item. Due to the blizzard yesterday the hearings were rescheduled until February 25th. With the late rescheduling there was not enough time to post a new meeting time.

Dean Cronin read correspondence from Mass Emergency Management Agency regarding Ice Safety Precautions.

Chairman Pires reminded everyone that with the melting today roadways and walkways will refreeze overnight and to take extra precautions.

Thomas Pires read an announcement from the Bristol County Mosquito Control Regarding property owners that do not wish to have their property sprayed for mosquitos.

Dean Cronin read the announcements:

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Old Business:

Board of Health Relocation to the lower level was discussed and clarified. Thomas Pires stated that with the mass of equipment within the sewer office it was not practical to move the sewer office into the Planning Board Office. The Planning Board secretary recommended to the selectmen that they might consider moving a wall and increase the space within the planning office. With the relocation of the wall it will increase the office space 80sq. ft. and would allow enough room to incorporate the Board of Health and Zoning Office within the Planning Board Office.

Inspectors Reports:

Kevin Bernardo Health Agent: He stated that 2 food establishments are still not in compliance with licensing and permits.

Dighton Country Diner is still missing their liability Insurance Certificate and also their Safety Inspection Certificate and \$75 fee for operating without the proper licensing.

Dunkin Donuts has provided their Safety Inspection Certificate and the \$75 fee but still need to submit a the renewal application, Workman's Compensation Insurance Affidavit, Liability Insurance Certificate and \$75 fee for operating without the proper licensing.

The Board discussed drafting a letter to both establishments, to be delivered by the Dighton Police and if not in compliance by close of business Monday they will be shut down.

James Aguiar Building Commissioner:

Stated that it is not fair to the other businesses in town who have complied.

He also mentioned that he had attended an asbestos work session in Lakeville, Mass and the Department of Environmental Protection now require the Board of Health archive any asbestos related documentation for properties throughout the Town.

He also explained that the Outdoor Wood Burning Regulation is complete and he requested to sit down with the Board to review it. He was told to send the proof of the Outdoor Wood Burning By-law to Mark Cohen for legal review and the Board will act once the by law is approved by DEP.

The commissioner reminded everyone that as a precautionary measure to please shovel your front entrance to your homes. If there were to be an emergency the first responders need to have easy access to our homes.

Chairman Piers commended the highway department for the condition of the Towns roads and he then asked, Selectmen Menges to speak regarding emergency preparedness.

Selectmen Patrick Menges: Explained that the Town had begun Disaster Response Capability Preparation over a year ago. The Disaster Committee with Chief Roderick as Emergency Management Director was more than prepared for this storm. The entire team has been trained to interact with MEMA and FEMA. An emergency generator was obtained by Police Sergeant Edward Dutra and installed at Town Hall and if there had been and interruption of power, it

would have been ready to power the building. Dighton had a stand by emergency declaration in place and began tracking cost for fuel, extra personal, ECT....

He explained that working with professionals who had much more experience at handling municipal disasters than he did and the value of cooperation between town departments and the selfless dedication of all town emergency response personal was humbling.

Monday after Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency an emergency meeting was called with all department heads at 1:00 PM to discuss and review plans for a disaster. He stated that it was very reassuring that all plans fell into place and not all our resources were needed.

The middle school was prepared as a shelter: Cots were available if needed.

Food Service Company Whitsons: had adequate food supplies and if needed citizens would have been provided for.

The School Janitors: would be monitoring the boilers for heat.

The highway department: has 600 gallons of fuel stored at the highway garage.

State Fuel Cards: for first responders.

Edward Reese: kindly opened his gas station to supply fuel for first responders.

The Police Chief: added additional officers on duty and employed the use of Hummers and SUV Cruisers to patrol the streets.

Alice's Last Stop: Brian Stone owner of Alice's Last Stop opened to accommodate town employees.

The Highway Department: should be commended that by Monday night the condition of the Towns roads surpassed the State highways. It is truly an inspiration. He reminded everyone that a State wide Emergency is still in effect and the public schools are still coordinating with the highway department as to road conditions for opening school tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone who refrained from driving and shoveled fire hydrants.

Borges Brothers Trucking: resumed trash pickup Wednesday morning at 10:00am.

Dighton Public Library: Is planning on being open but requested that residents call before coming in.

Prime Time: Follows the public Schools.

He explained that the Town is working with cable communications for emergency notifications.

The services for Everett Carr were scheduled for January 28th but were postponed until Friday due to the Storm. However Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry assured the Board that Elm Street would be cleared for the services.

Chairman Thomas Pires stated that it is a pleasure to live in the Town of Dighton, he is proud to be part of the Town and that the future of the Town is strong.

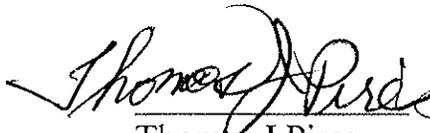
Public Input:

None

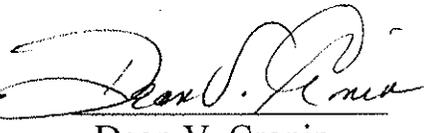
Adjournment:

Motion Dean Cronin second Patrick Menges to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

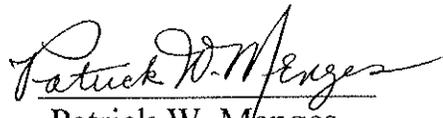
Respectfully Submitted
Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant



Thomas J Pires
Chairman



Dean V. Cronin
Member



Patrick W. Menges
Clerk