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*Wednesday February 28, 2014  
6:00 P.M.  
Meeting Minutes*

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Thomas Pires called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 February 11, 2015 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.**

**All in Favor**

**Aye**

**Chairman Pires** read a letter from St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church announcing a Blood Drive Tuesday March 10, 2015. From 2 pm – 7 pm.

**Patrick Menges** read a letter on an Infectious Disease Conference to be held in Worcester, Tuesday March 31, 2015 from 8am – 12:30 pm.

**Dean Cronin read the announcements:**

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Almeida's Country Store Tobacco Violation**  
**Mt. Hope Village liquors Tobacco Violation**  
1<sup>st</sup> violation November 3, 2014  
2<sup>nd</sup> violation November 13, 2014

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The appropriate fee was paid and the owners attended a retail training January 8, 2015.

**Marilyn Edge, Tobacco Coordinator** for the state of Massachusetts stated that there are 7 retailers in the Town of Dighton. All were checked at the same time and 2 businesses had violations with sales being made to minors. She was happy to announce that both of these businesses who had prior violations have been rechecked twice and ~~had~~ no sales to minors had been made. She explained that both business owners attended the retailer training in January and she was pleased that they had taken the time to attend. She then explained that she had spoken with Mr. Woodcock and Mrs. Almeida and gave them options to consider and suggested they draft an acceptable policy regarding employee sales of tobacco to minors.

Mr. Woodcock had submitted a draft policy that has been approved and is now in place at Mt. Hope Village liquors. However the policy submitted by Almeida's Country Store was very basic and needed to be added to. Mrs. Almeida didn't realize that the revised policy should have been submitted prior to tonight's meeting. She had it with her and submitted it to Marilyn, the Tobacco Coordinator then.

The Policy must be signed by all employees and states that the employee understands that it is their responsibility to ensure that no one under 18 is allowed to purchase tobacco products.

**Mrs. Almeida** stated that she was very sorry to have not taken the time to validate her customers identification and that it was her own sale that caused not only one violation but both violations, not an that of an employee.

**Mr. Woodcock** stated that the embarrassment of selling to a 14 year old put you in a very embarrassing situation. The 63 year old dream employee made an indiscretion selling to the young women but the 2<sup>nd</sup> time it was upsetting. The part time employee was reprimanded with the loss of Christmas Bonus. ~~Mrs. Edge~~

**Thomas Pires** stated it is apparent that the training left an impression on you both.

**Thomas Pires** asked if they realized that the penalty for a 3<sup>rd</sup> offence will be a \$300.00 fine and a suspension of their retailer's license for 30 days. He asked the Board for their concerns and comments.

**Dean Cronin:** Make sure that they understand penalty for next offense.

**Patrick Menges:** No Comment

Thomas Pires: we don't want to hurt our retailers, training was offered and accepted.

**Motion Patrick Menges seconded Dean Cronin not to suspend either party's license.**

**All in favor**

**Aye**

**Patrick Menges:** Thank you for coming and thank you Marilyn for your expression of good will and expressions of the future, thank you again.

**Inspectors Reports:**

**James Aguiar Building Commissioner:**

Explained that the draft Out Door Wood Burning Stove bylaw had been returned from Mass DEP with 2 corrections that they would like made. The commissioner stated that with the Boards approval he would make the changes and resubmit.

Thomas Pires asked what changes were requested?

- Commercial Units need to be taken out
- Remove the wording contrary to manufactures installation directions.

Thomas Pires: It's the same bylaw resubmit to DEP with minor changes.

Motion Patrick Menges second Dean Cronin to approve the Building Commissioner to revise the Outdoor Wood Burning Stove bylaw and send back to DEP for their approval.

The Commissioner then explained about Ice Quakes. He said that with the extreme cold temperatures, sun and the layer of ice on our roofs is causing the loud bangs and cracking noises that we are all hearing. This is normal but if you have concerns the Fire Department, Police Department and Building Department will respond quickly don't hesitate to reach out and we will be happy to help you. He stated that there had been no structural damage to buildings in Town as of yet. Anyone with a new roof, there are 225 new roofs in town, new roofs have a 6' water and ice barrier from the eaves. Houses without the water and ice may have some leaking due to the ice dams and water being pushed back toward the house. The Fire chief and I have been diligent in removing ice on our commercial buildings.

**Public Input:**

**A note from the Dighton Lions**

Think Dighton Lions Cow Chip festival

- The fireworks have been ordered
- The carnival is reserved
- The cows are waiting
- Tickets are here

**Motion Patrick Menges second Dean Cronin to recess for a few minutes**

**All in favor                      Aye**

**6:42 The meeting then resumes. Back in session**

**Adjournment:**

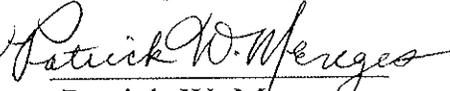
**Motion Dean Cronin second Patrick Menges to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm**



Thomas J Pires  
Chairman



Dean V. Cronin  
Member



Patrick W. Menges  
Clerk

Respectfully Submitted  
Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant