



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday April 8, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes*

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Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Pires called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 March 25, 2015 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.

Correspondence:

Dean Cronin read a food recall from Carmel Food Group Recalling 3 Frozen Ravioli Items under Rising Moon Organics Label.

Patrick Menges read a food recall from Amy's Kitchen recalling various products because of Possible Health Risks.

Chairman Thomas Pires read the Rabies Vaccination Day Flyer, (see, next page.)

The Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry explained that in order to be able to get a 3 year rabies certificate you need to bring proof that the last rabies vaccination was given within 9-12 months.

Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chairman Pires requested quotes for the monitoring of the Transfer Station in accordance with DEP Regulations.

Three Bids were submitted

- **Weston & Sampson** **\$18,500.00**
- **Green Seal Environmental, Inc.** **\$ 13,026.00**
- **Lynnfield Engineering** **\$ 11, 500.00**
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The Transfer Station Monitoring Contract was awarded to Green Seal Environmental Inc. for FY16 & FY17.

It was explained that even though Green Seal Environmental Inc. was not the lowest bidder they have been extremely helpful to the Town and the Highway Department with the cleanup of the highway garage land and they also offer consultations at no charge to the Town.

Dean Cronin added that they offered to extend the contract at the same rate for 2 years.

Motion Patrick Menges second Dean Cronin to award the Transfer Station Monitoring Contract to Green Seal Environmental, Inc.

All in Favor

Aye

The public inquired why the contract wasn't awarded to the lowest bidder.

Selectmen Menges explained that the price is not the only factor considered.

Selectmen Cronin stated Lynnfield Engineering doesn't include mileage in their bid.

The Board stated that Green Seal Environmental, Inc. is worth the extra \$1400 and they don't have to award to the lowest bidder.

Selectmen Menges stated that Chapter 30B Uniform Procurement Act. Section 1 32A a contract with Architects, Engineers and related professionals is not subject to the uniform procurement act.

We go out to quotation every year to make companies want to do business with us and to ensure that the price is still reasonable.

Sustainable Materials Recovery Program:

Chairman Pires read the letter from DEP regarding the 2015

- Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant Application.
- Recycling Dividends Program

Inspectors Reports:

Building Commissioner: James Aguiar

Glad to report that a dental office located at 1209 Somerset Avenue in the Backlund Insurance Building will be opening tomorrow morning.

Animal Control Officer: Stacy Ferry

There are a lot of deer in town and if you hit a deer do not leave the scene of the accident. You will need a police report for your insurance company. She also reminded everyone that we have fisher cats, foxes, skunks & coyotes that all live in our woods and it is normal however if you see one that is acting drunk or if they come after you to call animal control for help. If a wild animal is attacking your livestock you can protect your animals.

Plumbing Inspector: Chris Costa

Agrees with the building commissioner that the opening of a dental office here in town is wonderful.

Public Input:

None

Selectmen Menges: Nathaniel Vargas from Scout Troop 45 is visiting tonight for his Censorship in Community Badge. The Board mentioned that Troop 45 has been before the Board with a lot of projects recently and the Board acknowledged the wonderful mentors that this Troop has.

Selectmen Menges wished to call the public's attention to tonight being the final night Selectmen Pires presides over the Board of Health. He stated the Health services in town are so much better for all of Mr. Pires' work, Animal Control, Storm Water Management & Emergency Preparedness are just a few. He also stated that the Board of Health is the most powerful Board in Town. It has the ability to make laws, quarantine someone, condemn a house, it presides over Title V Inspections and all septic construction and repairs, Storm Water Management and oversees the Town Nurse, Animal Control Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Food Inspector and it also oversees the Solid Waste and Recycling Disposal at the Transfer Station. All of these departments have been greatly impacted by Selectmen Pires leadership.

Dean Cronin stated that the spectrum of the Board of Health the Selectmen are the Board of Health and in the setup of government one person should be in charge. Tom Pires has been chairman for the Board of Health for 7 years, Hat's off to him. There are some awful big shoes to fill. Thank you Tom you were the Best!

Thomas Pires stated that in his second year the Board of Selectmen reorganized and he took over the Board of Health responsibilities. He stated that he enjoyed the health portion. He

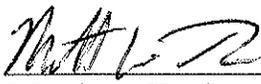
reminisced about the home with 67 cats, the hoarding complaints and the deteriorated properties that the health department dealt with often. He then explained that when all departments are in involved it makes the Town a better place to live and he acknowledged the Outdoor Woods Burning Stove By-law and the Rapid Drive through Emergency Dispensing site that with his help have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented.

Adjournment:

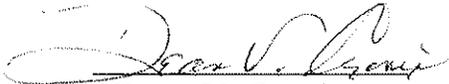
Motion Patrick Menges second Dean Cronin to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.

All in Favor

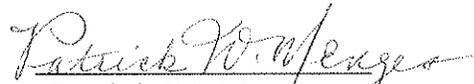
Aye



Matthew Tanis
Chairman



Dean V. Cronin
Member



Patrick W. Menges
Clerk

Respectfully Submitted

Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant