



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday April 22, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes*

Call to Order:

Chairman Matthew Tanis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present:

Matthew Tanis, 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 April 8, 2015 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.

Motion Patrick Menges seconded, Dean Cronin to approve the special meeting minutes of April 15, 2015 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.

Correspondence:

None:

Selectman Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Selectman Patrick Menges added; **The Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday June 1, 2015 in the Dighton Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 PM.**

Chairman Matthew Tanis read the Rabies Vaccination Day Flyer:

Selectman Patrick Menges: Explained that the Town of Dighton was grateful to the Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans for sheparding the donations for the POW MIA Chair.

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Time: 9:10 am
By: Pam Walker

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Town Trash Pickup Procedures:

Selectman Dean Cronin explained that after the Board of Health's audit, December 2014 it was brought to the Boards attention that the tonnage of trash the town's hauler is picking up has increased while the sales of town trash bags has decreased. This discrepancy is a cause of concern.

The Board reiterated the Town's trash pickup procedures and policies

- **Trash must be in Town bags or it will not be picked up.**
 - a.) All bags must be able to fit into a town bag or they will not be picked up
 - b.) All bags must be sealed
 - c.) Compacted trash may be put in Town Bags but use desecration regarding the weight. If you cannot carry it to the curb, the hauler will not be able to pick it up either. It must be a reasonable weight or it will not be picked up.
- **We are the lowest price in the area for Town Bags.**

Bulky Waste Curbside Pick Up:

Chairman Matthew Tanis explained the Board of Health Office has received numerous calls regarding the scheduling of a Bulky Waste Pick up. After a discussion with the highway superintendent they decided that the best time to schedule the bulky pickup will be the week of the Memorial Day Holiday, May 26, 2015 through May 28, 2015. This will give residents the long weekend to prepare. The Bulky pickup will follow the same schedule as trash pickup. With the holiday Monday everyone's pickup will be delayed one day. He explained that the stickers for the items to be picked up are available at the Selectmen's office and he also read the pricing for the items that will be picked up.

Inspectors Reports:

Food Inspector Kevin Bernardo:

The Baseball Complex had been inspected and he explained that they do not have a 3 bay sink to wash the dishes but they explained that on a nightly basis, they take all the dishes from the concession stand back to the restaurant to be washed and sanitized in the dishwasher. They are then returned in a sealed Rubbermaid container. He said that they do have a 2 bay sink and one of the bays is used for hand washing and should any dishes need to be washed during the day they use bus buckets for rinse and sanitizer stations and the 2nd bay is used for washing. He also said that a letter would be coming from the proprietor regarding policy and procedures for the 2 bay sink.

Potentially Hazardous Foods Storage: Mr. Bernardo stated that certain foods may be held without temperature control for up to 4 hours. Mr. Bernardo explained that Almeida's Country Store has cooked chourico sandwiches out on the counter for sale. The proper procedure for food storage was explained to her and she was told that if she continued leaving the sandwiches out on

the counter she would need approval from the Board of Health. He stated that she was told that the sandwiches need to be labeled with all ingredients, allergens, time stamped and a log needs to be kept at all times with regard to the time the sandwiches were made and placed on the counter for sale.

Selectmen Patrick Menges asked how long the food is staying out especially if its chourico?

Kevin Bernardo stated at this time we do not know? He explained that she was told to cease operation and to get a variance from the Board of Health if she wanted to continue sales of the sandwiches.

Selectmen Patrick Menges: how long can she leave out chourico sandwiches?

Kevin Bernardo: With the Board's approval 4 hours. He explained that some food establishments leave lettuce and tomatoes at room temperature so that they won't be cold on a sandwich, and this is allowed. But if Almeida's wants to go against the food code they must get approval.

Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry:

She explained that she had been busy with the horse farm on Elm Street but that all concerns had been resolved.

She also stated that the Pit Bull at 2022 Somerset Avenue had been removed but it looked like he was back. She said that a run had been installed but the owner cannot tether a dog for more than 24 hours. She said that she would be monitoring the situation.

She also said that she has been receiving a lot of calls regarding dogs walking through neighboring properties. We do not have a leash law in Dighton. We do have a nuisance law so if a dog is going after children or is taunting indoor pets we can act on those types of calls.

She reminded everyone that the rabies clinic is this Saturday and to please get your pets vaccinated. If your animal gets bitten the Town requires a 1 month quarantine and only one member of the family will be able to come in contact with the pet.

Adjournment:

Motion Patrick Menges second Dean Cronin to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.

All in Favor

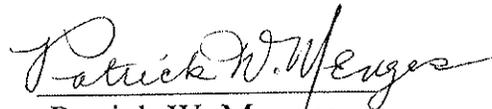
Aye



Matthew Tanis
Chairman



Dean V. Cronin
Member



Patrick W. Menges
Clerk

Respectfully Submitted

Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant