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*Tuesday August 25, 2015
1:00 P.M.
Special Meeting Minutes*

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Call to Order:

Chairman Matthew Tanis called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

Present:

Dean Cronin and Patrick Menges.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

New Business:

Status of MOAPC Grant: Tobacco Control Coordinator Marilyn Edge explained that the coalition was working on grants with Laura Washington and Nick Charest. The grant that they would like to discuss today was for Opiate Overdose Prevention. She stated that they had been working with Tom Pires and Chief of Police Robert MacDonald regarding this grant.

Laura Washington explained that from January to date the coalition has been collecting data. The data collection took much longer than anticipated. We know prescription drugs are being used and our goals are:

- To educate young people and parents on the dangers of sports injuries and medication.
- Provide services the senior population
- Set up a drug take back program

Ms. Washington stated that they had just purchased a Medication Drop Box for the Dighton Police Station.

She spoke about preventive measures regarding heroin and prescription drugs that they would like to speak about in the Towns schools.

Selectman Cronin: asked how do you go about getting into the schools.

Ms. Washington: We were hoping that the Board could help with that.

Selectman Cronin: Stated that he loves this program. He started (4) years ago and has learned a lot about needle disposal, sharps containers and medication disposal. We have many residents who utilize our sharps disposal program. Before all of these needles would be thrown in the trash.

Anything we can do to help we are on board with this program.

Nick Charest: Spoke about attending sports nights and educating the parents on sports injuries and medications.

Chairman Patrick Menges: Stated that the quality of life we have today is not like the quality of life in the past. People do not realize the change in our culture. Medications can change a person's temperament, body waste goes into the ground water. We do have a situation in Dighton whether or not we want to think about it. As far as the schools are concerned if there is anything that I can do to help I have an excellent rapport with both high schools Superintendent's. The Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School is included in our school systems. You will need to go to the Rehoboth Selectmen and discuss this program with them also.

The Board discussed the resource officer that will now be at the high school and how he will be a great asset. The principle has requested mini classes that the resource officer will discuss issues like bullying and medications.

Nick Charest: Stated that he had been working on an opiate addiction and underage drinking grant and that the regional coalition has just been awarded this grant and they would be requesting to talk with the Board again regarding underage drinking.

Patrick Menges: In the immediate future how can we help you? What can we do for you right now?

Laura Washington: stated that if we have trouble with the schools your help would be greatly appreciated. She asked how many schools does the town have?

- (1) Elementary School
- (1) Middle School
- (2) High Schools Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School and Bristol County Agricultural High School.

There was a discussion regarding the school resource officer and that the Police Department will appoint that officer and that the school will appoint a teacher that will work with the resource officer.

Laura Washington: We would like to discuss the grants further in depth at a later time.

There was a discussion about scheduling the next meeting and it was decided that the 1st Monday in November there is a Disaster Committee Meeting at 10:00 AM and that they could meet after that meeting for a grant planning meeting at 11:00 AM if that time works for the schools.

Selectmen Cronin stated that if there was anything Laura or Nick needed the Board would be happy to help in any way that they could. He told them to contact their secretary Karin Brady if there was anything at all they could do to help. Chairman Menges requested that any correspondence also be sent to Board of Health Secretary Rosalind Grassie.

Marilyn Edge asked the Board about appointing Pam Pollock as a Board of Health Agent. She was told that the appointment would take place at the Selectmen's Meeting.

Waiver request from the Grid Iron Club

Motion Dean Cronin to waive the food permit fee for the Grid Iron Club step down second Patrick Menges.

All in Favor

Aye

Adjournment:

Motion Dean Cronin second Patrick Menges to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 PM

All in Favor

Aye

	
Patrick Menges	Dean V. Cronin
Chairman	Member

Respectfully Submitted
Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant