



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday October 14, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes*

Call to Order:

Chairman Patrick Menges called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Present:

Chairman Patrick Menges, Dean Cronin and Nancy Goulart

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

Approve Minutes:

Motion Nancy Goulart second Dean Cronin to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 30, 2015 as prepared by the clerk to the Board of Health.

All in favor say Aye, Opposed no, the Aye's have it the motion carries. The minutes are approved

Correspondence:

Chairman Patrick Menges: Read the Arbovirus Surveillance Report from State Department of Public Health.

Selectman Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Chairman Menges asked Robert Mullen if he would like to add to the announcements. Mr. Mullen reminded the public that on November 1, 2015 the Dighton Lions would be holding their Annual Arts Festival at Araujo Farms on Williams Street from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

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Old Business:

Progress Toward a Professional Director of Public Health.

Chairman Patrick Menges explained that the Board of Health is seeking expressions of interest in a position of Director of Public Health from possible candidates' in the Master's Program at Bridgewater State University but they have not yet received any responses.

Non- Criminal Penalty Deposition for Health Law Violations:

The Health Inspector, Kevin Bernardo brought to the Board's attention that Dighton needs to take certain steps to be able to cite some violations for non-criminal disposition, epically our non-criminal disposition bylaw needs to specifically say in addition to violations to town bylaws it needs to say "regulations" and that is an amendment that a Town meeting is going to have to make. Our own Board of Health regulations, when possible need to include in the paragraph that identifies the wrong that we are prohibiting. What the penalty for violating that rule is. We need to adopt all of the Permissive Code of Massachusetts Regulations Provisions which if we don't adopt then are not subject to non- criminal disposition.

Hydronic Heater Bylaw

The Hydronic Heater Bylaw was revised by the Building Commissioner and is ready to be sent back to the State with their requested corrections.

Motion Dean Cronin second Nancy Goulart to approve the policy with the corrections and send it back to the State for their certification.

Motion has been made and seconded is there any further discussion?

Selectman Nancy Goulart: Is this a town policy or bylaw how do you classify this?

Patrick Menges: It is a local board of health regulation and it is enforceable as a law.

The Board of Health Secretary will send this bylaw back to the State and the Building Commissioner will continue to be the point of contact.

Chairman Menges the motion before us is adopt the Board of Health Regulation on Outdoor Wood Burning Boilers. Those in favor of the motion indicate by saying Aye, opposed no. The ayes have it and the motion carries unanimously.

New Business:

Local Public Health Regulations "Barn Permits":

The primary advantage to having barn permit is it informs the Animal Control Officer/ Inspector of Animals of where all animals are located that may have to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry: For evacuation purposes if we had a disaster here there would be many residents calling saying that I need to evacuate my animals. If you are not on my list to evacuate I do not know what you have for animals on your property. Barns already have evacuation plans in effect.

A barn permit could be combined with the stable permit allowing us to have one permit for all animals housed in Town.

The Board discussed the procedural matter what we will have to do is draft the regulation and it will have to go through the Board of Health Regulating Procedure of (2) readings and a public hearing. I will entertain a motion that we undertake the drafting of a barn permit regulation for review and tentative adoption at the next meeting.

Motion Dean Cronin second Nancy Goulart to undertake the drafting of a Barn Permit Regulation.

Patrick Menges: We will see what other towns have in place and what has proven that it works in other communities and we will present a draft local health regulation for barn permits at the next meeting.

Nancy Goulart: That will eliminate the need for Stable Permits? Yes a barn permit will be all inclusive.

All in Favor

Aye

Motion Carries

Amend the Contract with Borges Trucking:

When the town executed its agreement with Borges Bros. Trucking for trash and recycling pickup for 2016 "see attachment A" there was no charge for single stream recyclables however it stipulated that these disposal fees will remain in effect as long as we can continue to dispose of the material at the current rates.

The rates have changed. Chairman Menges read Attachment B "see Attached"

Dean Cronin: Based on last year's tonnage it will be about \$30,000 more than what was budgeted.

Motion Nancy Goulart second Dean Cronin to agree to the increase in tipping fee to \$40 per ton for recyclables

All in Favor

Aye

There was a discussion regarding the fees charged for pickup and disposal of thrash and Single-stream recycling.

All in Favor

Aye

Motion Carries

Reserve Fund Transfer for Board of Health Office Supplies:

Chairman Menges: Explained that the Board of Health no longer shares office supplies with the Board of Selectmen. The \$500.00 that was budgeted was not enough to keep the Board of Health adequately supplied.

Motion Dean Cronin second Nancy Goulart to approve the transfer request.

All in favor

Aye

Motion Carries

State Law for Food Vendors License for retail of Processed Snacks:

There has been assertion made that it is not required for businesses selling processed snacks, chips, candy ect... to have a food permit.

Patrick Menges: Even processed snacks have a sell by date an expiration date by which they should not be sold and they are more importantly subject to recalls if they are badly processed. When we announce recalls we need to know who to notify directly. For these reasons they are required to have a food license.

Health Inspector Kevin Bernardo: As you mentioned pre-packaged food is food. I would like to see in the future a retail food license which is what a package store would be verses a regular restaurant that you would have for a food establishment. This way there is a definition of what each establishment is responsible for and how to make sure there product is safe. If there is a recall on these items the manufacturer is supposed to notify the vendor but we as the Board of Health have to go out and verify that these products are taken off the shelf and taken care of responsibly. Because the recall says remove and discard or return back. We have to make sure that these individuals are not just continuing to sell it.

Mr. Bernardo stated that each application should be reviewed and each business is individual and requires separate licensing.

Animal Control Officer's October 9, 2015 Report:

Selectmen Cronin requested an update on properties with issues.

Animal Control Officer Stacy Ferry said that she had emailed the State Vet but had not heard back from her yet. She explained how re-inspections of properties and time frames for residents submitting documents to the Town. She also explained the procedure for deer that are picked up. She explained that she has people that come and bring them to the Somerset Yacht Club. They call the EPO and the EPO comes out and tags them. If we need those tags they are all at the Somerset Yacht Club. They need to be able to prove that all of the deer have been tagged when they are inspected. If she removes the deer and puts it in her vehicle she has to file the intake report.

Inspectors Reports:

Animal Control Officer: Went to SRPEED today to discuss the animal shelter. They will be going to a newly built shelter in Attleboro to see what they have done and if it meets what the Town of Dighton may need. Rehoboth has someone from Tufts that is going to come out and tell them what is needed, what is good, what is bad and how much it will cost to fix everything. We are hoping to be able to have her come to our shelter as well as the Somerset & Swansea Shelter so that we will have a report of what needed in the shelters. It will give us a good foundation of what is needed and where we are going.

Chairman Menges: Stated that Greg Logan has volunteered to do the construction work at the animal shelter.

Building Commissioner: We have property on Elm Street that Inspector Bernardo, The Animal Control Officer, The Police Department and I were at a few weeks ago. Where we found deplorable conditions inside. The occupant was removed. He is now living at an alternative location. I am planning on demolishing the house and by that I mean going through with a survey team who will ultimately decide its fate. I am concerned about the interior environment. He explained that he had reached out to Trauma 24 and stated that he had detailed discussions with them for the procedures that should be used regarding entering the building with the survey team. He plans to go there with the survey team in the next week or two to do the demolition survey and decide the buildings fate and then bid the subsequent demolition of the property.

Nancy Goulart: Asked if there were any pets involved?

Animal Control Officer: There were feral cats outside the home and she has been trying to catch them on many occasions but the neighbors feed them so they are not hungry and do not go near the traps.

Public Input

None

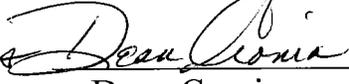
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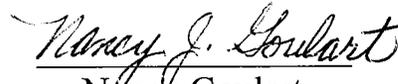
Motion Dean Cronin second Nancy Goulart to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM

All in Favor

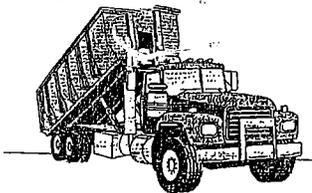
Aye


Patrick W. Menges
Chairman


Dean Cronin
Clerk


Nancy Goulart
Member

Respectfully Submitted
Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant



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[Signature] Member

SUC Clerk

February 27, 2015

Town of Dighton
Board of Selectmen
979 Somerset Avenue
Dighton, MA 02715

Attachment A

Dear Members of the Board,

The following proposal is for curbside trash and recycling collection for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. These rates reflect an increase of approximately 1-1/2%. The Disposal Fees will remain unchanged at this time.

Curbside Trash picked up on a weekly basis	\$131,700.00 for the year
Curbside Recycling picked up every-other week	\$ 76,900.00 for the year

Transportation

Trash to SEMASS	\$12.00 per ton
Single-Stream Recyclables to Recycling Facility	\$140.00 per load
Other Recyclables to Recycling Facility	\$140.00 per load
Bulky Waste to New Bedford Waste	\$140.00 per load

Disposal Fees*

Single-Stream Recyclables	No Charge
Bulky Waste	\$86.00 per ton
Gypsum Waste (Sheetrock)	\$86.00 per ton
Mattresses or Boxsprings	No Charge

*these disposal fees will remain in effect as long as we can continue to dispose of the material at the current rates.

We would also need to receive the Diesel Fuel Allowance if prices rise above \$3.75 per gallon. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Borges, President
Borges Bros. Trucking, Inc.

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_____ Chairman

DVC Member

P. J. M. Clerk

Attachment B

August 14, 2015

Town of Dighton
Board of Health
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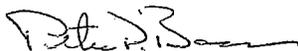
Dear Members of the Board:

We have been notified of an increase in our tipping fee for Single-Stream Recyclables. As of August 17, 2015 this fee will be \$40.00 per ton.

We will continue to search for any alternative sites that may become available to drop off the recyclables at a lower cost. At the present time, the above-mentioned rate is the best option.

Please call our office at (508) 644-2074 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Peter D. Borges, President
Borges Bros. Trucking, Inc.

PDB:mlb