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Wednesday February 17, 2016
6:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Patrick Menges called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Dean Cronin, Patrick Menges stepped down to second, and VOTED to approve the regular meeting minutes February 3, 2016 and the special meeting minutes of January 28, 2016 as prepared by the clerk.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

CORRESPONDENCE- Patrick Menges read emails from Deni Phaneuf, Emergency Preparedness/Coordinator regarding the towns excellent results for the February 4, 2016 call down drill, Kathi Mirza from Mass DEP regarding waste reduction and recycling workshops as well as a brochure on local Adult Day Health Centers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dean Cronin read the announcements then Patrick Menges spoke about the Industrial Development Committee and the work they are doing.

OLD BUSINESS- Affirm Creation of Liaison to the Board of Health, Adopt Job Description and Appoint Volunteer Peter Caron to be Unpaid Liaison to the Board of Health.

It was moved by Patrick Menges to reaffirm the creation of the Liaison to the Board of Health. Discussion: Selectman Nancy Goulart objected to the creation of liaison and she also objected to adopting the job description because the job description for the liaison that was submitted was exactly that of the Director of Public Health that had previously been denied. She stated that all of our inspectors objected to this director's position. She explained that she had suggested the title, "Liaison," as a placeholder in the FY17 budget with an amount of \$15,000. As the person who suggested the title, she felt that she should be the person to draft a job description for the position of liaison and submit it to the other board members for review and input.

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It was moved by Nancy Goulart seconded by Dean Cronin and VOTED to table action on these agenda items. Discussion: Selectman Cronin asked for more time to get information and review the position. Selectman Menges stated his reasons for wanting the position created and Mr. Caron appointed. Selectman Goulart stated that she would not support the director position and would not accept the current liaison job description. She has contacted Boston University about the possibility of an intern or two to work on a project that includes preparing a manual of regulations, forms, reports, etc. for our inspectors. The intern(s) would be paid by the university as part of their Master of Public Health degrees.

Vote:	Nancy Goulart	Aye
	Dean Cronin	Aye
	Patrick Menges	Nay

New Business:

Review /Discuss Act: Emergency Preparedness Lap Top Application

It was moved by Nancy Goulart seconded by Dean Cronin and VOTED to allow the clerk to get additional information regarding the availability of state funding to acquire a new laptop for emergency preparedness applications.

Selectman Cronin requested the clerk call first to make sure the town was eligible before filing the application and Selectman Goulart reminded her to make sure that it would be compatible with Windows.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

Review / Discuss / Act: Title V Enforcement Order for Mark Nadeau, 2737 Pleasant Street

The board approved issuing a Title V System Enforcement Order as requested by Mark Nadeau so he could proceed with passing papers for property located at 2737 Pleasant St. as recommended by the building commissioner and plumbing inspector.

It was moved by Dean Cronin seconded by Nancy Goulart to approve the enforcement order for Mark Nadeau, 2737 Pleasant Street Acquisition.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

Review / Discuss / Act: Application of John Buffington Assistant Animal Control Officer.

John Buffington, applicant for the position of Assistant Animal Control Officer, was present and his resume was provided. Discussion: The board asked that a meeting be posted for February 22, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. and they would act on the appointment then.

Tobacco Control Coordinator Marilyn Edge assumed the chair.

Review / Discuss / Act: Mutual Convenience Store and Mt Hope Village Liquors Tobacco Violations: Action on tobacco sales violations at Mt. Hope Village Liquors and Mutual Convenience Store were rescheduled to March 2, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. due to not properly posting the hearing for each owner.

The board took a brief recess and then Chairman Menges resumed the chair.

Review / Discuss / Act: Municipal Area Insect and Disease Control Programs: Chairman Menges read an email from Amory Thorndike. He is seeking interest from local area towns that would want to have a discussion about developing a tick / Lyme disease management program. Discussion: The board will ask for additional information regarding municipal area insect and disease control programs.

Chairman Menges requested that Arthur Tobin be contacted and asked for a 2015 Annual Report for Bristol County Mosquito Control.

Inspectors Reports: Stacy Ferry, animal control officer reported on complaints about 2 dogs left out in the high winds and heavy rains without shelter. In addition, she advised pet owners not to leave dogs outside for any length of time when the temperature is low. Mr. Menges explained the town's procedure for dealing with animal abuse that includes the ACO having the power to enter private property, take photos, seize an animal and put it into the town's shelter.

She may get a search warrant to investigate suspected or reported abuse and will be accompanied by a police officer. Animal abuse in MA is a felony and could result of up to a year in jail if the person is found guilty. She also reminded residents that kennel inspections are required for anyone owning four or more dogs before a kennel license can be issued. A rabies clinic is planned for the spring. The date will be announced at a future meeting.

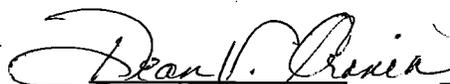
Health Inspector Kevin Bernardo, sent a letter to the board dated February 16, 2016 re: sanitary and environmental codes for review prior to adoption.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Dean Cronin, seconded Nancy Goulart, and VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Vote:

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Patrick W. Menges
Chairman


Dean V. Cronin
Clerk


Nancy Goulart
Member