

Board of Health  
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Wednesday March 30, 2016  
6:30 P.M.  
Meeting Minutes

TOWN CLERK  
DIGHTON, MA

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Patrick Menges called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Nancy Goulart, seconded by Dean Cronin and VOTED to approve the regular meeting minutes March 16, 2016 as prepared by the clerk.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

CORRESPONDENCE- Patrick Menges read an email from Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry, regarding an upcoming meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection in Lakeville to discuss the maintenance, repair and possible change of use of the former Hart Street Landfill. Mr. Ferry invited a member of the board to join himself and the Parks and Recreation chairman April 7, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. Selectman Nancy Goulart volunteered to be the Board of Health Representative at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dean Cronin read the announcements and Chairman Menges added, Bases Covered, which will be having a 5K Road Race, is an organization that is dedicated to helping families that are confronted with catastrophic health expenses as a result of a long medical emergency or a long term illness.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review / Discuss / Act: Second Reading of Sanitary and Environmental Codes: Patrick Menges conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading the Sanitary and Environmental Codes that was adopted March 16, 2016.

Review / Discuss / Act: Status of Rabies Clinic: Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry Explained when and where the Rabies Day Vaccination would take place. See attached. Chairman Menges added that

an animal food drive would also be taking place that day. Any pet food that people would like to donate please bring it by the North Dighton Fire House and we will make sure that it is used at the town's animal shelter or distributed to those in need.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review / Discuss / Act: Commend Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Facilities Manager David Nappi. Chairman Patrick Menges stated that he had intended to prepare a letter; however the press of business intervened. He asked the administrative assistant to put the following in the record in the form of a letter to be sent to Mr. Nappi. A copy of the letter is attached hereto to become a part of these minutes.

Mr. Menges stated that we have Mr. Nappi here with us tonight. I have the privilege as chairman of this board to introduce him to those of you who do not know him and asking him to say a few words about his responsibility which we applaud for his having carried out so well thus far.

Review / Discuss / Act: Vickie Piazza Earth Day Pickup Project:

Vicki Piazza joined the meeting to discuss her proposal to have an Earth Day cleanup project. Earth Day is Friday, April 22. She suggested that Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. would be a good day/time to hold the cleanup because the landfill will be open. Suggested areas for the cleanup were Forest Street / Tremont Street / Middle Street area; Warner Blvd. from Spring St. to the bridge; and lower Main St. onto Water St. The cleanup will be coordinated with Highway Superintendent, Tom Ferry. More information will be provided at future meetings. Anyone willing to volunteer to help with the cleanup is advised to contact the selectmen's office. Residents were encouraged to clean up the roadsides where they live. Also discussed was the litter/trash along Routes 138 and 44. The state and Bristol County Sheriff's Office will be contacted to see if they will clean up these state highways especially Rte. 138 prior to the Memorial Day Parade.

Review / Discuss / Act: Stable Permit Late Fee Waiver Request:

A request to waive the late fee for a stable permit was received from the Bristol County Agricultural High School. It appeared that the first notice/application was lost or misplaced at the school. The board voted to advise the school that if it submits its permit application and payment on or before April 13, the late fee will be waived.

It was moved by Nancy Goulart seconded Dean Cronin and VOTED if the renewal application and payment are received by this board on or before April 13, the late fee will be waived.

VOTE:

UNANIMIOUS

Inspectors' Reports: Stacy Ferry, Animal Control Officer: reported that the dog surrendered by the owner is out of the hospital and doing well at the home of the MSPCA director. Stacy is working with others on an emergency shelter for dogs. We are still looking for someone willing to provide weekend

coverage for the animal control officer. Stacy is currently providing weekend coverage. She will be attending the annual training for ACOs in June.

Chairman Patrick Menges stated that Stacy is also the town's inspector of animals, an annual appointment made by the state. The board has submitted her name for reappointment.

Selectman Nancy Goulart asked Stacy for an update on the feral cat colony in the Spring St. area. She indicated that she had not recently been to the area. However, previous visits to the homeowner where the cats receive food, shelter, and medical attention indicated (through medical documents) that the cats have been spayed/neutered at the expense of the resident and were in good health. A neighbor asked about why there are feral cats that do not have their ears tipped and Stacy replied that the person who paid for the spaying/neutering did not identify them as feral so the ears were not tipped.

As far as neutered cats marking territory, she said that adult male cats will continue to do that if neutered after they have become adults.

PUBLIC INPUT: Tree trimming is still scheduled along Rte. 138 south to the Somerset line. We'll check to see if the trash pickup along that highway can be done or is planned after the trimming is done.

Dean Cronin addressed the audience and explained that tonight is Chairman Menges last Board of Health meeting. He has decided not to seek re-election. He stated that he had worked with Chairman Menges for what seemed like a short three years and sometimes a long three years. He has a long list of accomplishments. He said he has enjoyed working with him. We have worked together to ensure the daily operations of the town run smoothly and commend him for his dedication and efforts.

Nancy Goulart stated that her time working with Patrick has been short but she has known Patrick since he was a little kid in school. No goodbyes. No doubt that their paths will continue to cross in the future.

Patrick Menges addressed his colleagues and thanked them both. He also added that he wanted to thank the individuals without whom the Board of Health would not have met its mission while he was chairman, since Selectman Tanis stepped down. They include Chief Robert MacDonald and the Police Department; Chief Antone Roderick and the Fire Department; Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry and the Highway Department; Alice Souza and the Council on Aging; Bethany Collins our Town Nurse; Kevin Bernardo our Food and Health Inspector; Joseph Pacheco Soil Evaluator Percolation Tester; James Aguiar Jr., Building Commissioner; Christopher Costa Plumbing Inspector; Peter Bleau Electrical Inspector; Animal Control Officer and Inspector of Animals Stacy Ferry; Transfer Station Attendant Kenneth Rodriguez; and Rosalind Grassie, the secretary to the Board of Health.

Mr. Menges continued and said that this board affects residences, businesses, eating establishments, church halls, stables, and every aspect of life in town is touched by the board of health, directly or indirectly. Rosalind Grassie has been the half time point of contact but in fact because she is in the office all day long, doing both Board of Appeals and Board of Health work, she is the fulltime person to contact for this board. It is her administrative work and coordination that keeps customers and residents of the board of health well serviced by our personal and managing a staff of part-time personnel to accommodate all of the needs of the players with whom we deal is a handful in itself. We owe to Rosalind Grassie a huge debt of thanks for the administration of this board.

I would also like to thank the Friends of the Animal Shelter for their faithfulness to their cause and Nancy Pinto, who is secretary to the Building Commissioner and Veterans Services. I don't know how many of you know how far beyond veterans affairs Donald Hirschy goes but let me tell you there are cold nights in the homes of some of our elderly veterans when a log from a pile of wood that he cut, split and delivered to their homes is the difference between frozen pipes or god forbid a frozen veteran. The statue doesn't require him to take a load of firewood to those in need but he sees to it that our veterans are warm and provided for in the cold of winter. He also thanked both the administrations of the Bristol County Agricultural High School and the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District. Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and I will support my successor whoever you choose on April 9, 2016.

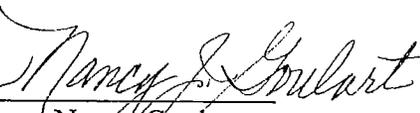
ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Dean Cronin seconded, Nancy Goulart and VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

  
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Patrick W. Menges  
Chairman

  
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Dean V. Cronin  
Clerk

  
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Nancy Goulart  
Member



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David Nappi  
Facilities Manager  
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School  
2700 Regional Road  
North Dighton, MA. 02764

April 6, 2016

Dear Mr. Nappi,

The maintenance of public health requires the service and cooperation of many individuals. The Dighton Board of Health has a leadership role in promoting public health and elimination of challenges to the quality of life and the safety of our residents in such venues as public accommodations. Chief among these venues is the public schools. The public schools are trusted by parents and citizens of good will to be capable of ensuring the safety of the students who attend them and maintaining their health. In addition, they are trusted by all residents to be free of challenges that would promote communicable disease in the community.

Within the last year the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District has employed a facilities manager who is responsible for the maintenance and core sanitation of our public schools. Mr. David Nappi, since his assuming the position of facilities manager of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, has shown repeatedly his willing to cooperate with our health inspectors and this Board when necessary to ensure that we have met mission in guaranteeing the health and safety of children in the public schools.

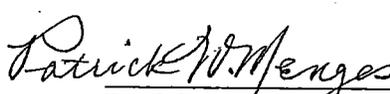
Together we have recently addressed the ongoing challenge of heating the elementary school dependently against the failure of a boiler which stands idle in the boiler room. We have one working and one not. We have also addressed together the need for appropriate precautions to ensure the public health at the football field chuck wagon where hamburg and beverages are dispensed to the public during football games. It was a matter of ensuring among other things, that a hole in the ceiling and a porous place in the floor were repaired, and that some provision was made for running water so that volunteers working in the facility could wash their hands.

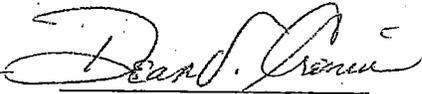
Meanwhile our health inspector has ensured that regulations concerning allergen licensing and gloves and head gear are enforced. At the present time we are faced with an ongoing recurrent

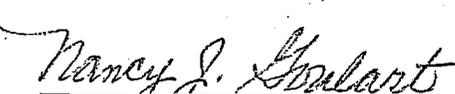
challenge easily met but nevertheless requiring vigilance of proper refrigeration in the cafeteria at the middle school. One of the refrigeration units there is slightly above temperature. We know that we can count on Mr. Nappi, to see to it that, problem is remedied as have been the problems that we have brought to his attention in the past, since his appointment.

Our sincere thanks, Mr. Nappi, for a job well done.

Sincerely

  
Patrick W. Menges  
Chairman

  
Dean V. Cronin

  
Nancy J. Goulart

Cc: Dr. Azar  
Mr. Braga

# Rabies Vaccination Day

**When:** Saturday, April 30, 2016

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**Where:** North Dighton Fire Station  
132 Chase Street

**Cost:** \$12.00 (Cash Only)  
Per Immunization

*\* Live Micro Chip*

- Rules**
1. All cats must be in carrier. Only one cat per carrier
  2. All dogs must be leashed. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled. One handler per dog.
  3. All animal owners are responsible for clean-up in the event their animal urinates, defecates and or otherwise creates a mess within or on the grounds immediately adjacent to the fire station. Note: Immunization will be denied to animals whose owners refuse to clean messes made by their animal(s).
  4. To qualify for a three year rabies certification, owners must present a certificate, signed by a veterinarian, which states their animal has had two previous rabies immunizations, the second immunization not earlier than (9) months and no later than twelve (12) months after the first immunization.

## Licenses

Town Clerk will be available to issue dog licenses.  
Payment by Check Only.

## Micro Chipping Clinic

Losing a pet can be a devastating and traumatic experience. Micro chipping your pet and enrolling it will link your pet with a 24/7 recovery network. This will greatly increase the chance that your pet will be returned to you if ever lost or stolen. The fee for the chip and registration is \$20.00 (Checks Only Please)

## Animal Food Drive

If you have any pet food that you would like to donate, please bring it by and we will make sure that it is used at the Town's shelter or distributed to those in need.

For more information please call the Dighton Board of Health (508) 659- 4159