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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2014, 7:30 P.M.

Dighton Public Library, 395 Main Street, Dighton, Massachusetts

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Chairman Dean V. Cronin called to order the regular weekly Wednesday night meeting of the board of selectmen in the main floor reading room of the Dighton Public Library, 395 Main Street, Dighton, Mass., at 7:30 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Present were, in addition to Chairman Cronin, Clerk of the Board Patrick W. Menges and Selectman Thomas J. Pires, Chairman of the Trustees of the Public Library Ron O'Connor, Library Director Jocelyn Tavares, Department of Conservation and Recreation Land Protection Specialist Shaun Provencher, and Videographer John Meagher, who, using a Dighton Water District videocamera, videorecorded the meeting. Chairman Cronin invited all of the attendees to rise and join in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

On a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Pires, the board on a unanimous voice vote accepted as prepared for its acceptance by the clerk of the board, the minutes of its Monday, 8 September 2014 meeting with the Town Accountant and Town Treasurer. On a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Pires, the board on a unanimous voice vote accepted as prepared for its acceptance by the clerk of the board, the minutes of its Friday, 12 September 2014 executive session.

The board unanimously voted, on a motion of Selectman Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, to accept and approve the spending warrants, 12A-15, \$72,555.78, and 12B-15, \$53,103.56, as prepared for its approval by the Town Accountant.

Correspondence considered by the Board included (1) a solicitation by the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional District School Committee for applications for its Regional Agreement Amendment Committee's at large member from Dighton (school board appointee), due by 19 September 2014, (2) a letter from Mac Reid of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools requesting a meeting with the board of selectmen at which to divine its views concerning how best to amend the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District agreement, (On a motion of Selectman Pires seconded by Selectman Menges, the board unanimously voted to schedule a meeting with Mr. Reid, consultant for revision of the regional agreement, during the selectmen's weekly meeting on Wednesday, 24 September 2014, at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Media Center, and to invite the Dighton Finance Committee and the Rehoboth selectmen, if they care to attend.) (3) a letter from Ross Perry of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

(SRPENN) announcing a Community Incentive Grant (CIG) application opportunity (deadline 10 October) which might be useful for "e-permitting", and (4) a letter from Glen Jefferson, who has accepted an at large committeeman appointment to the D-R Regional Agreement Amendment Committee, expressing his interest and reasons for accepting the position. The Board also considered an invitation to a Green Community forum at Dartmouth Town Hall on Friday, 30 September 2014; Selectmen Cronin and Menges have indicated that they will attend.

Announcements were read, as published in the agenda for tonight's meeting.

- * THE DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE TOWN'S YOUNG PEOPLE. CONTACT THE LIBRARY AT (508)669-6421 FOR DETAILS.

27 September: "The Bridgewater Triangle" Co-directors here to answer any questions.

2 October: Si-Fi Ghosthunter Audiovisual Presentation by Dustin Perry

18 October, 1 P.M.: Composer Shauna Winston, Ragtime Concert

27 October: Dighton Cultural Council presents, "The Trial of Lizzie Borden". Audience decides, Guilty or Innocent?

Book chats at Dighton Public Library.

- * THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. AT DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL.

- * THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSAL THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM AT DIGHTON TOWN HALL.

- * THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DIGHTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 24TH, WILL BE AT *Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Media Center.*

- * BULKY ITEM PICKUP WILL BE TAKING PLACE SOME TIME THIS FALL. *Oct 21, 22, 22*
Have item out by 7: A.M.
- * THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE MASTER PLAN AT TOWN HALL, LOWER LEVEL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. CONSULT THE TOWN OF DIGHTON WEB SITE FOR A DRAFT OR VIEW HARD COPY AT THE TOWN HALL.

- * *Former*
AIDE TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ANDREW SUKEFORTH IS CAPTAIN OF THE BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY TRACK TEAM. BRIDGEWATER WILL BE RUNNING IN THE U-MASS DARTMOUTH INVITATIONAL ON SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2014, 10:30 A.M., AT U-MASS DARTMOUTH.

- * ON VETERANS' DAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2014, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 45 WILL PERFORM THE FLAG RAISING ON VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMON. THERE WILL BE A COLLIATION IN THE TOWN HALL, MAIN FLOOR HEARINGS ROOM, AFTER THE CEREMONY.

- * 2014 IS THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPARATION OF DIGHTON AND WELLINGTON, 1814 WHICH LASTED UNTIL MARCH OF 1826, WHEN THEY WERE REUNITED. WITH BUCK PLAIN MEETINGHOUSE IN WELLINGTON, DIGHTON TOWN MEETINGS WERE IN SELECTMEN'S HOMES. (Source: History of Dighton by H.H. Lane, and brought to us by Rich Gunther.)
Shared map.

- The Board of Health has sharps disposal containers for sale for Dighton residents only at the office (\$3.00Qt / \$6.00 Gal). Once full, they can be brought back to the Board of Health for proper disposal at no additional cost.

Under Old Business, on a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Pires, the Board unanimously voice voted to readvertise tomorrow in the Massachusetts Central Register and the Taunton Daily GAZETTE for sealed bids for the contracts to strip and re-roof Van Gyzen Hall, Prime Time (Council on Aging Adult Care Facility), and the Highway Department Salt Shed, no bids having been received in response to the last previous solicitation.

The Board heard a presentation by Shaun Provencher of the Department of Conservation and Recreation concerning his Department's interest in acquiring a 26 acre town-owned (tax title taking from Northeast Capital) parcel with $\frac{1}{2}$ mile frontage along the Taunton River and 50' frontage along Somerset Avenue immediately south of and contiguous to Sweet's Knoll State Park, presently zoned industrial. The waters of the River there contain endangered species, Mr. Provencher said, Atlantic sturgeon. The Massachusetts Historical Commission, which he said he does not usually consult but did in this case, has records of a "significant archaeological dig" done just south of the parcel in the 1950s.

Selectman Menges stated that he had been approached only today by a resident asking what Dighton's future public sewer system would be, and stating that such a waterfront parcel would be necessary if Dighton is ever to have its own septic waste treatment/disposal plant to serve growing residential populations and commercial activity in areas not serviced by Dighton's inter-municipal sewage treatment agreement with the City of Taunton.

On a motion of Selectman Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, the Board unanimously voice voted to consult other town boards with a stake in the future of the town's riparian holdings for their opinions of state acquisition of the former Northeast Capital acreage, and to keep Mr. Provencher informed (1) if any of them would like him to tour the site with them and (2) what conclusions result from their consultation.

The Board reviewed in detail a draft warrant for the October 28, 2014 Special Town Meeting. Clerk of the Board Mr. Menges stated that he hoped that a final warrant might be ready for review as early as a week hence. He furnished his colleagues each with a copy of the draft with revisions to date and an additional sheet of pending changes to the draft.

On a motion of Selectman Pires seconded by Selectman Menges the board unanimously voice voted to approve Highway Superintendent's 2015 Prospective Storm Contractor Rates and Policies Regarding the Use of Hired Equipment and Hired Driver/Labor, as contained in a letter from the Superintendent the text of which had been read by Chairman Cronin.

The Board declined to endorse details of a public works mutuality arrangement for excavation and snowplowing until they are reduced to writing and presented to the board in an e-mail satisfactory to the Highway and Water District Superintendents.

On a motion of Selectman Pires seconded by Selectman Menges the Board voted to adopt a Financial Reserve Policies and Procedures text proposed by the Town Accountant. Chairman Cronin commented that this will provide guidance "More structured than in the past." Selectman Menges praised the draft as "very good", saying that it was broadly worded so as to allow needed flexibility as conditions change.

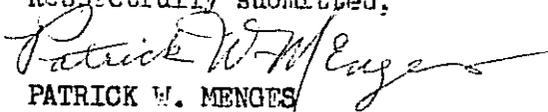
In Acknowledgements, the Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to its Videographer, John Meagher. Selectman Menges extolled the features and

virtues of the Dighton Public Library and the enlightened and creative administration of the institution which keeps an historic facility viable, offers fun for children and meaningful vocational opportunities on line for adults, and which has an exemplary cultural institution disaster response plan.

There was informal pleasantries during Public Input, underlining the cordiality subsisting between the selectmen and the library.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion of Selectman Menges seconded by Selectman Pires and unanimously carried on a voice vote at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICK W. MENGES
Clerk of the
Board of Selectmen