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BOARD OF HEALTH  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 6:30 o'clock p.m.  
Town Hall Hearings Room

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Chairman Thomas J. Pires called to order the regular bi-weekly (summer) meeting of the Board of Health in the Town Hall Hearings Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. He led everyone present, including Animal Control Officer Stacy Ferry, part time Animal Control Officer for weekends candidate Delfin Diosomito, Food Inspector Kevin Bernardo, and Selectmen Dean V. Cronin, and Clerk of the Board of Health Patrick W. Menges, in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Cronin, the Board of Health approved on a unanimous voice vote the minutes of its regular meeting of Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. There was no **correspondence**.

Selectman Menges read **announcements**, from both a page attached to the agenda, and from an additional sheet of pertinent announcement notes.

There was no **old business**.

The Board discussed the need for a part-time Animal Control Officer for weekends. It was stated that there is \$2,040.00 in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget with which a part-time Animal Control Officer for weekends can be compensated. Animal Control Officer Stacy Ferry introduced to the Board former Reserve Police Officer Delfin Diosomito who handles K-9 affairs professionally for the Department of Corrections, and is familiar with dogs. Mr. Diosomito will have an opportunity in March to obtain his certification as an Animal Control Officer, within the time after his appointment allowed by Massachusetts law. Under this arrangement, Animal Control Officer Stacy Ferry will provide Animal Control for the Town on weekdays, and Mr. Diosomito on weekends. It was agreed that he should be paid quarterly.

On a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Cronin, the Board of Health voted unanimously on a voice vote to set the salary of the part-time Animal Control Officer at \$510.00 per quarter, for a total of \$2,040.00 for Fiscal Year 2015. Then, also on a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Cronin, the Board of Health voted unanimously on a voice vote to appoint Delfin Diosomito as part-time Animal Control Officer. The Clerk of the Board was directed to prepare the appointment form, and a pay memorandum for the position for the Town Accountant, for the Board's signature.

Chairman Pires read extensively from a white paper sent to the Board by Lester Harman, M.D., MPH, advocating that cities and towns limit tobacco sales to individuals age 21 and older. Selectman Pires indicated that he had reservations about the proposition. He asked for a motion signifying the Board's pleasure concerning the proposal. Selectman Menges stated that he saw no need for the Board to take a position on it at this time. On a motion of Selectman Cronin, seconded by Selectman Menges, the Board of Health voted to table the question of raising to age 21 the tobacco purchasing age in Dighton. The Board will consider it in August. In the meantime, Chairman Pires will send a letter to tobacco retailers doing business in the town, for their views.

Health Inspector Kevin Bernardo stated that he has three re-inspections to do on three food establishments. He stated that Country Diner, at the corner of Main Street and Route 138, needs a

dishwashing procedure, or a small dishwasher. He stated that he is working with the proprietor concerning the issue.

Selectman Menges asked Inspector Bernardo if he makes surprise visits to food establishments, or if all of his visits are by appointment. Inspector Bernardo replied that all of his inspections are by surprise visits. He sometimes takes his family to a restaurant for a meal, and observes the restaurant in action.

Inspector Bernardo is helping in Freetown, which is in need of an Inspector since the resignation of its Inspector. Inspector Bernardo will be on vacation the week after July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen said that they are grateful for his willingness to help in Freetown.

There was no **public input**.

On a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Cronin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patrick W. Menges

Selectman

Clerk of the Board of Health