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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Chairman of the Board of the Selectmen Dean V. Cronin convened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Chairman Cronin, with consensus agreed by Selectmen Menges and Selectmen Pires, to forego the meet and greet of Firefighters Bird, Medeiros, and Lehane until all were present. The approval of the minutes from meetings on June 23rd, June 25th, June 26th, the July 2nd Department Head meeting, the July 2nd Regular meeting, the July 8th Special / Public meeting, the July 8th Special meeting with the Dighton Water Commissioners, and July 10th were passed on a motion by Selectmen Menges and seconded by Thomas Pires. When all Firefighters were present, there was a small ceremony for academy graduated Firefighters Timothy Bird, Kyle Medeiros, and Brian Lehane, in which they were congratulated by Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Selectmen Menges, Selectmen Cronin, and Selectmen Pires and given letters from Selectmen Menges. After the new Firemen, Chief Roderick, and their families departed after the ceremony was completed.

The approval of the warrants from July 9th (54A-14, \$19,988.03; 54B-14, \$71,182.89; 2A-15, \$52,341.26; 2B-15, \$12,058.21; 2C-15, \$124,210.82; 2D-15, \$506.00) were passed on a motion from Selectmen Pires and seconded by Selectmen Menges. The approval of the warrants from July 16th (3A-15, \$92,449.41; 3B-15, \$39,306.85) were passed on a motion by Selectmen Menges and seconded by Selectmen Pires. The first correspondence was read by Chairman Cronin, a flyer for the 6th Annual Benefit golf Tournament on September 6th, 2014 in Swansea. The second piece of correspondence was read by Selectmen Menges, a letter to Chairman Cronin from Patricia Haddad praising the new minister for the Methodist Church, Christine Canavan. Selectmen Menges noted the 200th anniversary of the Methodist Church was coming up.

Announcements were read by Selectmen Pires as printed in the published version of the meeting agenda. Selectmen Menges recommended acknowledging new business before old, and discussing items on the agenda that were convenient for those in attendance. Peter Torres, who was in attendance was appointed to the Community Preservation Committee on a motion by Selectmen Menges, and was seconded by Selectmen Pires. He was congratulated by the Board and was sworn in by Assistant Clerk Pamela Waller during the meeting. Torres and Waller departed after the swearing in.

The ISM Solar Presentation was next up, in which Gregory Lucini, President and CEO of International Sourcing and Marketing, and attorney Robert Fredericks gave a presentation on their interest and intent to develop a solar farm in Dighton and provide the town and school district with energy. Fredericks noted that the solar farm would be on the Kingsley property off Elm St. and were making accommodations for abutters. Lucini made it clear that he wishes to improve the town, and made a request for the town's utility bills so that his company could see if they could save the town money. Lucini made it clear that his solar farm would provide more than enough energy for both the school district and town. Attorney Fredericks wanted to know the commitment level from the town, in which Menges replied that the town is committed and that the Renewable Energy Committee should be notified of the project. Chairman Cronin asked Lucini how big of a role National Grid would play, in

which Lucini replied that it will be vital in the set up, but disappear shortly after. Attorney Fredericks and Lucini left after their presentation.

Patricia Gales of the Friends of the Dighton Public Library requested a waiver for a food permit regarding the Annual Taste of Dighton to be held on September 15th from 5-7 at the Lion's pavilion. Gales noted that the event is a success, in which it provides food from multiple vendors, has raffles, and shows a popular movie. Her request was approved on a motion by Selectmen Pires and was seconded by Selectmen Menges. Two representatives from the Massachusetts Country Music Awards Association, Suzanne Adams and Rick Williamson, came in to inquire about hosting a country music festival at K.K. Spratt Memorial Field in the future. Adams noted that the organization has been successful in the past hosting jamborees (small cookouts), and that the organization would be successful in hosting a bigger event in a country setting, such as Dighton. Selectmen Menges referred many of the technical questions to Parks and Recreation, the Building Commissioner, and the Board of Health. Chairman Cronin advised the organization to give back to the town of Dighton by using local vendors and businesses for the event. Both sides were optimistic of the event being held in Dighton in the future.

Old business was then acknowledged by Chairman Cronin. Setting a date for a meeting with Mr. Joyce from Dighton Power Charitable Trust was approved by a motion from Selectmen Menges and seconded by Selectmen Pires. Chairman Cronin jumped back to the regular order of new business, with the Agricultural School Farmstand and Farmer's Market Initiative. Selectmen Menges noted that Building Commissioner James Aguiar, the Agricultural School Superintendent, and he had a discussion about the initiative and came to the conclusion that it would have a positive effect on the community, and that it would be open in September on the school's property.

Building Commissioner James Aguiar, Water District Superintendent Gregory Olson, and Animal Control Officer Stacy Ferry were appointed to the Disaster Committee on a motion by Selectmen Pires, and was seconded by Selectmen Menges. The Highway Superintendent's recommendations for part-time seasonal hire were approved on a motion by Selectmen Pires, and seconded by Selectmen Menges. The two men who were recommended for hiring were Ilier Freitas of Taunton and Keith Pontes of Taunton. The Dighton Cheerleader's request to collect donations at the transfer station was discussed, in which the Selectmen stated that the request would be approved if they were given a date and that it was guaranteed that a parent would be in attendance at the fundraiser. The Chief of the Fire Department's ambulance write off request was approved on a motion by Selectmen Pires, and was seconded by Selectmen Menges.

Initiation of revised central register / newspaper requests for proposals for roof repairs to Van Gyzen Hall were understood to be undertaken by the Building Commissioner, who will be taking a lead. It was motioned by Selectmen Menges and seconded by Selectmen Pires. Acknowledgement of a \$172 donation to the Council on Aging was read off by Chairman Cronin. Acknowledgement and congratulations of Sergeant Lavigne's retirement was read off by Selectmen Menges, while the Board as a whole congratulated and wished good luck to Sergeant Lavigne. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Sukeforth, Aide to the Board of Selectmen

