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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING

Wednesday, 1 October 2014, 7:30 P.M.

Town Hall Hearings Room, 979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, Massachusetts

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Chairman Dean V. Cronin convened the regular weekly meeting of the Dighton Board of Selectmen at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, 1 October 2014, with Selectmen Patrick W. Menges and Thomas J. Pires present. Also present in the audience were Historical Commission member -designate Ruth Horton of Providence, R.I.; Town Historian -designate Mrs. Myrna Santos; Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans' Association Member Tony Rosario and Dighton Veterans' Agent Donald Hirschey, and offsite videographer volunteer John Meagher.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, all present remained standing for the observance of a moment of silence in memory of the late departed former Selectman Frank G. Costa, followed by memorial remarks by each serving Selectman eulogizing their predecessor.

On a motion of Selectman Thomas J. Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, the board on a voice vote unanimously approved the minutes of its regular meeting of Wednesday, 24 September 2014, and also on a motion of Selectman Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, unanimously voted to table approval of the minutes of its special Monday, 29 September 2014 special meeting with the Rehoboth selectmen, until the Rehoboth Town Administrator forwards the minutes of the meeting kept by the Rehoboth board which will serve as the basis of the minutes of the meeting kept in Dighton.

On motions of Selectman Menges seconded by Selectman Pires, the board unanimously voice voted to approve spending warrant 14A-15 in the amount of \$67,594.03 and spending warrent 14B-15 in the amount of \$37,303.65 as approved for its action by the town accountant.

The chairman read correspondence thanking Dighton for its support of the sixth annual 5 Kilometer Run For Heroes, from Chris Moulding, and a letter from Mary Jo-Perry of District 5 of the Department of Transportation calling to the attention of Verizon the visibility hazard continuing for motorists at the corner of Somerset Avenue and Main Street because of the presence of two utility poles obstructing the view of eastbound traffic turning north onto Somerset Avenue, and requesting that a superfluous pole be removed.

Under Old Business, Assistant Town Clerk Pamela Waller swore in newly appointed (24 September 2014) Historical Commission member Ruth Horton of Providence, R.I., for a term ending 30 June 2015, and Town Historian Myrna D. Santos also for a term ending 30 June 2015. Both were sworn in on Mrs. Santos' seventy year old Holy Bible, and each spoke to the board in turn. Mrs. Horton thanked the board and expressed her enthusiasm for her new position; Mrs. Santos said that chronicling current events as they pass into history will be an important part of insuring that Dighton's history remains complete in the future.

Veterans' Agent Donald Hirschey introduced Mr. Tony Rosario of the Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans' Association which has indicated a willingness to support providing a Vacant Chair for the lobby of Town Hall in memory of unreturned/missing Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. The TAVVA will be meeting on Monday, 6 October, to make a formal decision to support this initiative. Chairman Cronin said that this is a two-fold initiative, first to have a memorial Vacant Chair for POWs-MIAs at Town Hall, and second when the new police station is constructed, to place a similar memorial Vacant Chair in its lobby, as well. For now, the TAVVA can handle providing the chair for Town Hall, and another organization can take more time for a more spectacular ceremony required as a condition of having one donated later for the Police Station. On a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Pires, the board unanimously voice voted to thank the Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans' Association for its offer and generosity, and to accept it.

Under New Business, Chairman Cronin reported to the board on the first meeting of a committee on which he represents the selectmen, to revise the Dighton-Rehoboth School Region Agreement. Last night from 6:P.M. to 9:P.M., was the first meeting of this committee, in the media center of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. Public input is at the beginning of each meeting, and then again at the end of each meeting. If a question is asked at the beginning, the citizen should thus have his or her answer before leaving the meeting. He said that the target is to complete the revisionary work in one year, though Chairman Cronin doubts that it will take that long. The committee meets every other Tuesday. Chairman Cronin reported that there are "good people on this committee" and that he wishes to get the message out to the public tonight, that at the next meeting the revisionary committee with its Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools assistant will dissect the 1987 regional agreement; "we need and want all public feedback", he said.

The board acknowledged the participation of all mourners in the funeral of the late Selectman Frank Costa, the efforts of videographer John Meagher to videorecord Selectmen's meetings at locations remote from town hall, and the charitable annual Police Union Golf Tournament recently held in Swansea.

On a motion of Selectman Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, the board unanimously voice voted to adjourn without day at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICK W. MENGES
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen