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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Town Hall Hearings Room, 979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, Massachusetts 02715

Chairman Dean V. Cronin convened the regular weekly Wednesday night meeting of the Board of Selectmen in the Town Hall Hearings Room at 979 Somerset Avenue on Wednesday, 8 October 2014, at 7:30 P.M., with Selectmen Thomas J. Pires and Selectman and Clerk of the Selectmen Patrick W. Menges present. Chairman Cronin led the Board and its audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a unanimous voice vote the board voted on motions by Selectman Menges seconded by Selectman Pires to approve the minutes of the Monday, 29 September Special Meeting of the Board with the Rehoboth Selectmen at Rehoboth Senior Center, as prepared for Rehoboth Selectmen's approval by the Rehoboth Town Administrator. The Board also on a unanimous voice vote on a motion by Selectman Menges seconded by Selectman Pires voted to accept the minutes of its regular weekly meeting of Wednesday, 1 October, as prepared for its approval by the clerk of the Board.

On motions of Selectman Menges seconded by Selectman Pires, the Board unanimously approved Spending Warrants 15A-15, \$69,148.75, and 15B-15, \$56,-270.75, on separate voice votes.

Correspondence read by the Chairman included a letter from Dighton Water District notifying the Board of its intention to enter upon a Town road at Lot 4 Hart Street, for the purpose of installing a water service; a request by Columbia Gas for permission to make a road cut for repairs at 366 School Lane which was unanimously approved on a voice vote upon a motion by Mr. Menges; and a National Grid letter notifying the board of forthcoming pruning/clearing along its transmission line (power lines) right of way, a map of which accompanied the correspondence.

Announcements were read as they appeared printed on the published meeting agenda. The Board entertained no Old Business.

The Board signed and publicly read the text of the Selectmen's Warrant for a Special Town Meeting to be held at the Dighton Middle School Auditorium on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 7:0'clock P.M.; and on a motion of Selectman Menges seconded by Selectman Pires the Board approved and then and there signed the Warrant for the Biennial State Election to be held at Dighton Elementary School on 4 November 2014, the text of which was then publicly read by Chairman Cronin.

Owing to an error in printing of the ballots for Dighton for the biennial state election, being the omission of elections of Dighton and Rehoboth members of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee, the Board voted to appoint Edward F. ~~Dutra~~ Dutra of Pleasant Street as a member of the Committee from Dighton until the biennial state election in 2016.

The Board voted to grant Columbia Gas of Massachusetts a road cut permit for remedial work at 2165 Pleasant Street.

Attorney Robert Fredericks made a presentation in behalf of ISM Solar seeking a pilot agreement for energy in lieu of taxes from Kingsley Trust land on Elm Street. Attorney Fredericks was directed to refer his client to the Board of Assessors for questions that he will have to answer prior to consideration or approval of his proposition by the Board of Selectmen, and on a motion of Selectman Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, the matter was tabled.

Bill Shinas and Philip LaBrash of Remarkable Energy, Inc., of 226 Ashworth Avenue, Toronto, Canada M6GA27, made a presentation in behalf of FIT Power seeking to sell renewable energy to the Town. Selectman Menges directed them to David Dumenigo of Dighton's Renewable Energy Committee and said that they should await Dighton's comprehensive identification of its needs for such services.

On a motion of Selectman Menges seconded by Selectman Pires, the board unanimously voice voted to give Building Commissioner James D. Aguiar, Jr., a forty (40)-hour workweek, subject to the approval of the 28 October 2014 Special Town Meeting. Selectman Menges explained that this would yield a savings in overtime which Commissioner Aguiar must now be paid when he works more than 35 hours a week.

On a motion of Selectman Pires seconded by Selectman Menges, the Board unanimously voted to request that the Massachusetts Civil Service Commission hold a civil service examination for the office of plumbing inspector so that Dighton's plumbing inspector and assistant plumbing inspector may become civil service appointees as required by state law.

Chairman Cronin reported on the progress of revision of the Dighton-Rehoboth School Region Agreement and announced that the next meeting of the revisionary committee upon which he represents the town of Dighton will be on 16 October 2014, at 6:30 P.M. Meetings are held in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School media center.

In the absence of David Dumenigo the Board delayed his report on Renewable Energy Progress and Dighton's Green Community Initiative.

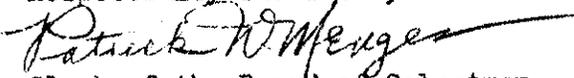
Selectman Menges reported that the Town Administrator Position Exploratory Committee of which he is chairman had posted on the Town's web site its final report of its findings and will make an oral summary of its recommendation at the October 28, 2014, Special Town Meeting.

The Town was reminded to extend condolences to Assessors' Chairman Carol Beauregard in the recent death of her sister.

There was no public input.

The meeting voted, on a motion of Selectman Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, to adjourn without day, at 9:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen