The following Meeting was video recorded for cable broadcast.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wednesday, 22 October, 2014, 7:30 o'clock p.m.
Regular Meeting
Town Hall Lower Level

Chairman Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Representatives from the Future Farmers of America were present, as well as Jo Anne Racine, Mr. Jim Luker a representative from Greenseal Environmental and Eagle Boy Scout, Kristopher Monroe and his family. Also present, Tom Ferry of the Highway Department.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Selectmen Patrick Menges introduced the officers of the "Future Farmers of America", which included the President, Sara DeArruda, Mr. Aaron Caswell, Natural Sciences Teacher and advisor, and Mrs. Van Ross, Asst. Principal of Bristol County Agricultural School.

Selectman Menges made a short congratulatory speech re: the work that the Future Farmers do in the community and the Town's farming Heritage. Patrick then turned the floor over to Sara DeArruda, who in turn, made a short speech regarding the Bristol Aggie School and how grateful they are for the support of the Town.

The Minutes from October 8, 2014, and October 16, 2014, Special Session, were approved on a motion from Selectman Pires and seconded by Selectman Menges. Vote: Unanimously approved.

Warrants 17-A, $ 70,093.06, and 17-B, $197,651.97, were approved on a motion by Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Pires. Approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence from the Department of Transportation re: Main Street Utility Pole Visibility Obstruction was read. Chairman Cronin mentioned that this issue was first addressed 2 ½ years ago, with National Grid and Verizon, and nothing was ever done by them. Mary Jo Perry from the Mass DOT has gotten involved and sent a second correspondence to both parties requiring them to both submit permit applications to relocate poles and subsequently transfer the existing facilities to resolve this situation as quickly as possible. This is the second notice and we are waiting to see what happens. We will update as we receive information.

Announcements were Read: See Attached

Old Business: Eagle Scout Kristopher Munroe was asked to come forward while Selectman Menges read his letter of intent for his Eagle Scout Project at Dighton Veteran's Memorial. As mentioned in the letter, Kristopher will need funds to purchase gravel, cement and other materials such as tools and a dumpster. Also will need to hire a company specializing in stamped concrete to help with

planning and installation of the walkways. Selectman Menges suggested that Kristopher get in touch with Mr. Greg Olsen, of the Water District, and Mr. Ferry (Superintendent of the Highway Department) for help with this.

Kristopher's Mom mentioned that the goal of completion is April, so a good part of the work will need to be completed in the Fall. It was noted by Chairman Cronin that Dig Safe will need to be notified.

Selectman Pires asked where monetary donations can be mailed. It was noted checks can be made out to: Kristopher Monroe and mailed to, 1173 Smith Street, Dighton, MA

New Business:

- No members of the Housing Committee available to appoint Jeffrie Allie to Housing Committee.

Motion to table until October 29, 2014. Tom Pires motioned, seconded by Patrick Menges. Vote: unanimously approved.

- Jo Ann Racine is appointed to the Historical Commission. A short speech is given by Selectman Menges, with regard to the importance of recordkeeping and preservation of historical artifacts in our Town. Jo Anne was asked to come forward and talk about what she can contribute to the Town with regard to this appointment. Jo Ann stated that she have lived in Dighton for 34 years, and has been a member of the Historical Board for that long, and currently lives in a historical home, making her that much more committed to the cause. Selectmen Menges moves that the Board appoint Jo Ann Racine, seconded by Selectman Pires and approved by unanimous vote.

- Former South Dighton dump site, Broad Cove, environmental testing was discussed. A brief history of the site was given by Selectman Pires. The dump ceased operation in 1970, but not officially closed as of now. A couple of years ago, the culvert underneath was compromised, making it necessary to build another one nearby.

It was formerly the subject of a Gray family Eagle Scout Project, where 4 dumpsters of illegal dumping were removed.

Based on recommendations of Greenseal Environmental, there are grant opportunities available to make this area into a recreation area with a possible observation tower. There are several sources for the grants, such as, Save the Bay and FEMA. Also mentioned was the fact that several grants could be "dovetailed" and utilized to cover all of the costs for the project, which amount to approximately $42.000.00.

A letter of intent has been put together, and Greenseal needs signatures on the letter tonight in order to meet the deadline of October 24, 2014. If letter of intent is approved, Greenseal would then proceed with the full grant application to be submitted in March

In the meantime, Greenseal asks for $1000.00 in costs for initial work on Grant Application, and that no other costs will be incurred until Grant is received.

Selectman Pires noted that something will eventually have to be done with this area.

Selectman Menges, made observations as to the beautiful view at the site and the large amount of Vegetation. Also, whatever is approved tonight should be run by the Procurement Officer for the Town for legality.

Selectman Pires suggested that they allow Mr. Luker to take a signed copy of the Letter of Intent with him tonight based on the condition that the Board will contact him first thing in the morning, after the Procurement Liason and the Town Accountant approve.

Selectman Menges makes motion to approve subject to the conditions above. Selectman Pires seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

- Fire Department Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., requested write-offs for three ambulance runs.

Motion to approve by Tom Pires. Seconded by Patrick Menges. Vote: Unanimously approved.

- Memorandum regarding Town Employee Detail Pay.

Motion to approve by Selectman Menges, Seconded by Selectman Pires. Unanimously approved.

- Award Contract for Van Gyzen Hall Roof Repair: We have been granted a waiver by DCAMM for some of the restrictions previously set by the Insurance Company to repair the roof at Van Gyzen Hall. We have a very descriptive bid from Cedar Valley Exteriors in the amount of $28,438.96. Work is guaranteed to be performed before winter.

Motion to accept bid by Selectman Pires. Selectman Menges seconded. Unanimously approved.

Selectmen Menges commented with a special "Thank you" to the Building Commissioner and for the diligence of the Chairman of the Board for his efforts with this.

- Selectmen Menges has two appointments to the Cultural Council to be considered.

Motion by Selectman Menges to appoint Rosemary Buote to the Cultural Council. Seconded by Selectman Pires. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Selectman Menges to appoint Kristen Kearns to the Cultural Council. Seconded by Selectman Pires. Unanimously approved.

- Transfer of funds for FY 2015 from Massachusetts Cultural Council to Dighton Cultural Council.

Motion to approve by Selectman Pires. Seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously approved.

Reports:

- Chairman Cronin's report on Dighton – Rehoboth Regional School Agreement. Selectman Cronin stated that the committee is taking apart the 1987 agreement paragraph by paragraph and making sure it conforms the new Education Act. Last Tuesday the Committee went thru nine pages and will address three issues that came up. The Board consists of nine people. 2-3 more meetings to get to the meat of it. The Board will meet again on Tuesday November 4, 2014 at the DR Media Room. The Public is invited.

- 911 Emergency Dispatch Regionalization Initiative Report. RFPs were submitted by companies from CA, PA, NJ and MA. The committee consists of Capt. Cabral (Fall River), Patrick Menges, Dean Cronin, Ross Perry, Chief MacDonald and Paul Reed. Chairman Cronin reported that they scored all 5 companies, and the two that scored the highest were the company from Pennsylvania and one from New Jersey. They will be called for interviews on October 27th at 9:00 am. We are in the feasibility study process to see if it is feasible to join with Rehoboth and possibly Fall River in a Regional 911 program. The chosen company will do all of the research and let us know if it is cost effective for the Town and the people. If it does not fit, there is no commitment and no tax dollars are being spent to do this.

- Update from David Dumenigo from the Dighton Renewable Energy Committee. Currently the committee is working on becoming designated as a "Green Community" and have currently taken on the following tasks. Utilize Mass Energy insight to establish an energy use baseline (in process). Conduct energy assessment (Reviewing vendors). Also preparing considerations for a master plan.

Acknowledgements:

- Nomination of Dighton Tree Warden, Thomas Ferry, as Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association Tree Warden of the Year. Selectman Menges stated that in fact, tonight Tom Ferry was called out for a "downed tree" call. He is dedicated to saving our towns' oldest Oak trees, prevention of tree diseases. He is a Bristol Agricultural Alumni, all qualities that led us to nominate him. Selectman Menges motions to approve the application. Selectman Pires seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Input: None.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Pires. Seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Dean V. Cronin-Chairman	**Tom Pires – Selectman**	**Patrick Menges - Clerk**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Dighton Public Library has scheduled events for the Town's young people. Contact the Library at (508) 669-6421 for details:

  - 18 October, 1:00PM: Composer Shauna Winston, Ragtime Concert
  - 27 October: Dighton Cultural Council presents, "The Trial of Lizzie Borden". Audience decides, Guilty or Innocent?

- Please be advised that there will be a Special Town Meeting Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Dighton Middle School, and on Thursday October 30, 2014.

- The next Meeting of the Dighton Board of Selectmen on Wednesday Night, October 29, 2014 will be at Town Hall.

- 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 collation in the Town Hall, Main Floor Hearings Room, after the Ceremony.

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

- Please attend the Holiday Lights On Ceremony to be held at Town Hall on Saturday, November 29, 2014, at 3:30 pm.

- National Grid will be performing selective side pruning and/or danger tree removal along as electric transmission right of way – the "Power Lines," in Dighton, now thru March 31, 2015. Call Mariclaire Rigby at 508 860 6282 or email mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com for any questions.

- On November 7, 2014, the Dighton Board of Selectmen will meet with the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen to exchange thoughts and ideas for moving forward.