

The following Meeting was video recorded for cable broadcast.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, 21 January, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

Town Hall –Selectmen’s Meeting Room

1. **Chairman Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.**
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was then recited.
3. Selectman Menges calls Tony Rosario forward where he presents a certificate of appreciation from Taunton Vietnam Vets to the Board for use of the facilities. Tony says he appreciates it, and it is always a good time.
The selectmen thank Tony for all his hard work putting these activities together.
4. **Approval of minutes:**
 - a. January 14, 2015, minutes from regular meeting, motioned for approval by Selectman Tom Pires and seconded by Selectman Patrick Menges. Unanimously approved.
 - b. Minutes from January 7, 2015, meeting with department heads. Motion by Selectman Tom Pires to approve, seconded by Selectman Patrick Menges, unanimously approved.
5. **Approval of Warrants: 30A-15 \$71,971.12; 30B-15 \$135,481.15.** Motioned for approval by Selectman Pires and seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carried.
6. **Correspondence: None**
7. **Announcements:** Were read by Selectman Pires. (See attached).
 - a. Chairman Cronin reads some information from MEMA regarding Ice Safety Precautions.
 - b. Selectman Pires reads Bristol County Mosquito Control Notice regarding the procedure for exclusion from the normal spraying
 - c. Selectman Menges reads a list of current Elected Officials whose terms are expiring 2015. They are as follows:

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Joseph Silva, Jr.	1668 Pine Street, Dighton	2015
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	Thomas J. Pires	3223 Millers Lane, Dighton	2015
D-R SCHOOL DIST. COMM.	Christopher Andrade	1975 Milk Street, Dighton	2015
D-R SCHOOL DIST. COMM.	Susan M. Lorenz	1375 Center Street, Dighton	2015
HOUSING AUTHORITY	Alice E. Souza	1679 Elm Street, Dighton	2015
PARKS AND RECREATION	Timothy Rhines	316 Main Street, Dighton	2015
PLANNING BOARD	David J. Araujo, Sr.	790 Tremont Street, N.Dighton	2015
PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Alison A. Cembalistry	2544 Pleasant Street, Dighton	2015

SEWER COMMISSIONERS	William J. Mendoza	1721 Milk Street, Dighton	2015
TOWN MODERATOR	William E. McKeon Jr	2308 Pleasant Street, Dighton	2015
TREE WARDEN	Thomas C. Ferry	1070 Williams Street, N. Dighton	2015

8. Old Business: None.

9. New Business:

- a. Chairman Cronin reads letter received by Dennis Maguy from Annette Tweedy in its entirety, regarding her resignation from the Police Building Committee. Selectman Menges added that she was instrumental in initializing the proposal to build a new police station after visiting ours with her son, who is a member of law enforcement elsewhere. He respectfully said it was the worst he had ever seen. Selectman Pires thanks her and says it is always inspiring when a member of the town sacrifices family time to pursue something like this.
Selectman Menges seconds his colleague's comments and wants comments inserted into the record of tonight's meeting for posterity. *See attached letter to Mrs. Tweedy
Chairman Cronin entertains a motion to accept. Selectman Pires moves to accept and Selectman Menges seconds w/regret. Motion carries.
- b. Regarding drivers' license verification, Selectman Menges gives a summary of what transpired with the last draft, indicating that people were not pleased with the request for a driving record. Therefore, based on the input from those affected, the policy has been re-written to say that the licenses will be visually inspected, including due process for those with expired or non-existent licenses. He adds, that there is no reason why we cannot adopt this policy now, and re-write if necessary. Chairman Cronin entertains a motion. Selectman Menges moves that it be accepted. Selectman Pires seconds. Motion carries.

10. Acknowledgements:

- a. Chairman Cronin reads letter from Primetime dated January 21, 2015, expressing gratitude for the professionalism of KelKor Inc., with regard to their recent work they have performed at Primetime building. The letter also expressed thanks for completing the majority of the work on the weekends, in consideration of her clients.
A copy of the letter will be sent to KelKor, and on behalf of the Board we thank KelKor for their professionalism.

11. Reports:

- a. Selectman Menges would like to mention the progress being made on economic development within the town. The Industrial and Development Committee has met with the Planning Board. The Planning Board is in the final stages for the Master Plan, which is available at Town Hall. He hopes the public will review it. The Town will be in need of increased service capacity, and the commercial tax rate is draconian

In order to address this need, the Industrial and Development Committee has put together a mixed use zoning plan. The revenue from this will help mitigate our revenue crunch. He goes on to say that Dighton has always been a progressive town. We have always had public water, public sewer, etc. Some of our sister towns have yet to address some of these issues. In order to maintain the level of service, we need to have commercial activity.

In 2015 we will build a new police station. What we are aiming for is that when an investor is driving down the road, sizing up the town, he see a new police station. That tells him/her that we have made an investment in our community.

Berkley-Dighton Bridge will be complete, and the pipeline between Berkley and Dighton will be open. When the Master Plan gets final approval, we have a grant that is in the works to help with the planning. To all those who support the progress we are making, Members of the committee, those who voted for the police station, they deserve a pat on the back. Dighton is on the threshold of a new movement.

Selectman Menges closes with a proposal to dedicate the adjournment to Joseph Travers, WWII Vet, resident of Dighton. The board extends their condolences to Nancy Pinto, his daughter. Selectman Pires motions to accept the adjournment and dedication, selectman Menges seconds. Motion unanimously carries.

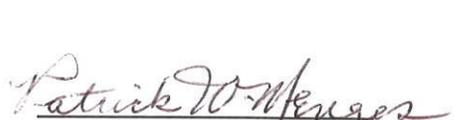
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen


Dean V. Cronin-Chairman


Tom Pires – Selectman


Patrick Menges -Cler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Board of Health has sharps disposal containers for sale for Dighton residents only at the office (\$3.00qt/\$6.00gal). We now have 2 gal size for \$7.50 (a savings of \$4.50). Once full, they can be brought back to the Board of Health for proper disposal at no additional cost.
- 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.
- Veterans Services is accepting donations for a POW-MIA chair, flags and related hardware to be installed in the Dighton Town Hall lobby. Contact Donald Hirschy at Veteran’s Services 508 669 5027, for information.
- Census forms have been mailed. Please check your mailboxes and return census forms as soon as possible
- Dog licenses for 2015 will be available on January 5th. Female \$10.00, female (spayed) \$5.00; Male \$5.00, male (neutered) \$5.00.
- Nomination papers for town offices for the Annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk’s office until 5:00pm on Thursday, February 19, 2015.
- Recycling Stickers are on sale for \$1.00 at Town Hall. Be advised that these are strictly for containers that you may choose to purchase on your own, which do not have the recycling symbols on them already.
- Burning season starts January 15th. Get permits at Station #1, for \$10.00. Check or money order only.
- A copy of the final draft of the Master Plan is available at Town Hall and at www.dighton-ma.gov for review. Any questions or comments can be addressed to Heidi Swist at Hswist@townofdighton.com or call 508 669 6636.

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Town of Dighton
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, Massachusetts 02715

Thursday, January 29, 2015

Annette Tweedy
220 Walker Street
North Dighton, Massachusetts 02764

Dear Mrs. Tweedy,

Posterity will find in the annals of Dighton that the 2016 Dighton Police Station building resulted from your inspired initiative, intelligent persistence, and unflagging faith. For although many will have decried the need for an adequate police station for Dighton, conversion of lamentation into progress was the accomplishment of but one indomitable individual.

This said, let those who inherit the Town conclude that the legacy of Annette Tweedy was not a new public building, for such things come and go with time, but may they conclude instead that your bequest to them was, far more priceless, a timeless warning that opportunity only avails unflinching positive action. It was true for our forebears; you have proven it again.

You have sought no recognition for the surpassing achievement that your tireless lone good citizenship has wrought. You have insisted that devotion to the well being of our uniform law enforcement personnel impelled you to make a successful effort that they have a facility worthy of the risks and sacrifices inherent in their work. You have insisted also that credit for a new police station be accorded to others who followed where you have led and whose services produced the sought result.

But it is the duty and the honor of this board of selectmen now, to insure that posterity knows, that one citizen makes the difference. "A light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not." Your light has banished naysaying, and has met a public need, in a way that few citizens ever can claim.

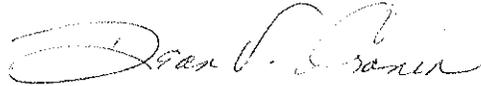
This letter is written as though the new police station has already been constructed. This is not the physical reality yet, but unlike the idle wishes of idle dreamers, your vision of a new police station is now destined to be beheld by Dighton, because your commitment, and, may we say, your love will have brought it to pass.

We accept now your resignation from the police station building committee secure in the knowledge that it dare not betray your inspiration, and with words too small for the magnitude of your service, "Well done."

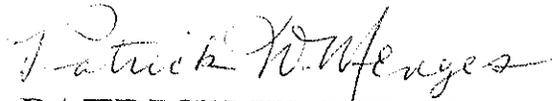
The text of this letter will be appended to the minutes of the regular weekly Wednesday night meeting of the board of selectmen of Dighton of January 21, 2015, and filed with the Town Clerk among the permanent records of the Town. A copy

will be forwarded to the Historical Commission, and to the chief of police, for inclusion among documents that will appertain to dedication of the Dighton Police Station in 2016.

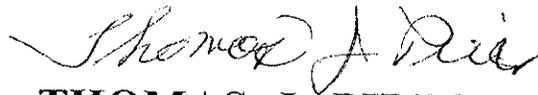
By the Board of Selectmen:



DEAN V. CRONIN, Chairman



PATRICK W. MENGES, Clerk



THOMAS J. PIRES

Selectmen of Dighton

Attest:

A True Copy,



SUSANNA MEDEIROS

Town Clerk

February 3, 2015