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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, 18 February, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

Town Hall –Selectmen’s Meeting Room

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:31pm**
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was then recited.
3. **Approval of minutes:**
 - a. Minutes from February 11, 2015, which included the quarterly meeting with the Town of Rehoboth Board of Selectmen. Selectman Pires motions to approve and Selectman Menges seconds. Motion unanimously carries.
 - b. Minutes from Board of Selectmen and Department Heads February 11, 2015. Selectman Pires motions to approve. Selectman Menges seconds the motion. Unanimously carries.
4. **Approval of Warrants: 34A-15 \$74,197.80; 34B-15 \$138,868.66; 34C-15, \$355.67.** Motioned for approval by Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectmen Pires. Unanimously carried.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Selectman Menges reads an email regarding half-staffing of the flag for United States Senator Edward Brooke. His passing in January requires the Town to fly the flag at half-staff until his interment which will be on or about March 10. This is a law which must be followed.
6. **Announcements:** Were read by Selectman Pires. (See attached).
 - a. Chairman Cronin 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. Cembalisty	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

- b. Selectman Menges would like to make an announcement about the forthcoming winter weather advisory for Saturday through Sunday, which may involve freezing rain. I would like to thank the Highway Department and their private contractors for keeping the roads clear. Also, thank you to the Fire Chief and Building Commissioner for keeping abreast of roof conditions. We had one collapse of the Quonset hut on Williams Street. Because this storm involves rain, the rain may stand in the snow causing additional weight on the roofs. The Building Commissioner has the names of contractors who can take the snow off of your roofs. Some things to remember. Shoveling a path to your door, so that emergency responders can get to you if need be. If you have a disabled neighbor, please reach out and make sure that no one suffers deprivation of emergency services. And once again, please clear fire hydrants adjacent to your homes. As far as the closings go, there will be a storm bulletin on the website as well as Facebook as needed.

7. Old Business:

- a. Good Energy municipal aggregation documents are available to review. Chairman Cronin explains that a few months ago we had representatives from SRPEDD, come out who wanted us to get involved in bulk buying of energy to save us money. They will be working to set up contracts and at last count twenty communities have committed to this. Selectman Menges added that this may result in a 12% reduction in energy costs as early as mid -summer.

8. New Business:

- a. Approval for an extension to submit a tentative capital and operating assessment by the school committee. Chairman Cronin reads the letter from the school committee asking for this extension. He adds that please be advised that these meetings are open to the public and your input is welcome. This meeting will be held on February 24, 2015. Chairman Cronin then reads the selectmen's letter of approval. Selectman Pires motions to approve extension, and Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.
- b. Correspondence from Dighton Water District that states that since 1980 Dighton Town Hall has had a 1 ½" meter. Every four years it is inspected. It was recommended by Water Superintendent, Greg Olsen, that Town Hall could do with a 1" meter. The testing would then become the expense of the district. Selectman Menges moves that they accept the request. Selectman Pires seconds that, but asks if there is a charge. Selectman Menges says not according to the letter. Selectman Pires seconds the motion and it unanimously carries.
- c. Approval of one snow day for the Highway Department, per documentation received by the Town Accountant regarding snow day earned. Selectman Pires motions to approve and Selectman Menges seconds. Chairman Cronin adds his kudos to the superintendent

and all employees for the excellent job. The selectmen have had people come in and ask us what we do different from other towns, because our roads are in such good shape as compared to others. Motion to approve unanimously carries.

- d. Appointment of Alan Beausoleil as parking ticket and hearings officer for the Town of Dighton. Chairman Cronin explains that this spot has been vacant for the past year. This is a person to hold hearings for people who may have gotten parking tickets, etc. Selectman Pires motions to appoint, and Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

9. Reports: Chairman Cronin provides a little information on a project that the selectmen have been working on with regard to 911 regionalization. He says that this idea was thrown out to town to regionalize and initially 5-6 towns showed some interest. It has since been whittled down to 3 towns – Rehoboth, Dighton and Fall River. On Monday, the draft of the feasibility study was released and we are in the process of reviewing it. There will be a meeting on the 25th at SRPEDD headquarters in Taunton, MA. On March 21st, the members of Skyline Group will be back to answer any questions that the public may have. This is still in the feasibility stages. We are far from contracts or anything being etched in stone. If you have any questions, please come to the meetings. Selectman Menges reiterates what Chairman Cronin has said, and goes on to say that on the 4th of March, at our regular meeting, Skyline will be here. They have been hired to do the feasibility study. On the 9th of March a similar presentation will be made to Rehoboth Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting, and on another date the presentation will be made to Fall River. Then, on or about the 10th of March, we would need to indicate which option we would like to proceed with, so that Mr. Perry can begin an application to the State for an implementation grant, which has a deadline of April 1st, in Boston. No decision has been made, although we can say that the options are:

- a. Option #1: Fall River as the hub. Fall River, Dighton and Rehoboth.
- b. Option #2: Dighton as the hub w/ smaller region of Dighton and Rehoboth.

He adds finally, that there has been some interest of other towns that may wish to join.

10. Acknowledgements: There was a \$48.00 anonymous donation to the Council on Aging. Selectman Menges motions to accept, and Selectman Pires seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Menges has one more acknowledgement of our public safety personnel. We have had some water main pipes burst. Thanks to our Fire Chief Antone Roderick, the Police Department, Dighton Water personnel, and all those who responded to these emergencies. A special word for the Fire Chief. The State has changed the Emergency Management Codes, so he has been traveling to Boston to be trained and also manages to keep up with everything that is going on. Thank you to our administrative assistant who has been posting storm notices and travel ban information on the website and Facebook. "It all comes together. Excellent work. Thank you!"

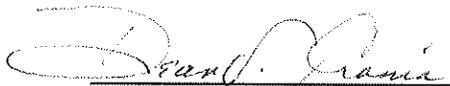
Selectman Pires says that spring is around the corner. "Today had 10 hours and 43 minutes of daylight. Hang in there." He adds that the next two nights will be in the single digits. If you don't have to go out, don't.

11. Adjournment: Selectman Pires motions to adjourn. Selectman Menges seconds the motion.
Unanimously carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

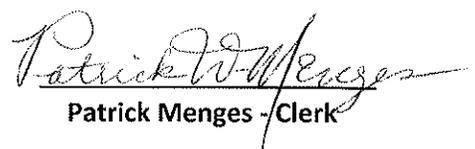
Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen



Dean V. Cronin-Chairman



Tom Pires – Selectman



Patrick Menges -Clerk

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– the “Power Lines,” in Dighton, now thru March 31, 2015. Call Mariclaire Rigby at 508 860 6282 for any questions.
- Please return census forms as soon as possible
- Dog licenses for 2015 are available. Female \$10.00, female (spayed) \$5.00; Male \$5.00, male (neutered) \$5.00.
- Nomination papers for town offices for the Annual Town Election will be available at the Town Clerk’s office until 5:00 pm on February 19th, 2015. Last day to submit to registrars for certification is February 23, 2015, and last day to withdraw or object to nomination papers is March 9, 2015 until 5:00pm
- Recycling Stickers –are on sale for \$1.00 at Town Hall. These are strictly for containers which do not have recycling symbols on them already.
- Burning season started January 15th. Get permits at Station #1, 300 Main Street for \$10.00. Check or money order only.
- A copy 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 by calling 508 669 6636.
- The library has Massachusetts State Tax Forms (Form 1). They expect to receive Federal Income Tax Forms only. They will not be receiving the instruction booklets. You may order forms and instruction booklets to be delivered to your home by calling 1-800-829-3676, or online at irs.gov/orderforms.