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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

Town Hall –Selectmen's Meeting Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cronin at 7:31 pm

Pledge of allegiance is recited

Minutes

Minutes from March 25, 2015, Regular Meeting. Motioned for approval by Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Pires, Unanimously carries.

Minutes from Executive Session of Monday, March 16, 2015, police union negotiations, motioned for approval by Selectman Menes, and seconded by Selectman Pires Unanimously carries.

Minutes from Executive Session of Monday, March 23, 2015, Police Union Negotiations. Motioned for approval by Selectman Menges and seconded by Selectman Pires. Unanimously carries.

Minutes from Executive Session of Monday, March 23, 2015, Grievance Hearing. Motioned for approval by Selectman Menges and seconded by Selectman Pires.
Motion unanimously carries.

Minutes from April 1, 2015, Board of Selectman and Department Heads. Motioned for approval by Selectman Menges and seconded by Selectman Pires. Unanimously carries.

Minutes from Monday March 30, 2015, Police Union Negotiations, motioned for approval by Selectman Menges and seconded by Selectman Pires. Unanimously carries.

Chairman Dean Cronin states that the police union negotiations that took place on March 16th 23rd and March 30th. Please note that there is no vote on my behalf. I do not take part in these negotiations.

Warrants **#41A-15** $68,512.76 and # **41B-15** $128,161.66 are motioned for approval by Selectman Menges and seconded by Selectman Pires.

Announcements are read by Selectman Pires

Selectman Menges adds to the announcements, information regarding the dedication of the POW MIA chair. We wish to acknowledge the Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans and Tony Rosario, in particular, for

shepherding the donations for the chair. We regret that the proper credit was not given in the news. We wish to correct the previous oversight.

Also, on Monday the first of June The Annual Town Meeting will take place in the auditorium at Dighton Middle School - preceded by a Special Town Meeting.

Chairman Cronin reads the list of candidates for the upcoming election. He states it is mandatory that you come out - this will not be a landslide. For the final time, I will read this list of candidates. These are all very qualified candidates.

Chairman Cronin adds also a Request from the CPC dated 16 April 2105 - CPC Annual Public Hearing to discuss the needs possibilities and resource of the town. 7:00 pm, lower level, Dighton Town Hall

New Business

Request to allow Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District to pursue a performance contract for the purpose of determining energy savings.

Selectman Menges says they have sent us a letter of their intention to get an auditing firm to come out and do an audit. They would like us to authorize the Capital Improvements. They intend to proceed with the procurement process.
Selectmen Menges says it will be helpful to contact the Department of Energy Resources to be sure that the Town of Dighton is properly credited with Energy savings for our application as a green community. Motion to grant with that condition by Selectman Menges and seconded by Tom Pires. Unanimously carries.

Correspondence from Building Commissioner, Jim Aguiar, with regard to his meeting the Masons of Rehoboth regarding their intention to occupy the Van Gyzen Hall. He would like to set up a meeting to discuss with the Masons and the Board of Selectmen. Chairman says they are asking if they could discuss the possibilities of renting it or other options. TP says it would not hurt to sit down and talk with them. We should also refer them to the Capital Outlay Committee.

Selectman Menges says that there is a mold situation from a leak that happened before the roof was finished. The roof is completely finished right now. Some additional repairs will have to be done. An ozone machine went in there today, it will dry the air, but will not clean the mold. It could use a steward to keep an eye on it for us. He adds that he agrees that the Capital Outlay Committee should look into the possibility of an Annex building for Town Hal in the future. We will probably not hear from the masons again until the entire lodge has voted on this.
We will wait until we hear about a vote at the lodge, Selectman Menges motions that we meet with them. Selectman Pires seconds. Unanimously caries

Chairman Cronin explains the need to rescind the appointment of Joe Pacheco as the Parking Clerk and appoint him as the Hearing Officer. This was simply an oversight with the title. This is for people who would like to appeal their tickets.

Motion to rescind the appointment of Parking Clerk by Selectman Pires and seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carries.Motion to appoint Joe Pacheco as the Hearing Officer by Selectman Pires and seconded by Selectman Menges.

Reports:

Selectman Menges reads letter from Antone Roderick, Fire Chief, regarding our insurance rating for the Town. Our old classification was 6/9 - the new rating is 4/4x? - He asks that we share this information with the townspeople at the Selectmen's meeting.
Selectman Menges wants to add that the board has contacted Torres Insurance and this falls upon the residential taxpayers who will realize the greatest reduction in insurance rates. It bears mentioning that there are areas in the Fire Service that could use improvements. We encourage and fully support the Chief in his ongoing efforts to improve and we are grateful for this good news.

Chairman Cronin introduces Andrew Horton of Positively Dighton who is here to present gifts to the Dighton Animal Shelter and also the Dighton Food Bank. Mr. Horton says they have a Facebook page. They are here to make a positive impact on our community. We are on Facebook. Back on March 27th we held a spring sale at friendship hall in Dighton. We rented out space. From that sale we profited $423.00. We decided to put all of the profit back into the town. We decided on the Friends of the Animal Shelter as well as the food bank for beneficiaries.
Another event planned at the Friendship Hall will be in the form of a yard sale. We are looking for input from the Town as to the next organization within the Town that will receive the profit from that event. We will be selecting the next group this weekend, and we are happy to get the towns input on that. I will ask the friends of the animal shelter to step forward as we present a check for $211.50. I want to mention that is entirely up to the group on how they would like to use this money.
We are also presenting a check for $211.50 to the Lions Food Bank. The Lions thanks all that help them, especially the middle school.
Selectman Pires motions to acknowledge the anonymous donation of $164.00 to the Council on Aging. Selectman Menges seconds the motion.
Selectman Pires motions to accept the generous anonymous donation of $104.00. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries

Chairman Cronin asks for public input.

Stacey Ferry ACO, warns of the dangers of the deer running. The wildlife is also running. Do not approach them, especially during the day, as they may be sick. She adds also, don't leave small animals out. We have had reports of fisher cats. Please be aware they will attack.

This will be Tom Pires' last Selectmen's Meeting, after nine years, Chairman Cronin turns the floor over to Patrick who reads aloud - a dedication - from the Board of Selectmen, detailing some of the accomplishments of Tom Pires, and wishes for best of luck in his future endeavors.

Selectman Pires says it has been an honor and a priviledge to serve the townspeople Thank you to everyone for their support over the years. We have always tried to do our best. I want to recognize my wife of 42 years, yesterday, and my children, for their support, if not for them I would not have been able to do the things that I have done. I also want to let the people know what a great group of people you have here. They are smart, dedicated individuals and a great group of people - It was a pleasure to work with them. I will continue to work in the Town and I will give it my all.

Chairman Cronin says this is the reason why this election is so important. During his nine years he has chaired the Board of Health for seven years. It is a department that deserves an office all by itself. If I had to evaluate the four years that we have been together. We have bucked heads, but the next day, we are back at it. This board has been very close on a lot of matters, and have made a lot of accomplishments. If Tom was to write them all down, the people would not believe it.
Anyone who gets re-elected 3 times, must be something special. He spent from 1978-83 on the planning board previously.
Selectman Menges concurs completely with Chairman Cronin's comments.

Thank you for coming.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Pires seconded by Patrick Menges.
Motion carries.
Adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant

Dean V. Cronin-Chairman	**Thomas J. Pires-Member**	**Patrick W. Menges-Clerk**