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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

Town Hall –Selectmen's Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Dean Cronin

The pledge of allegiance is recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Tanis motions for approval the minutes of their regular meeting of May 20, 2015. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Tanis motion that the minutes of their Executive Session of May 11, 2015, regarding a collective bargaining grievance, be approved. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Tanis motions that the minutes of Wednesday, June 3, 2015, meeting with department heads, be approved. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Tanis motions that the minutes from collective bargaining mediation session of Monday, May 11, 2015, be approved. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

WARRANTS

Selectman Tanis motions that warrant #49A-15 in the amount of $76,115.93 dated June 3, 2015, be approved. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously approved.

Selectman Tanis motions that warrant #49B-15 in the amount of $61,683.76 dated June 3, 2015, be approved, Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Tanis motions that warrant #49C-15 in the amount of $41.15 dated June 3, 2015, be approved. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries

Selectman Tanis motions that warrant #49D-15 in the amount of $100,000.00 dated June 3, 2015, be approved Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Tanis motions that warrant #50A-15, in the amount of $74,003.87 dated June 10, 2015, be approved. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Tanis motions that warrant #50B-15 in the amount of $152,856.89 dated June 10, 2015, be approved. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Tanis motions that #50C-15 in the amount $816.48 dated June 10, 2015, be approved. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Correspondence
Is read by Chairman Cronin from Philip Carr of Good Energy regarding progress of the electricity aggregation.
It reads:
Ross Perry (SRPEDD) and I have been in constant communication regarding DOER consultation and wanted to pass on this update to all participants in the electricity aggregation program. Since the conference call with the DOER (Department of Energy Resources) last week, you may have read the attached article by MIchael Holtzman of the Herald. We wanted to let you know that our Good Energy attorney had a productive conversation with DOER attorney yesterday and we expect all issues will be resolved in relatively short order. Our group purchasing methodology for massive buying power, which has been so successful in the past, will remain intact. Our main effort is to gain approval for SRPEDD group by September so we can go out and shop bids for electricity and we can transition accounts by winter. Contact between all is ongoing and we will keep you posted. If any questions, please call myself (Philip Carr) or Ross Perry of SRPEDD.
Chairman Cronin says they are in the red tape mode of trying to get some purchases and quotes for buying of electricity. Their target date is September and hopefully we will have some good rates by next winter.
Selectman Menges says that we also received some indications that the aggregation that we had joined was in some legal trouble with the DOER. There was a conference in which another attorney who seemed to balk at the bulk energy purchase that we had joined, but this seems to indicate that the Good Energy attorney has since has a fruitful conversation with DOER counsel and that they are making progress.

Correspondence from part time employees in the Town of Dighton with regard to the new sick leave law.

(Chairman Cronin reads the letter in its entirety.)

He explains that they are asking if the new law pertains to them - They have asked Representative Patricia Haadad to look into this and are awaiting her response. They also ask the board to look into it also and seek town counsel as well if necessary.

Chairman Cronin says he received a short synopsis from the town treasurer. It says the proposed law covers both private employees and public employees, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if as required by the State constitution, the proposed law would be applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for this benefit. The city and

towns need to vote to provide sufficient funds, according to this guideline, which was voted by the people in 2014.
At this time this town has not taken any measures to appropriate sufficient funds. And it must be OK'd by the town legislation

Chairman Cronin asks if there are any questions

One of the employees stated the she has calculated the town's cost for one year to be $6.00/per employee per week. She says she thinks that Dighton can afford a small expense like that. $1800.00/per year. It says one hour of sick time for every thirty hours worked in the law. We have done a little research on this also.

Chairman Cronin says we have every intention of going further with this - We will ask town counsel to give us their interpretation of this.

Selectman Menges says it is a good deal to consider

She says every other week, we would earn one hour of sick time. Every other week.
Considering our pay, we are dedicated to our jobs. $1800.00/year cost for the Town of Dighton.

Selectman Tanis says it would just have to be run by town counsel and if it applies we will work on it.

Chairman Cronin says he would like to clarify - funds obviously would have to be appropriated at town meeting. Or if there is anything that we are missing.

Selectman Menges says the Town can obligate itself by appropriating funds. The town can also be obligated if the legislature voted to make it mandatory, in which case the legislature would have to fund it.

She says she feels the request is reasonable at $6.00/per week per person.

Someone from the audience asks how many part time employees in the town.
Dean says this will apply to everyone, so we still need figures as well.

Selectman Tanis asks this would apply to the schools as well. Selectman Menges says any action we take would not affect the school.

She says the Library has one, the landfill has one, and the Building Commissioner adds that he has four in his office.

She says we are the ones who initiated and signed. Jim Aguiar says yes, but others may be affected as well.

Chairman Cronin says the on call fire firefighters and dispatchers may be eligible as well.

Chairman will entertain a motion to table this until we get all the facts and figures.

Selectman Tanis motions to table this.
Selectman Menges suggests that we substitute that we refer this to the town accountant for her calculation for the number of people affected and the potential cost and to town counsel. Selectman Tanis seconds. That motion carries unanimously

Building commissioners email regarding 402 Spring Street (the old Post Office) in Dighton. It is time to deal with that property. We had a recent break in. The police called me and I was appalled at the condition of it. I called the owner and let them know that I was erecting a fence to encapsulate the property. The owner has contacted me, and we will conduct an investigation to see what will become of the property after the survey is complete.

Chairman Cronin asks if the owners specified that intent of what they wanted to do with the building.
Jim Aguiar says we had some brief discussion about a year ago as to what they would need to do to satisfy some permitting requirements. I was never given a full explanation of what they would do with it.
The conversation today was first explaining to them what the process is with the State building code. I explained that if the survey comes back, that it would have to be demolished, he would have the option to demolish voluntarily or the town would do it. His concern was that if it is demolished- he would lose his right to rebuild the property. Because so much time has passed, he will need to go before the boards. I said the Board of Appeals may be favorable depending on what he proposed, but there was no discussion of what that was. I told him we need to act.

We got into a little bit of building code, because it is on an island. There may be some implications triggered by a 50% or more rebuild of the property. I don't want to surmise, but I have looked at the property and it is deplorable.
Selectmen Menges asks how Steven's Island is zoned.
Jim Aguiar says the building is business zoned.
Selectman Menges says he realizes that the building is in the shadow of demolition. I recommend that a courtesy memo be sent to the historical society prior to demolition.
Jim Aguiar says he asked me what the timeline was for demolition. I said traditional or emergency direction. I do not seek the emergency route, where the building has been standing for so long, but it is possible if this goes on for too long.

Correspondence from Veterans Agent Donald Hirschy - He has a couple of subject matters.
He states that the POW-Mia ceremony was very moving and well attended with over 100 people in attendance- Jane Van Gyzen read a poem. All three selectmen were in attendance, which was a great show of support

Bristol County Sheriff's Department's The Inmates cleaned 4 cemeteries – six men helped by tom Ferry and the highway department Mary Hathaway made pulled pork sandwiches.

The Memorial Day parade went very well.

These are things that have occurred as submitted by Donald Hirschy - Dighton Veteran's Agent.

Selectman Menges adds that he would like to mention the name, Fire Department Lieutenant Chris Ready, who is our graves officer. The graves were decorated with flags and that is not an easy task as some of them are not easily accessible, being on private property. We thank him for his service and the monumental work that he accomplished this spring.

Correspondence from Sabin Rossi of Power Management indicating that he thanks the selectmen and Heidi Swist for the opportunity to meet with them. He will forward a more detailed proposal.
Selectman Menges says that when we met with Mr. Rossi and his associate, we asked him to consider whether we should sign an agreement that says exclusive, and with no escape clause. He was amenable to this and produced a letter as such.
Since then, the Planning Board has obtained some further information about the liner at the landfill which may be subject to damage by the solar panels being placed on it. Also, we were in touch with Colonel Perry who is familiar with the liner at the time it was installed. The building commissioner relayed that information to Mr. Rossi at our most recent meeting. It turns out that the liner will support the project that Mr. Rossi is proposing. We expect to see a proposal for some solar panels at the landfill in the near future.

Announcements
Announcements are read in their entirety by Selectman Tanis.

Old Business
Award of unused vehicles located at the Tremont Street transfer station to Herb Morais - Chairman Cronin reads the letter of award in its entirety.

Chairman Cronin says so he was the high bidder for the parts only vehicles.
He entertain a motion to accept the bid.
Selectman Menges motions and Selectman Tanis seconds the motion.
Selectman Menges calls attention to residents of Tremont and Forest Streets to this action of the board.
Motion carries.

Recall petition – that was approved at Annual Town Meeting to be forward to the General Court.
Selectman Menges moves that the board of selectmen petition the general court through Representative Patricia Haadad and Mark Pacheco to enact the provision for the recall of elected official accepted at the Annual Town Meeting of June 1st, 2015. Selectman Tanis seconds. Motion carries.

New Business
Michelle Spinelli of Plymouth and Brockton Railway Company was coming to discuss the new bus route from Plymouth to Providence.
Chairman Cronin reads the flyer in its entirety just for information purposes. He mentions for those that are interested, we will post at town hall. The stops are Plymouth, Middleboro, Taunton and Somerset and vice versa.

Selectman Menges says the question is that, is it possible in the future that the company may be interested in making a stop in Dighton. It is a help to the commerce in town.

Dawn of Van Gyzen Hall - Renewal and Beyond.
Selectman Menges says we have a number of public buildings - 10 town owned buildings including two former schoolhouses. The future uses of these buildings have yet to be determined. But we have a responsibility to pass them on in a usable condition. We have had a number of approaches from people who remember Van Gyzen as a civic center. We have a generation of civic organizations coming up. We have had organizations who have expressed interest in the hall. It may be that the town needs the building in the future as a town hall Annex. We have no forum in town where a political campaign speech can take place. It is illegal to do here at Town Hall. There should be a hall that we can make available on a short term basis. The other public halls in Dighton are Christian halls that belong to churches. We have very limited public facilities. Van Gyzen hall has potential for future service to the people of Dighton.

We have recently re-roofed Van Gyzen and the leakage that led to mold in the building has been stopped. The mold has to be abated, the bathrooms made handicapped accessible, the fire exits code compliant and on the handicap ramp outside repairs to the concrete must be made. Also the outside must be made to look appealing. In keeping with our duty as stewards of the public property, I have asked the building commissioner to obtain a price from an architect to make the building code compliant and visually appealing. Once we have that the architect's conception, we will ask at a Special Town Meeting to appropriate the funds to rehabilitate the building. We have an idea of what it will cost. It is not the arm and the leg of what it will cost if we let it go much longer.

We also have the Segregansett School on our hands - which is near and dear to my heart. It has been a police station and girlscout house, etc. The historical commission has it and an Eagle Scout undertook the project to rehabilitate the structure. The windows have been replaced. It has a new roof. It looks good from the outside, however, we cannot use the inside due to lead paint. It will need on the West side a fire escape, also a ramp to make it accessible through the front door and also a handicap accessible restroom.
We are looking at asking Bristol Plymouth students structural carpentry division to have a look at it to see what they can do. The possibilities of the Segregansett School are many. There is a conference table in town that possibly we could put in there so that historical society and preservation committees to meet and keep files and keepsakes.
We have to keep it up to code and I will say there are willing hearts. The historical commission has a trust that is devoted to the Segregansett School. There may be other donors that may come forward once we decide to do something. The building is in the hands of the historical commission. We can only propose.

The financial condition of the town is after the annual town meeting is about $300,000.00 under the levy limit. We are also in conversation with developers with some overdue taxes owed on developments that will be making payments soon.

The buildings belong to us and to our posterity.

Building Commissioner Jim Aguiar - says I was asked to look into what it would take to repair the Van Gyzen Hall in order for it to be safe, compliant and occupiable. I identified nine items that need to be done. The funding to do the roof did not include the soffits and gutters. I recommend that it be resided in a no maintenance vinyl siding. All of the exterior doors need to be removed and replaced - none work correctly or have appropriate hardware.
The ramp and exterior stairs need to be repaired. We want to remove and replace all ceiling tiles and suspension systems. Completely renovate the two restrooms. Install a new fire alarm system. I have a feeling that most of the windows will need to be replaced
It indicated that it would be nice if we were going to try to restore it to it to its historical splendor to alter the front façade and enhance the curb appeal. Mr. Menges has supplied some old pictures.
I reached out to Bentley Architects. I am fully confident with their abilities. They have prepared an estimate for us. He goes over the highlights of the proposal from Bentley Architects. Complete evaluation of the building, provided all that plans with everything that needs to be replaced and then stay on as a consultant which is required by the building code. I feel that a color rendering of what this building will look like when it is completed is appropriate. The people appropriating the funds will want to see this. So to do that, the cost is $4200.00. I think it is a fair estimate for the work that she will do. The fate of the buildings in this town are not for me to determine. I have not created this situation of the buildings becoming in disrepair happened. This happened over 1oo years. A lot of buildings from the turn of the century have been demolished. I can tell you that if a survey was done on this building it would not be demolished. It is still in a savable state. But if we continue to let it go it will suffer the same fate as the post office. I would like see a place where I could go and lay out a set of plans and meet with commercial developers.
It's up to the townspeople to decide. But I think the only way this will happen is to give the people drawings to look at. See what it will look like, see what the money is being spent on.

Selectman Menges thanks Jim Aguiar
Selectman Menges says the Procurement Act says that we are not required to go out to bid for this. We have this proposal from the Architect for $4200.00 and the building commissioner is familiar with the qualities of this architect. I lay it before my colleagues whether it should be priced by two or more firms. If not, I recommend that we accept the quotation. Otherwise within the next few days, if we get another quotation with similar terms. However, I do think that we should take a positive step in this meeting.
Selectman Menges motions that we accept Joanne Bentley's proposal.
Selectman Tanis seconds and says that he is comfortable with the quote and what we will get.
Unanimously carries.

Mr. Ready says that Mr. Menges mentioned that we will be able to use these building and hold meetings - and I look at the building we have next door that we spent some money on and it is rented and only used by the tribe. Will this turn into the same deal where there are people that have expressed an interest in renting?

Selectman Menges says there will be a stipulation, that it be available. The terms of the lease will have to be such that it is advantageous to both.

Selectman Cronin says the lease is in our hands - where we can put any stipulations on it that we want.
Selectman Menges says it would be wise that the building contain a clause that the building can be used for public forum.

Selectman Tanis says it will be great to have a large color visual of what it will look like at Town Meeting, whatever the costs for upgrades, and I think along with that should be a plan for what it will become. Such as an end goal.

Mike says about the tribe I am a member there, and we only meet once a month.

Jim Aguiar interjects - I feel that some of the concerns of the public are warranted. I think it is prudent that the community at large be able to use it if we are going to preserve a building. I would ask the board during their discussion with a potential lessor that the town be able to use it.
Chairman Cronin says we could have had some Christmas parties there, so there is a need for it.

Selectman Menges makes a motion that we ask Bristol Plymouth and their trades departments to see what they can do for us concerning the bringing of Segregansett school code compliant. Selectman Tanis seconds with comments.

Selectman Tanis says I am confident that Bristol Plymouth will not be able to handle the lead abatement. I do think it would be good to have a place to meet with people on a professional town level. It should be pursued. That is something that will be good additional space.

Selectman Menges says former selectman Tom Pires is certified for lead abatement as well as Christine Pacheco's husband. Both have offered to oversee the encapsulation of the lead painted walls.

The old conference table that the commissioners used to use, is in the attic at 527 Somerset Avenue. I think they would allow us to relocate the table.

Chairman Cronin asks for further discussion.
All in favor. Aye, aye.
Unanimously carries.

Chairman Cronin says he would like to deviate from the Agenda -
Mr. Digits is here to explain a project that he has put hundreds and hundreds of hours into.

He asks Mr. Digits to explain.

Mr. Digits explains that he has recently acquired through John Guaranito, land, next to the bank on Somerset Avenue, which I decided that it would be a good place to re-introduce the Chestnut tree. By accident I fell in favor with the American Chestnut Foundation. Over the past two years, I have been attending their meetings. I have found out about a project of theirs where they have nut seeds started at Bristol Aggie. Each year for the past two years, they have had several hundred started. Yesterday, students came in and planted over 150 hybrid American chestnut trees on that land. We are hoping that the bugs or animals don't eat them. I will be out there helping them along. I understand that Dighton is one of three communities in the State with a Forest planting. He thanks the foundation, the students of Bristol Aggie, the staff, and the land donor.

Selectman Menges asks if anyone from the American Chestnut Foundation or from Brown University came to the planting. He said yes. Yvonne Federvich former chapter president. She helped us haul water and
Mr. Digits says the saplings you may see around here are hybrids that were planted last November. In 5 or 10 years, hopefully they will be producing nuts that will be spread around town.
American chestnuts were a food source for animals, people and also used as wood for cradles for children. They are gone now because of the blight
The idea of the American Chestnut Foundation is to hybridize the chestnuts to breed in blight resistant qualities.
Selectman Menges says it was a nice time, Selectman Cronin and I made our way out there. We would like to thank our Cable Committee, Jim Ready and Max Cowell who were on hand to film the event. also Rory Schuller from the Gazette the city editor of the Taunton Gazette, was on hand to reporton the event..

Selectman Menges thanks Mr. Digits for his work and for hosting the event.
Mr. Digits says hopefully in the future, when we have nut production, seedlings will be able to go everywhere in town.
Selectman Menges says we have to say a word about your wife and all the baking that she did.

Town Government Policy Manual Draft prepared by intern Lucas Fagundes.
Lucas gives a short description of where he is at in the process.

Chairman Cronin says that this is something that the accountant and the past selectmen had started working on. This town has never had a complete manual that encompasses the day to day do's and don'ts - It is far from the final draft – We have months to go before it is done. It will cover everything that you can think of as far as the policies and procedures of departments, roles of people, duties, etc., and all day to day activities. We started doing this when the petition came in for a town administrator. I don't think there is a town out there who doesn't have one. It is and unwritten law that all towns have this. This is mandatory. All policies, harassment, fraud, discrimination, etc.
Selectman Menges says at this time, many of the changes in the first half of the manual were made by the Selectman themselves, and the changes in the second half were made by our intern Lucas Fagundes. I am going to recommend that we read this manual until our next meeting on the 24th and make any necessary corrections and return it to our intern for final corrections and revisions After
it has been retyped and then we should put it into effect for the six months on a trial basis and have our department heads put it onto effect. During the next six months if the department heads find things that need to be changed or adapted to their procedures we will make the changes and when the town administrator comes in, this is what he or she will use.

Chairman Cronin says since this covers just about everything we will need a lot of feedback from our department heads - including building commissioner.
Lucas adds that it is missing a culture and recreation section. Possibly extend the invitation to them to create their own, and also invite some to give feedback as to what they would like to see added to this manual.

Jim Aguiar says as a department head I would like to see a manual put into effect - I would agree that we need to have a six month probationary period.

Chairman Cronin says it will create consistency among all. This will get us there.

Selectman Menges says this has been in the works for a long time. It took Lucas to finish the second half of it. When we do the final draft it will state his name and we appreciate the monumental task of preparing it.
Selectman Menges motions that can we agree on a target on June 24th to turn over to the intern for final typing before putting into effect on a probationary period.
Selectman Tanis seconds. Motion carries.

Clean Streets memo from the Board of Selectmen to Chief of Police Robert MacDonald, Sergeant Shawn Cronin, president of MASSCOP local 306. The memo is read by Chairman Cronin in its entirety.

Selectman Menges says he has had an informal conversation with police. It was suggested as a possible Earth Day project to pick up trash on the sides of the road. After seeing Rehoboth streets, it occurred to us that we need a clean streets initiative. If the Police Department is still willing to help
Chairman Cronin entertains a motion to send the memo to Chief and Sergeant Cronin.
Selectman Tanis motions.
Selectman Menges seconds.
Unanimously carries

Set date for town meeting in June.
Selectman Menges says that we still have money for checkers. There is enough in the town meeting account if we want to hold a meeting in June.
We need to vote on a DG Energy Partner's proposal for a payment in lieu of taxes agreement, so that they may begin the project on Williams Street in September. We need that town meeting vote in June or July. We could also revise the Selectmen's budget, in the absence of the town administrator.
We need to clean up the numbers. If we add a transfer of funds for Van Gysen or Sgregansett School or both or if the Historical Commission comes in with their funding of their restoration of the house at the end of Williams Street, then we are looking at a meeting in July.
If we want a town meeting in June for just two items, the PILOT agreement and the revisions to the Selectmen's budget.
If those were the only items, we would be OK.
If we need to appropriate funds for Van Gyzen, then we are looking at a meeting in July rather than June.

If we want a town meeting in June for just two items, then that could be done before the end of June. We have a fourteen day posting requirement.

Chairman Cronin says the June date was just a suggestion to use up the money for because special town meeting you will only have a few people. We are only talking $250.00- Let's just do it in July

Selectman Tanis asks could the Van Gyzen hall be voted on at Special Town Meeting in the fall. I think the people need a good long time for the people to come in see what needs to be done and also gives us time for lease agreements and/or prospects. Selectman Menges says why don't we put them both on in

October and the other two (PILOT agreement and the Selectmen's budget) can be done before the end of June.

Jim Aguiar says he agrees that we will need more time for Van Gyzen. In addition before we start having contractors walk around in the building to give prices, I would ask that we discuss the cost of getting that building cleaned up.
Selectman Menges says it appears that we have money to do the remediation work on the mold before the close of this fiscal year 2015. Your remediation account has a balance. Jim says I will put together a number for that.

Chairman Cronin says that the original thought was to get it going in the good months, but there is a lot of inside work to be done also. Jim agrees.

Selectman Menges we will set a meeting for June 29th for those two articles,
Selectman Menges asks Lucas to revise the warrant (deleting articles 3 and 5) so they may sign and then post in the morning.

Chairman Cronin says they will skip that one for a moment.

The re-appointment requests of Tom Medeiros and Matthew Pauliks informing the board that they would like to be re-appointed.
Chairman Cronin reads both requests out loud.

Chairman Cronin says this board will be doing all our appointments and re-appointments on June 24th.

Request from Kyle Medeiros to be appointed as a constable. Selectman Menges says he has recommended him to go to training and believes that he will pursue it.
Selectmen Menges says he will be in contact with him before we act on appointments.

Road cut permit for Dighton Water District for 953 Middle Street, Dighton,
Chairman Cronin reads the notification for Road Cut
Selectman Tanis motions to approve and Selectman Menges seconds.

Selectman Menges says he spoke with Cloonen from the Water District. Whereby the Water District and the Town will mutually waive fees on each other by bylaw. He says he expressed to him his exhaustion with this subject. It's just a shift of revenue. There is some clerical work involved, but at the end of the day, we should be a brotherhood, and as a result we should have a bylaw that says that we will not fee them and they should have one that says they will not fee us.
Jim Aguiar says he spoke with Mr. Swartz today about this and he assured me that the Water Department has no problem with the fee of $32.50.
Selectman Menges says we came in with no fee, then you talked with the superintendent of the water district and came up with half. Mr. Cloonan called me today and said there should be no fee.
And I agreed.
Chairman Cronin says if there is no further discussion, all in favor say aye.
Motion carries.

Road cut permit for 711-713 Spring Street, Dighton, MA
Selectman Menges motions
Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Request by Highway Superintendent to carry 80 hours of vacation time from FY15 to FY16.
Selectman Tanis motions to approve.
Selectman Menges seconds.
Motion carries.

Maple Street Speed limit
Selectman Menges says he received the request this morning from a resident. The speed problem on Maple Street has become a problem. The speeds on Maple Street have become 50-55 miles per hour. It is a danger to public safety. I have mentioned to Highway Superintendent and Police Chief that we will need rigorous enforcement.
Chief says that we are at liberty to announce tonight that there will be radar patrols on Maple Street beginning immediately. There are no speed limits posted, but we all know what a reasonable speed is.

The oak street corner is also hazard. Therefore, we will act decisively to eliminate the lawlessness on Maple swamp Road.
As far as the speed limit signage is concerned it may come to a survey being done by the Mass Department of Transportation. The speed limits in some areas may be increased as a result.
All that said, I have asked Superintendent Ferry to go up there on Friday and look over the situation. We will do what the Department of Transportation advises. As far as Oak Street is concerned, it seems to be the only corner in town that does not have a stop sign, and I certainly think we should have a stop sign.
I move that we endorse the plan of the Chief of Police for radar patrols on Maple Street and forward the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and the Police Chief to the Department of Transportation and finally that we proceed to place a stop sign at the end of Oak Street
Selectman Tanis seconds all three parts
All in favor – say aye.
Aye, aye, aye.
Unanimously carries.

Highway Signage

Ron Carr has advised that the town line marker Entering Somerset at North Street has been vandalized. Superintendent Ferry has the sign and is prepared to install.
At Pearl Street, although we are waiting for the Attorney General to approve the bylaw change to allow parking in front of the Saint Nicholas of Myra Church on the east side of Pearl Street. We have had the curb painted yellow by Standard Line Painting. We are now in need of having "church parking only" signs where it say "no parking here to corner."
Superintendent Ferry has indicated that there are church parking cones that can be removed and replaced as needed. I asked him to place the order, and they will be paid for by private charity.
We also have a request for Rte. 138 designation sign - between Taunton and the County Street fork.

Joe Pacheco said that if we write and send a memo to the Department of Transportation and he will forward that to George at the DOT and we should have that signed within a few days.
Selectman Menges motions that we approve the preparation and sending of a memo to request that Rte. 138 designate a sign for Somerset Avenue.
Selectman Tanis seconds.
Motion carries.

Speed limit sign on Tremont Street
Selectman Tanis says he has been approached by several residents of Tremont from Old Somerset Ave up to about Middle Street about excessive speeding on Tremont Street. It has been an issue. I believe it is posted 30. There are two signs very small posted on telephone poles more toward the Lincoln Avenue end of the road. The issue is more between Lincoln Avenue and Middle Street. So we are requesting a couple of signs be posted in that area to remind people of the speed limit.
Selectman Menges thinks this request should be forwarded to Chief of Police and the Highway superintendent and treated the same way as the Maple Street situation. Let them review the situation and recommend where the signs should go and we will endorse the necessary request to the DOT to approve the signage.
Chairman Cronin says he will take that as a motion
Selectman Tanis seconds.
Motion carries.

Past Lions Club President's Association's Request for Libation at August event at the Lion's Pavilion.
We were approached by Al Enos of the Lions Club to obtain a one day liquor license for an event that the past Lions Club Presidents will host in August.
I did mention to him that we would look into the liability part of this. I would like to say that anytime we get a request for the use of the Lions Pavilion we pass them along to Carl Stonstrom. Along with their requests, they often ask, where can I get a liquor license (one day). In all my years we have never given a one day permit because of the vicinity of the playground and the sobriety events that go on next door. Most of all the liability that increases with being on town property. These are the cons for

Jim Aguiar says this is something else where building and fire need to sign off. It is still considered a structure - When you exceed one hundred people, you need to have sprinklers. We could conceivably keep it open air.
I would strongly suggest that you not issue the permit and possibly consider another venue for the event.
Selectman Menges talks about the dangers of alcohol and fire.
I think what Chairman Cronin has said regarding the proximity of the pavilion to the playground, the sobriety pow-wows, etc., I think the request for even a one day license I could not favor granting.
Selectman Tanis says he agrees with everything. And also if you open that up - it allows for the alcohol to travel beyond the area.
Chairman Cronin says those in favor of issuing a one day liquor permit say aye (no response).
Those who wish to not approve the one day liquor license say nay. Nay, nay, nay.
Motion unanimous.

Chairman Cronin says we will have to get ahold of Mr. Enos as soon as possible so that he may seek another venue.

Reports
Chairman Cronin congratulates all schools on their recent graduations.

Selectman Menges reports on the graduations.
Congratulations to the graduates in all three schools. Our joining in Bristol Plymouth has opened up a wide spectrum of vocational training. The tradesman life awaits most. Advanced training and specialized school awaits others. Everything is built on trades. I attended BCAHS on Thursday and after hearing and seeing the addresses of the students of the Class of 2015, anyone who attended that graduation felt the love between the student and teachers. The professions represented include, veterinary aid, equestrian training, horticulture, forestry, etc. That school has had soldiers - the White House gardener, experts in hybrid patents. Thanks to Mr. Dempsey for another great year.

Saturday was the Dighton Rehoboth graduation. I thank the superintendent for the invitation.
Each student was recognized and received a brief biography as they received their diploma. I saw them all receive their diplomas. My memory and the town's collective memory will not fade.

Acknowledgements
Anonymous donation of $196.00 made to the council on aging. And a second anonymous donation of $144.00 two days later.
Motion to acknowledge both donations to the council on aging.
Selectman Menges seconds.

Acknowledgement by resident by email of the great work of the highway department for the excellent job done trimming the trees. Chairman Cronin reads the email expressing appreciation by William McKeon.

Chairman Cronin says it is nice to hear the thanks of the people - The town employees are on their A-game most of the time. They do it on a daily basis, but yet they don't get a lot in return. He says he is grateful for the people around him. If you see an employee doing a great job. He says send an email, make a phone call. It goes a long way.

Selectman Menges says there is one more piece of business to set a date for the Town Meeting on June 29, 2015.

(Selectman Menges reads the warrant for the meeting in its entirety), and says that is ready for posting in the morning.

Selectman Tanis says on behalf of Tom Medeiros – he wishes to thank all that participated in today's bringing of the steel to Dighton.
Selectman Menges says also that his son Kyle Medeiros is to be commended in requisitioning that piece of steel for his Eagle Scout memorial. The world trade center steel will be added to the memorial at a dedication ceremony on September 11, 2015. He also mentions that Selectman Tanis was in attendance in his uniform and made a splendid appearance.

Jim Aguiar says he has one more thing - I heard you mention that you awarded the bid on some of the items located at the Transfer station.

I ask that the remaining items be relocated so that the people do not have to look at them anymore. I have personally received three requests to relocate the items.

Chairman Cronin says that we will go over those bids again to see if there were any other offers for any of those items. He also says he wants to thank the people in the audience tonight. This was a prime example of the people in the audience, positive input, great suggestions and great comments.

Selectman Tanis congratulates the graduates and offers his best wishes also says thank you to Tom Medeiros, Chief Roderick and especially Kyle Medeiros

Public Input.
None

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Tanis
Seconded by Selectman Menges

Adjournment at 10:26 pm

Respectfully submitted.

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Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Dean V. Cronin-Chairman | **Matthew W. Tanis-Member** | **Patrick W. Menges-Clerk**