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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

Town Hall –Selectmen's Meeting Room

Moment of silence for Dean Staples.

Selectman Menges says a kind word about **Joe Pacheco** and his 42 years as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

Colleague's Honors to Selectman Tanis for Massachusetts Municipal Association Certificate in Local Government and Leadership Management.

Minutes

Selectman Tanis motions to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board dated May 27, 2015. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries

Warrants

Chairman Cronin says in the interest of ease we should motion to approve all at once.

Warrant #51A-15 in the amount of \$ 72,818.06, dated 6/17/15

Warrant #51B-15 in the amount of \$103,001.74, dated 6/17/15

Warrant #51C-15 in the amount of \$ 3,778.92, dated 6/17/15

Warrant #52A-15 in the amount of \$ 74,600.42, dated 6/24/15

Warrant #52B-15 in the amount of \$ 29,350.87, dated 6/24/15

Warrant #52C-15 in the amount of \$ 34,351.87, dated 6/24/15

Warrant #52D-15 in the amount of \$203,771.56, dated 6/24/15

Warrant #52E-15 in the amount of \$ 29,756.55, dated 6/24/15

Warrant #52F-15 in the amount of \$ 1,000.00, dated 6/24/15

Mt Tanis reads all of the warrants and motions for approval. Selectman Menges seconds

Unanimously carries

Correspondence

Letter from the representation of the part time employees of the Town of Dighton thanking the selectmen for their time with regard to the Earned Sick Leave Law.

Chairman Cronin explains what has transpired between the board and the part time employees and then reads the letter in its entirety. He says that the accountant is working on supplying the numbers of

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all the part time employees, their pay rates and how many hours they work on average, and the final cost to the town on a yearly basis. When we get the figures we will invite them back in to discuss.

Email from Police Sergeant Shawn Cronin regarding the clean streets initiative that was proposed by the Board to the MASS COP Union, pledging their support to the cause. Selectman Menges reads the email in its entirety, then adds that we have contacted Torres insurance and have been informed that the town insurance will cover groups of volunteers engaged in the process of collection of trash. Selectman Menges motions that the board consent to continue the planning for a date in October and Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Correspondence regarding a sofa and loveseat that was left out to be given away. Chairman Cronin says that in the aftermath of bulky item pickup, this was left at the corner of Debra Jane Court and Cedar Street, and they wanted to see if the town would pick it up. Chairman Cronin says in response to this I suggested to our Administrative Assistant that we should send a courteous letter to all of the people in the development to ask if anyone had any information as to who may have left these items. The information of course, would be held in confidence. Chairman Cronin added that he wants the people to be aware that we will not go back to the times where we had furniture and trash in the streets. The first offense is punishable by a fine of \$100.00 to \$500.00 and he would be the first to recommend that the fine be \$500.00. He mentions that if we do not get any responses, so be it. If we do, we will be courteous about it. We will not have our employees leaving their job to pick up other people's trash. He goes on to say, if anyone sees anyone dumping trash or doing anything like that, please get the information. Do not approach - Just please give us a call.

Letter from the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals - to request consideration in reclassifying the secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals to from Secretary/Clerk to Administrative Assistant. It goes on to state the reasons why he feels it is necessary for the increase. Chairman Cronin says we have just signed a contract within the last four months with this clerical union. The results were that the union would conduct a wage study to see where our wages are and if they coincide with other towns. Until this is complete I am reluctant to give any decision. I would like to go forward with a wage study. Selectman Tanis says we should reach out to the union rep and make sure that the study is being conducted, and get it done as soon as possible. Make sure that it is done with Towns that are comparable to ours and see if they would be willing to open up the contract just for increases if necessary.

Selectman Menges says the board is opposed to increase in grades and wages – It would be preferable to have a comprehensive approach. I think that questionnaires should go out to all employees in the clerical union to describe what they do in a day. Sue Medeiros will process these questionnaires. There needs to be a job description for each position. Job descriptions change from year to year. We need a comprehensive approach - I don't think that the board should be in the business of guessing for the zoning board or anyone else. Job description for the position and then the department head will determine if the applicant is qualified for the position. Again, we have a clerical union and under this system, the approach should be comprehensive. This affects the morale and expectations of everyone

in the union. We do collective bargaining now and that is the approach that we must take. I concur with the approach suggested by Selectman Tanis - We need to tell the union to act swiftly. Let us have job descriptions and a salary table in response to our actions with the union.

Selectman Tanis says employees will highlight the changes in their duties. Changes do come up. If they want the increase they should do their part to prove that they deserve it- It should also be reviewed on hours, because maybe the hours need to be changed as well.

Chairman Cronin says he thinks that they are all on the same page – We need to do this systematically. I have been here for a few years and this has happened. It creates turmoil when this happens. Someone always feels slighted.

Chairman Cronin says I would be more than happy to entertain a motion that we move forward with a comprehensive approach where we have job descriptions and a wage study performed. They will not only rewrite their job description of what they do, but to highlight their new duties, and things that have changed. Then we will start to compare our wages with other towns.

Selectman Menges makes a motion with specificity. I move that first of all we vacate the vote of Tom Pires and Joe Mc Ardle, under which they were going to do the wage study. Chairman Cronin says he will step down to second the motion since Selectman Tanis was not here. Unanimously carries. (That motion is rescinded).

Selectman Menges motions that the board request that Sue Medeiros send out the questionnaires for each employee regarding their duties and changes. We proceed to contact Mr. Mc Ardle, let him know that this is underway and invite his participation as soon as possible. As soon as the questionnaire are received, we move forward. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Announcements are read by Selectman Tanis in their entirety.

Clerk's Progress Report

Selectman Menges says first, under old business on the 10th of June the board voted to forward the recall petition to the Senate. They met today where it was assigned a tracking number and has been referred to committee. Citizens can use this tracking number to check the progress.

On last Thursday, the building commissioner and the Architect met and took some measurements and the architect has a good idea of what needs to be done. Van Gyzen Hall has a good heating system. With these features and a new roof that the town has put on it, it bears some remodeling inside and out. The Building Commissioner was there and went over some of the things that need to be done in detail with the architect. Handicapped ramps. Windows that need to be replaced, and things to improve the street credit of the building. The architect will come back with a drawing and a set of plans. We also voted to request that Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School visit the Segregansett School to see if improvements could be done by them. They would like to have a scope and a plan of work before committing the structural carpentry students to anything. The school has a two year wait list for projects. They may be able to do some smaller projects in between. Therefore the building commissioner and I and the intern Lucas Fagundes met there and measured. The building commissioner made several important suggestions. One for a handicapped foyer and wrap around bathroom on the Northwest corner of the building accessed by a handicapped ramp. The Building Commissioner also suggested a flat screen heating and air conditioning unit be installed in the building for climate control. This could be used for meeting of boards and a showplace to show what a one room schoolhouse used to look like. Last night I talked with the Historical commissions. The

Historical Commission felt that it would be more in keeping with their plans for the building to keep the building as a one room schoolhouse in its original state. A waiver can be obtained for a historical building, provided that the building is not going to be used on a long term basis. I said that the historical commission would be in their hands to determine what will be done with the building. Before anything can be done, the lead paint in the building has to be encapsulated. I made it clear that I was not speaking for the board, but I did say that I would support an outlay from the treasury to be sure that the building would be saved. A reasonable amount of funds of course. With that I withdrew from the Historical Commission. The consensus seemed to be nothing but a middle ground, leaning toward keeping it just a museum.

A draft of the Policy and Procedures Manual was distributed to the board, as prepared by the intern Lucas Fagundes. We initiated the work to standardize town government operating procedures, when we thought that we would have a town administrator. So that everyone would be on the same page. The board was to take its time to read and revise the manual. Tonight, we have produced a second edition of the draft - It has all the revisions that have been given to him as of this point. The revisions will need to be reviewed. The manual that has emerged is, in my opinion, is ready to be circulated to the department heads on the first Wednesday of the month. It is my intention to make it a work in progress for three months. Town employees may submit changes for three months. Each day the intern will check for these changes and make them. A final draft will be reviewed and voted upon prior to the final implementation date. This will give us a sound working policy. Changes will be due by the first of October the latest. Selectman Menges makes a motion that we complete the insertion of our draft material and insert the form where the town personnel may make on line changes as they use the manual. That these be circulated on July 8th and circulated between all personnel not in attendance. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Menges says our town accountant and procurement liaison officer, who is certified in procurement procedure law, has prepared a procurement policy manual. I think we should read it and consider substituting it for the section in the manual which was titled procurements. We changed accounting system for procurement to VADAR which is what the town uses for purchase orders. I think we should review the new section before the next meeting and vote on whether or not to include it. Selectman Menges is so moved. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Menges says regarding the clean streets initiative that our insurance agent has indicated that our volunteers are covered.

Also on the tenth of June we initiated enhanced speed limit control on Maple Street - The regulations of the DOT are that the town cannot just put up speed limit signs. They must be approved by the Department of Transportation and they must be consistent with the traffic pattern of the Commonwealth. A traffic study must be done by them. A traffic study has been requested, however, on Maple Street a radar patrol sign has been installed and radar patrols are being done in the area. Tremont Street likewise, and enhanced enforcement is being done on Tremont street as well.

Church parking only signs have been installed on Pearl Street and, as requested at our last meeting. We owe a great deal to our Administrative Assistant. Building commissioner and Highway department and our police department for assisting us in executing our initiatives that were voted on last meeting. And a special thanks to our intern Lucas Fagundes for his work on the policy manual.

**Chairman Cronin says we are moving into a very lengthy part of our meeting.
We will be doing our annual yearly Appointments and also awarding Highway Department bids.**

We will take a couple of these items out of order.

Make a new appointment of an assistant harbormaster. I asked Selectman Menges to continue to initiate this. Selectman Menges says that he received a call from our Harbormaster, who recommended Alexander Cembalisty to be appointed as assistant Harbormaster. He would be an assistant and an asset to Mark Duffy. He is willing to train and participate to be an effective harbormaster. I suggested to him that he run it by Mark Duffy. He called back and said that a Mark Duffy could not have been happier. Selectman Menges asks Alexander to speak and he gives a short speech as to why he would be a good fit. Selectman Menges says there are improvements in store for the harbor. We have signed a contract with the State to do some work at the boat ramp.

Alexander says Ron asked him to be active under both of them, to learn and speak with the people on the waterways. Evenings and weekends when the harbormaster may not be around, I will be available. I am eager to be there since I already live there.

Selectman Menges says we will act upon your appointment in a few moments when we appoint the others. He wishes him luck. Alex says that he is honored.

Chairman Cronin adds that any time we have a new appointee, we like to have them in here to see who you are and what you are about. Thank you for coming in.

Next I will jump down to Letter J- Glen Jefferson is here with an idea for the board.

Glen Jefferson comes forward and presents the board with an idea for a piece of property that has come up for sale and the owners have approached the abutters. One of them being the school district, I thought it would be beneficial, knowing our limitations and expansion concerns. I would think that maybe the town should consider contacting the owners. There is a lot of potential for uses and in the event that we ever have to expand the elementary school, that some of the parking lot would be taken and could be relocated. I think it is something for the town to at least look into and see if it is feasible. I am just passing the information along. I am just making sure that you are aware of this.

Selectman Menges says there are two ways that we can investigate this in detail. If we want to do something about it. One is to have town counsel contact the seller's attorney or agent and obtain the price and terms. Or, a little less expensive and more to the point, we could authorize Mr. Jefferson to approach the seller or his attorney and get the information that way, if you are willing. Glen Jefferson says that maybe the owner does think that the school district owns that land and that is why they approached the school district. Chairman Cronin asks if it is lot #30. Glen Jefferson says the house that is currently there is not in good condition, so it would probably just be a tear down. That and the street you come in on, directly abuts. Two potentials; you can widen the street, or expand the parking lot to almost double. I am just thinking long term. We are landlocked.

Glen says that this information looks like it was pulled off of a site and the owners referenced are not the actual owners. He says I figured it doesn't hurt to get basic information. He says if I was selling I would give preference to the town to benefit the school. At worst case, nothing comes of it.

Chairman Cronin asks how he knew.

Glen Jefferson says they had contacted the School Committee and Catherine Antonellis presented it last night at the school committee meeting.

Selectman Menges moves that Glen Jefferson be authorized to approach the owners of Parcel 30, and obtain the pricing info and terms and report back at the next meeting.

Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Chairman Cronin asks if they are allowed to let Glen Jefferson approach the owners, being a member of the school committee, without any recourse. Selectman Menges says it's fine.

Glen Jefferson says I just wanted to bring it to your attention, I am not here to represent the school committed. Selectman Menges says he does not have any ethical questions at all.

I will say we owe you a debt of gratitude for bringing this to our attention. You can see by looking at this map the large contours of the campus. Glen Jefferson says I think what's key is that those parking lots are designed just for staff. Whenever there is a town meeting and such, you have people parking on Center Street, which creates a hazard.

Chairman Cronin asks all in favor say aye, aye. Unanimously carries.

Jumping back to new business to commend the Dighton Police Department

Selectman Menges says that the Highway Superintendent and the Chief of Police have put up the church parking only signs. Standard Line has painted the lines. The police department also distinguished itself on June 20th by providing detail and support for a memorial bike run in honor of Mariah Burda in its' 11th year. I stopped and talked with Chief MacDonald who was on hand at the event to represent the town.

Also, the golf tournament that has been put together, by the MASSCOP local union and scheduled for June 26th. We can't say enough about the good intentions of the union. Hats off to Police Union president Shawn Cronin for organizing. Also, the police and fire will be shepherding the bicyclists on the PAN MASS challenge on August 1st.

Award of the Highway bids for Materials for FY16. Chairman Cronin explains the process off the opening of the bids - Our highway superintendent has consolidated the results for the winning bids and some of the bids for one material have been awarded to two different companies. All bids requested from Highway Superintendent are based on delivered by the company, picked up by Highway personnel, or "in place." I will differentiate as I go along.

Chairman Cronin reads the letter from Thomas Ferry for recommendation for the bids.

Chairman Cronin reads the results of the bid.

Selectman Menges suggests they all have copies of the results for clarification as they go along. Administrative assistant leaves the room to make copies.

Chairman Cronin says that while the assistant is making copies, they will award the contract for cleaning services. He says that it is the policy of the town, whenever we go out to bid, we are required to get three bids. So we had the Police Station and Town Hall in need of cleaning services. The lowest bid submitted was \$465.00/month for Town Hall, and the Police Station was \$365.00/month. This is based on weekly cleaning, and was submitted by M&S Cleaning Service. He says he will entertain a motion to award the contract to M&S Cleaning Company for FY16 for Town Hall and the Police Station. Selectman Tanis motions. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Administrative assistant returns with copies.

Chairman Cronin begins with the first item

Dense Base Gravel

Selectman Menges moves to accept the price of Lorusso for delivered price of \$13.75 and P.J. Keating for the picked up price of \$8.50. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Crushed Gravel 2" minus delivered awarded to G. Lopes for delivered price of \$13.85 and P.J. Keating pup price of \$9.50. Selectman Tanis motions to award delivered price of \$13.85 to Lopes and pup price of \$9.50 to P.J. Keating. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Gravel 4" minus delivered by P.J. Keating at \$12.25. Picked up price P.J. Keating at \$6.25. Selectman Tanis motions to approve that winning bid to P.J. Keating for both delivered and picked up. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Recycled Concrete. Selectman Menges motions that the bid for delivered concrete at \$11.25/ton and picked up price of \$5.25/ton be awarded to P.J. Keating. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

3/8" Stone picked up price by Lorusso at \$13.00/ton. Chairman says this does not appear to be the low bidder on this as G. Lopes was at \$12.50/ton Lopes was \$.50 cheaper than Lorusso.

Chairman Cronin wants to check. There seems to be a discrepancy on the sheet. Selectman Menges says it may be a typographical error.

3/8" Stone delivered price \$16.90/ton awarded to G. Lopes.

Corrected picked up price of \$12.50 will be awarded to G. Lopes. Selectman Tanis motions to award the bid to G. Lopes for both picked up and delivered. Selectman Menges seconds.

Chairman Cronin says we will check with the superintendent to verify that.

All in favor aye, aye, - Motion carries

3/4" Stone picked up price awarded to Lorusso at \$12.00/ton, delivered price of \$16.90/ton by G. Lopes. Selectman Menges moves that the contract for 3/4" stone delivered be awarded to G. Lopes at \$16.90 and picked up price to Lorusso for \$12.00. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries

1 1/2" Stone \$16.90 delivered price by G. Lopes. Picked up price by Lorusso at \$12.00/ton Selectman Tanis motions to award delivered 1 1/2" stone to G. Lopes for \$16.90/ton and picked up price to Lorusso for \$12.00 for 1 1/2" stone. Selectman Menges seconds. Motion carries.

Rip Rap

Delivered price by Lorusso \$17.00/ton. Picked up price \$12.00/ton Lorusso

Selectman Tanis motions that the bid be awarded to Lorusso for both delivered and picked up.

Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Stone Dust

Lowest bid to Lorusso for delivered Stone Dust at \$14.60 ton. Picked up bid by Lorusso at \$8.25 ton
Selectman Tanis motions to award Lorusso the bid for delivered and picked up Stone Dust. Selectmen
Menges seconds. Motion carries.

Screened Sand

Delivered price at \$11.60/ton by G. Lopes. Picked up price by G. Lopes at \$7.80/ton
Selectman Menges moves that the contract for picked up and delivered screened sand be awarded to G
lopes. Selectman Tanis seconds the motion. Unanimously carries.

Screened loam

Delivered price of \$11.89 by G. Lopes and picked up price \$9.30 by G. Lopes
Selectman Tanis motions that we award to G. Lopes both picked up and delivered prices. Selectman
Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Road salt control

There were two bids and it was recommended by the superintendent that we rebid due to the high
prices. Motion to rebid by Selectman Menges. Seconded by Selectman Tanis. Unanimously carries.

Magnesium Chloride Flakes

No bid submitted.

Highway superintendent recommends that we rebid later. Selectman Tanis motions to rebid later.
Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

3/8" Stone Treated Seal.

Low bid to be awarded to Comer for \$1.96/sq. yard in place
Selectman Tanis motions that we award the bid to Comer. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously
carries.

1/2" Stone Treated Seal

Recommended award to Comer at \$2.16/sq. yard in place
Selectman Tanis motions that we award to Comer for 1/2" Stone Treated Seal. Selectman Menges
seconds. Unanimously carries.

Fiber Reinforced Crack Sealing.

Winning bid was Crack Sealing at \$8.00 per gallon in place. Selectman Menges motions that the bid be
awarded to Crack Sealing. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Type 1 Bituminous Concrete

Low bid awarded to Lynch in place only at \$71.30

Selectman Tanis motions to award bid for in place only to Lynch at \$71.30. Selectman Menges seconds.
Unanimously carries.

Chairman Cronin says that there are other bids that have not been awarded for bituminous picked up - I
will ask that we table that. Selectman Menges is so moved. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously
carries. Selectman Menges says there seems to be a tie. Chairman Cronin says we will address at our
next meeting

Permanent Cold Patch

Selectman Menges moves that Lorusso be awarded cold patch bid for both picked up at \$112.00 and \$117.50 for delivered. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Manhole Frames

Selectman Tanis moves that we award to HD supply at \$108.46 for delivered and picked up. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Manhole Covers.

HD supply delivered and picked up price at \$105.82. Selectman Tanis motions to award bid to HD supply for both. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Catch Basin Frames

Selectman Menges motions the HD supply be given the award at \$106.76 for both delivered and picked up. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Catch Basin Grates

HD supply \$113.02 delivered and picked up. Selectman Menges motions. Selectman Tanis seconds

Steel Beam Guardrail Complete

Selectman Menges motions to award to Premier (only bidder) at \$23.90 in place. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries

Steel Beam Guardrail Rails

Premier \$6.25 delivered and \$5.75 pup. Selectman Tanis motions that Premier be awarded as the only bidder Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Steel Beam Guardrail ends.

Premier \$49.50 delivered and \$45.00 picked up. Selectman Tanis motions to award to Premier and Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Steel Beam Guardrail Posts.

Premier delivered \$52.00 and \$48.00 picked up. Selectman Menges motions to award as the only bidder. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Line Painting

Standard line at \$.0365/foot in place. Selectman Tanis motions line painting be awarded to Standard Line. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Cold Planing

Low bidder is PJ Keating at \$2.47 /sq. yard in place. Selectman Tanis motions to award to PJ Keating. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Chairman Cronin says there are two to make the superintendent aware of. I will hold off from signing the letter of approval until we clarify a couple of items with the superintendent.

Selectman Menges motions that they vote to endorse the superintendent's recommendations when we know what they are. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Community Compact agreement between Baker-Polito Administration and municipalities

Chairman Cronin regrets that he has not has a chance to look this over.

Pm moves to allow the administrative assistant the authority to investigate this for us.

Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Clean Streets Initiative

Selectman Menges motions that we move on as this has already been done. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Request from the building commissioner to carry over 16 additional hours of vacation time

Selectman Tanis motions that we approve the request. Selectman Menges says this request is unusual since it exceeds the normal amount of carryover.

Chairman Cronin reads the letter from the commissioner aloud. It makes the total 56 hours.

Chairman Cronin says that his feeling on this - is that they all have the benefit of carry8ing over 2 weeks.

We have mad exceptions in the past for injuries and sickness. You cannot penalize them and take away vacation time when they cannot physically work. In this case, he has already asked for 40 hours to be carried over. Allowing him to carry an additional 16 would cause some hard feelings.

Selectman Menges says this is a difficult request because the building department is very busy. Its receipts in permits alone, have exceeded 340,000.00 - Also we have put the touch on him to do special missions. However, it is difficult to grant this request without fear of creating some angst among other personnel.

Therefore, I'm not sure what to do. I think we should have a conversation with the commissioner before we grant it.

Chairman Cronin says if that is a form of a motion I would entertain it. Selectman Menges motions

Selectman Tanis seconds it. Motion carries. Selectman Menges says we will need to have a decision before the end of the fiscal year, so we should schedule this immediately. We will ask him if he is available on Monday morning when we meeting with the police chief and add him to the agenda.

Request by the Police Station Building Committee to waive all fees associated with the police station project. Chairman Cronin reads the letter aloud. Selectman Menges motions to approve. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries. Chairman Cronin says this is customary with any construction done in town, where the taxpayer's money is involved - we always waive the fees. All in favor say aye. Aye, aye. Unanimously carries.

A five minute recess is called by Chairman Cronin.

Selectman Menges says Selectman Tanis is coordinating with cable to resume coverage of the proceedings.

Chairman Cronin welcomes everyone back.

Review Discuss and Act on Selectman's Appointments.

Selectman Menges says the administrative assistant has worked closely with the clerk and the board to provide the most accurate term dates. If an appointee receives after tonight a commission with a term expiration date which is different than what he/she had previously received, the term date issued from tonight will be the correct one.

Selectman Menges motions that Karin Brady be reappointed as **Administrative assistant to the Board of Selectmen**. Selectman Tanis seconds. Motion carries

Finance Committee Alternate Member regarding D-R regional School District

Selectman Menges motions Antone Rodericck, Jr be re-appointed with a term expiring 6/30/16. Selectman Tanis seconds. Motion carries.

Advisory Finance Committee Member regarding D-R Regional School District

Robert Peixoto

Selectman Menges motions. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

7 Agents to the Board of Health

Selectman Tanis motions to re-appoint the following.

James Aguiar

Kevin Bernardo

Helen Kadlec

Susana Medeiros

Joseph Pacheco

Alice Sousa

Pamela Waller

With terms all expiring June 30 2016

Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries

Agent to the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Menges motions to reappoint James Aguiar as Agent to the Board of Selectmen with a term expiring on June 30, 2016. Selectman Tanis seconds.

American Disabilities Act Committee

Selectman Tanis motions that Thomas Medeiros be re-appointed with a term ending June 30, 2016.

Selectman Menges seconds. Motion carries.

Remaining appointments are read and voted on (See Attached)

Transfer of funds from group health insurance to building inspection acct of \$22000.00 for emergency demolition of the old North Dighton Post Office.

Selectman Menges says he projected that the cost would be \$35,000.00, so I thought it would be more like 16,000.00. Selectman Menges then asks about the possibility of the owner demolishing. Selectman

Tanis says Mr. Aguiar is meeting with the owner on site tomorrow. He adds there is also some asbestos that will need to be removed and that may be the reason for the extra cost.

Selectman Menges gives a little history of what has transpired. It was a unanimous decision of a survey team that the building be demolished due to safety concerns. The building commissioner has insisted that the impervious material such as the parking lot and any stone material be removed from the island and everything will be loamed and seeded once the building is gone. This is to pay for it. If the owner does it himself with his own resources, he may be able to do it without incurring the cost of prevailing wage. If the town does it at prevailing wage then the owner will have to reimburse the town.

Selectman Menges motions to transfer

Selectman Tanis seconds the motion to transfer funds. Motion carries

Recommendation of Alice Souza for the custodial position at Prime Time Council on aging for Debra Davis - The letter is read by Chairman Cronin

Selectman Menges motions to accept recommendation of Alice Souza. Selectman Tanis seconds. Unanimously carries.

Reports

Selectman Menges wishes to say that once again Alice Souza very fittingly recognized her volunteers with a fine occasion at Magoni's Restaurant. It was very nice time as is her custom.

She had gifts and a drawing for the volunteers - An attorney came to and spoke to the group to discuss their property needs and planning for future and how families can best plan to take care of senior members. A very informative talk.

Alice Souza at work, not overlooking the dedication of her volunteers - making sure they were recognized. It is a large group who give of themselves to make out adult daycare program a success.

Acknowledgements

Chairman Cronin reads the three anonymous donations to Prime Time. One in the amount of \$30.00 One for \$20.00 and one for \$204.00. Total of 254.00 in anonymous donations to Prime time Chairman Cronin would like to acknowledge. Selectman Tanis motions to acknowledge. Selectman Menges seconds and thanks the donor. Motion carries

Independence Day observations

Chairman Cronin would like to point out that on behalf of the members of certain unions - The holiday will be observed on Thursday. Of course we are not open on Friday so it will be a long weekend.

Selectman Menges says that much of the news that will affect Dighton in the long term has occurred outside of town in the last two weeks. A former chemistry teacher sent to the world a very important missive concerning climate change. That former chemistry teacher happens to be Pope Francis. Our energy aggregation efforts will receive a new emphasis as a result of Pope Francis - also pointing out its effects on the poor. The type of emphasis we want this problem to have, an active renewable committee, energy director and development of a process for solar energy projects. These are the types of initiatives that have needed leadership. Pope Francis has put himself in the forefront of this. It bears the attention of all people who care about our climate and those in Dighton who care about our town. In Charleston, SC one week ago tonight, in an African Methodist Episcopal Church - a church - a tragedy

occurred that we must all think about as we decide what kind of a difference we can make in our community. I was thankful this week, when I was told that the stars and bars - the Confederate Battle Flag – that was displayed on one of the major thoroughfares in town, had been hauled down at least temporarily. I think it was in good taste of the person who normally flies the flag. We have to think that if anything we do contributes to harshness. We need to ask whether or not at the end of our lives is it something we would want to answer for.

In Taunton on Railroad Avenue this Sunday, the district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church will deliver the last service in what was the North Dighton Methodist Church. With that Methodism comes to a close in Dighton.

Selectmen Menges gives a history of Methodism in Dighton.

It led Dighton thru the call for abolition thru prohibition - thru wars and rumors of wars the people of North Dighton will remember it well. The institution fades into history. To everyone else in town - cherish your place of worship.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Tanis. Seconded by Selectman Menges.

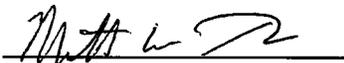
Adjourned at 11: 16 PM

Respectfully submitted.

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Dean V. Cronin-Chairman



Matthew W. Tanis-Member



Patrick W. Menges-Clerk