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BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND FALL RIVER POLICE CHIEF

City of Fall River Police Department Headquarters

Monday, August 31, 2015, 1:o'clock P.M.

Dighton Selectmen Chairman Dean V. Cronin and Clerk Patrick W. Menges met with City of Fall River Police Chief Daniel Racine at City of Fall River Police Headquarters at 12:50 P.M. on Monday, August 31st, 2015. After a warm exchange of felicitations, they discussed 911 Emergency Dispatch regionalization.

Selectmen Cronin and Menges cordially informed Chief Racine that with the withdrawal by Rehoboth from a studied Dighton-Fall River-Rehoboth 911 regionalization initiative, the concept is not politically or financially viable for Dighton at this time, and will not be viable unless one or more Bristol County towns sharing Dighton's suburban demographic express an interest in joining the initiative, which is not immediately foreseeable.

Chief Racine stated that Fall River Corporation Counsel had agreed to prepare a draft 911 Regionalization Agreement for a Dighton-Fall River-Rehoboth region and that this draft was to have been circulated to both towns' town counsels, but that with the withdrawal by Rehoboth, though Fall River had not been formally informed of that, that draft agreement seemed moot.

Both Dighton selectmen and Chief Racine agreed that if another municipality or other municipalities indicate new interest in 911 Regionalization in the future, the door will remain open to reexamining the proposition based on circumstances at that time. The Chief expressed optimism that an open house at which the public could view the excellent Fall River 911 dispatch facility and operators in action would mitigate skepticism about the initiative when the time comes, and the selectmen concurred.

Both Fall River and Dighton will remain alert for any indication by other municipalities that they may desire to study the feasibility of becoming part of a 911 region. "It may not happen on our watch," Chief Racine said, and the selectmen of Dighton concurred. Chief Racine invited the Selectmen of Dighton to feel free to seek his assistance in any matter in which he might be of help, any time.

The meeting ended by withdrawal of the selectmen constituting an adjournment by consensus, at 1:45 P.M.

PATRICK W. MENGES

Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

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