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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

Selectmen's Meeting Room, 979 Somerset Ave, Dighton, MA

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Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM by Chairman Cronin.

Pledge of allegiance is recited

Opening of School Honors is read by Patrick Menges in its' entirety.

He references the NESC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) report, Appendix C, which references Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School, and in particular Mr. Braga, members of his faculty, and his achievements.

He introduces the principal of Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School, Mr. Kevin Braga, and thanks him for being here on this first day of school.

He asks Mr. Braga to join the board for discussion.

Selectman Menges says there are a few things that need to be acted upon. He asks Mr. Braga about the SRO and how that was acted upon last night at the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Braga says he thinks that all the questions were answered to their satisfaction last night and that they can move forward

Selectman Menges says the next thing is the roof and permanent improvements on the heating system. He asks where we stand with this.
Mr. Braga says that they are purchasing new boilers and we will have them on October 1st. The school will have the required heating needed for winter. He gives his students and teachers credit for dealing with the heating issues last year.

Selectman Menges says we had a conversation about some of your personal goals for the coming year as far as community service For students in need and students at risk Selectman Menges asks about any reflections that he would care to share after opening day today.

Mr. Braga says it is important for the school and the community to work together. Mr. Urban has expressed some thoughts about coming into the school and we look forward to those opportunities

He says today the students were going to their first lunch schedule. One of our guidance counselors walked into the lunch room and asked a student who looked lost, what his interests are and another student walked up and asked the student if he had anywhere to sit today and brought the student to his table. That is a great story of community. Selectman Menges says we have a new young school committee member who no doubt will have something to say about tonight's proceedings.

Selectman Menges asks what the town needs to do to support the program at the High School.

Mr. Braga says there is no one thing. We need to continue to build strong relationships and he appreciates the support from the Selectmen's office. He goes on to say we all work stronger when we work together. More than that, it is keeping our lines of communication open. Keeping the Board of Selectmen in both Dighton and Rehoboth and the public up to speed on the budget and what resources are needed. We are very excited about the SRO this year. It wouldn't come without the support of the community. Things like that. This is a celebration K-12, all the teachers all the administrators; everyone working hard day in and day out. It has nearly fifty commendations. He appreciates the towns support and thanks the board.

Chairman Cronin says he would like to say through past experience at the high school that he continually run into to students who now have children. The feedback that I have received since you have become the full time principal is astonishing. You have earned the respect of the parents and my former students. Do not change and we hope you stay and continue to do what you have been doing. Mr. Braga says the students are great sometimes I just have to stay out of the way. I have a lot of fun with the kids. I love the school community in Dighton. I started as a history teacher and worked my way up. I appreciate it thank you. Mr. Braga thanks the selectmen and leaves the discussion.

Warrants
Selectman Menges motions to approve the following warrants:

Warrant # 9A-16 in the amount of $76,122.19 dated August 26, 2015.
Warrant #9B-16 in the amount of $15,433.82 dated August 26, 2015.
Warrant #9C-16 in the amount of $318,576.03 dated August 26, 2015.
Warrant #9D-16 in the amount of $5,380.43 dated August 26, 2015.
Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

Selectman Menges motion to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #10A-16 in the amount of $75,951.62 dated September 2, 2015.
Warrant #10B-16 in the amount of $132,579.16 dated September 2, 2015.
Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

Minutes
Selectman Menges motions for approval of the minutes of Executive Session on July 21, 2015, regarding grievance and collective bargaining matters. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

Selectman Menges motions for approval the minute of Executive Session of August 20, 2015, regarding personnel matters. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

Selectman Menges motions for approval the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2015, held at the highway garage. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

(Selectman Menges reads the minutes of special meeting with Fall River police chief to Discuss 911 regionalization in their entirety, due to the intense public interest in the subject).

Selectman Menges motions for approval minutes of the Special Meeting of August 31, 2015, at Fall River Police Headquarters. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

Chairman Cronin adds a couple of excerpts from the meeting and gives an overview of the entire process and explains what has happened. He thinks that this will come up again in other departments in the future. He adds that there was no intent by this board to handcuff anyone or for anyone to take this personally. The results are written in the minutes, and it is one less thing on our plates.

Correspondence
Letter from the Daughters of the American Revolution regarding Proclamation of Constitution week September 17th - 23rd. is read by Chairman Cronin.
He then reads the Proclamation in its entirety proclaiming the week as Constitution Week by the Dighton Board of Selectmen.

(We will reproduce copies for the schools without the raised seal, per Selectman Menges)

Correspondence from Comcast with regard to the internet essentials program for children who are eligible for school lunch program is read by Chairman Cronin who adds that the information will be made available at the Selectmen's office tomorrow.

And let the record show that we will forward copies to the school per Selectman Menges

Announcements
Chairman Cronin reads the announcements in their entirety
(He specifies that the drug drop off box cannot be used for liquid medication or needles)

Old Business
Ambulance write off by the Fire Chief in the amount of $25.00.
Selectman Menges motions that it be written off. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

New Business
Appoint Pam Pollock as a new tobacco agent
Selectman Menges moves that Pam be appointed as a new tobacco agent. Chairman Cronin steps down to second.

Appoint Ian Daley as constable to the Town of Dighton
Selectman Menges says Ian Daley from Taunton has applied to be a Constable. He reads excerpts from his application to the town. He says he is a member of the constables association. Selectman Menges motions to appoint Ian Daley as a constable. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries

Appoint Cynthia Price to the Town Meeting Communication Committee.
Selectman Menges states her experience related to the appointment and motions to appoint Cynthia Price to the Town Meeting Communications Committee. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries. Selectman Menges asks her to say a few words.

Cynthia says she has seen the need for communications in the town. She says she hopes to learn from them and contribute something as well. Chairman Cronin says feel free to come to us if you need anything.
Selectman Menges asks her to come in tomorrow and be sworn in.

Award of the Telephone Bid
Chairman Cronin says we have had many issues with the telephone system at town hall. It is at the point now where Verizon does not want to even repair copper lines anymore.
When I began this process one of the members of the Finance Committee pointed me in the direction of this company who install T1 systems. It is all internet based. I posted bids. I had six responses. And with the help of Mr. Perry and his contact person, I was able to come up with some specs on which to go by. Every single one that submitted a proposal was met with individually. We walked through the offices and checked offices, faxes, etc. they all came up with one common denominator That you do not need 24 separate telephone lines. They recommend half of that at 12 lines. This is unlimited calls - unlimited faxes - auto attendant. There will also be a menu so that if you are an employee and your phone rings you will know it is for you. It will be much more time efficient. He goes on to say that a letter came six months ago to inform us that there are no more parts for our current phones. This is the way it broke down
He reads the bids, one by one.
First bid is for equipment and installation and the second price is monthly fee for a period of two years. (He reads them all)
After all bids were received. I went to town meeting last year and appropriation was made for both security system and telephone bids which were combined for a total of $24,000.00.
All access to the building will be by card with a code identifying you. You will be placed into a group according to the times that you will need access to the building. Chairman Cronin says there is no doubt that I recommend M.D. Communications in the Industrial Park for this award. The $24,000.00 that was appropriated at the town meeting will now pay for the alarm system, the telephone system and two years of monitoring for the security.

Melissa asks when they can start. Chairman Cronin says two weeks.
Selectman Menges motions that the bid be awarded to M.D. Communications. Chairman Cronin steps down to second that motion. Motion carries.

Selectman Menges thanks Chairman Cronin for his diligence in this and seeing it through. You were very prudent in your approach. The hours and the dedication that you have put in. He commends Chairman Cronin for his hard work.

Road opening permit for new gas service at 251 Mount Hope Street.
Chairman Cronin explains this is a courtesy to the public to let them know that there may be some construction going on and that it is not an emergency. In the past they have not been notifying us. We have let them know. And they are aware of the time restrictions.
Selectman Menges motions to approve the permit. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

Road opening permit for 579 Somerset Avenue. Selectman Menges motions for approval and Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

Reports
Update the progress of the solar project at the site of the former sanitary landfill
The planning board Chairman Heidi Swist provided us with an email from Sabin Rossi updating the progress of this project in detail. He reads the email in its entirety outlining dates and times for the steps in the process. On the 18th of September there will be a public opening.

Selectman Menges the selectmen signed the contract with Sabin Rossi and that is where stand.

A copy has been forwarded to Mr Rhines to answer his question from the last meeting.

Mr. Mullen asks who will get the credit for the power. Selectman Menges says that will be part of the agreement.

Acknowledgements
Anonymous donation to Prime Time in the amount of $30.00. Selectman Menges motions to acknowledge the donation. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries

Public Input
Mr. Urban asks to speak on behalf of the Communications Committee. He comes forward to say that they did have a meeting last week and made some suggestions. We we're going to have a meeting tonight, but with Cynthia's appointment we decided to push it back a week to let her be involved. Our first mission is to get the warrant out to the public and the different avenues that we could take to get this accomplished. What we have done is created a Facebook page. The town warrant will be up in most of the businesses around town, other than just the Fire Station. Such as Mt. Hope Village Liquors, Araujo's Farm, etc., and many more in the coming weeks. We found it best because the warrant may be hard to understand, we thought it may be a good idea to post them by the weekend and we will put with the warrant, a piece of paper that will be a snapshot of what is in the warrant. For example questions such as: Article One is for ... A yes vote means .... A no vote means.....
This is for those who would like to take it home and digest the information. Hopefully this will all be accomplished by the end of the weekend. We are looking for public input to see what the people would like to see happen. We are looking to expand to other media as well. We will be looking to other towns as well to see what they do. Hopefully this will prompt the people to come to the meetings and be informed and vote. In closing, the government is for the people, by the people. We need active voter resident participation in the government to move this town into the 21st century. We can only do it together to serve the best interest. People can call me send me a text. We have a Facebook and Twitter currently. We will be meeting next Wednesday from 6:00 to 630. Thank you for your time. I will bring more next time.

Selectman Menges says by the end of the day tomorrow we should have all but two if the Finance Committee recommendations.

Chairman Cronin says to Mr. Mullen. The figure for Van Gyzen is $1310.00 for insurance.

Selectman Menges says there is one thing that I needed to say. There was a gentlemen today who expressed some concern about Manomet Avenue today, regarding the condition of the street. Superintendent Ferry and I then went out to visit the location. The immediate fix was to put down some

sand material to allow the material that was put there previously to cure. It was a pleasure to have a young homeowner, expressing a serious concern in a respectful way. Manomet Avenue will be taken care of. The superintendent is aware and by the end of the week it will be addressed

Selectman Menges motions to adjourn. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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Board of Selectmen

Dean V. Cronin-Chairman **Patrick W. Menges-Clerk**