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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, September 23, 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 by Chairman Cronin at 7:33 pm

The pledge of allegiance is recited

Chairman Cronin introduces guest Fran Linden who would like to make a brief announcement regarding the Dighton Cultural Council.

Fran comes to the front to speak about the Council.

As members she says they volunteer their time She states this year we have funded many Dighton School programs such as the Dighton Elementary School Slater Mills Trip, the middle school's 18th century colonial life program or the High School's Latin Field Trip to Worcester Art Museum, also adult workshops such as pastel painting with Gregory Maischack (sp), prime time events such as songs of World War II performance by Ruth Harcovitz, and public events such a Bill Harley family concert. The force and energy learn the science behind helicopters and parachutes has been rescheduled to September 26th at the Dighton public library- to register call the library.

We are pleased to announce that we now have the member fulfillment needed to be eligible for these funds, and are now accepting applications for grants. Please go to massculture.org. This is also posted on our Facebook page and at town hall.

I would also like to announce the opportunity to come and meet the members of the Cultural Council on October 6th at 7:00pm at town hall. This is an informal meeting just to say hello or pick up a grant application. Grant applications must be postmarked before October 15th and mailed here to the town hall 979 Somerset Avenue, attention Dighton Cultural Council. In the meantime, please like us on Facebook. If you have any questions email fran@dightonculturalcouncil@yahoo.com or call me at 508 967 7264.

She thanks the board.

Minutes

Selectman Menges motions that the minutes of the Regular Meeting, Board of of Selectmen of September 16, 2015, be approved. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion unanimously carries.

Warrants

Selectman Menges motions

Warrant#13A-16 in the amount of \$74,936.65 dated September 23, 2015.

Warrant#13B-16 in the amount of \$17,437.62 dated September 23, 2015.

Warrant#13C-16 in the amount of \$316,193.79 dated September 23, 2015.

and

Warrant #13D-16 in the amount of \$2030.03 dated September 23, 2015, be approved as prepared by the assistant town accountant Linda McCarron. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion unanimously carries.

Correspondence

None

Announcements are read in their entirety by Chairman Cronin

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Appoint Alison Roache to the Dighton Cultural Council.

Chairman Cronin gives a little history on the Dighton Cultural Council and their quest for members. Fran says they now have seven members now.

Selectman Menges motions to appoint Alison Roache to the Dighton Cultural Council for a three year term ending June 30 2018. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion unanimously carries.

Sign Purchase & Sale agreement for the purchase of land at 273 Center Street adjacent to the Elementary and Middle schools.

Selectman Menges says this agreement contains a few stipulations that we have made. One of which is that we have moved up the date from October to September. The cost will be \$160,000.00 if we have to demolish, and \$175,000.00 if the seller demolishes the house on the property. Also, the seller was not aware of any underground tanks on the property and has given us permission to do a 21E investigation. He adds that a clean 21E report will ensure that the land is in no way contaminated before we buy it. We have obtained the name of a firm to conduct the investigation into that. Selectman Menges also thinks that they should make an annotation on page 9 of 10 - "THIS PAGE LEFT BLANK" so that it is known at the time of signature the page was blank.

Chairman Cronin says just to recap - This was approved at Monday night's Special Town Meeting. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to purchase land that can be used to expand our schools in a timely fashion. He thanks all the people that were there to vote on this. It is a very wise decision.

Selectman Menges motions that the Contract of Sale between the seller and the Town of Dighton, MA, as purchaser for the purchase of real property identified on the assessor's map as Lot #13, and known by the address of 273 Center Street in Dighton, be approved and executed by the board at this time.

Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Motion unanimously carries.

Selectman Menges wishes at this time to acknowledge school committee member Glen Jefferson, the building commissioner, James Aguiar, town counsel David Gay and his assistant Matthew Costa. Without all of them this would not have been possible.

Reports

Selectman Menges says he had a conversation with Mr. Mello regarding Broad Cove Nature Trail, and that they will be meeting again. He states he will be checking on some possibilities for short term resolution for some of our issues. Also he would like to mention that Roy Delano of Delano Associates has finished his survey this morning.

Acknowledgements

An anonymous donation of \$606.22 was made to the Council on Aging. Chairman Cronin says a sincere thank you to the anonymous donor. It is a pleasure to announce these donations. Thank you again.

Selectman Menges also wishes to acknowledge Gina from Dighton won this morning's B101 Movie Mystery. She won two tickets to a show.

Nancy Goulart would like to announce that MMA (Massachusetts Municipal Association) will be holding its fall legislative breakfast at the Rehoboth Senior Center on October 2, 2015, registration starts at 8:00am and is guaranteed to end by 10:00 am. She adds that she has invited our state representative and will also send a note to Mark Pacheco in case he would like to attend.

Melissa St Laurent would like to thank Karin Brady for her efforts in updating the website with current information. She says residents are pleased.

Selectman Menges wants to share the anniversary of the 1938 Hurricane, an excerpt from the Annual Town Report of 1938. He also reads a poem written by Loraine Mendes who was a child at that time.

Selectman Menges moves that we adjourn.
Chairman Cronin steps down to second.

Chairman Cronin thanks the 96 people who came out for the Special Town Meeting. It was peaceful and harmonious and true solid judgement was used in voting.

He also says don't forget the Special Election on Saturday, we have four very energetic candidates, it should be an exciting election.

Motion to adjourn carries unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen


Dean V. Cronin-Chairman


Patrick W. Menges-Clerk