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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm by Chairman Dean V. Cronin

Selectman Menges introduced the CABbies representative Thomas Medeiros who came forward to speak about the 5K walk that was held on Oct 10th and mentioned that he received help from Joanne Bonanca Costa in organizing the event.

Mr. Medeiros explained that The CABbies are a group of volunteers who raise funds for short term financial help with expenses, etc., for families in need. Mr. Medeiros went on to thank all the members and businesses who helped out with the walk and he stated that the group is already planning next year's walk. He thanked the board for recognizing him and the cause.

The Board commended him and the group for their efforts.

Minutes

Minutes of regular meeting of September 30, 2015 were motioned for approval by Selectman Goulart, seconded by Selectman Menges and unanimously **VOTED** for approval.

Minutes of the Executive Session of October 1, 2015 were motioned for approval by Selectman Goulart, seconded by Selectman Menges and unanimously **VOTED** for approval.

Warrants

It was motioned by Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Goulart and **VOTED** unanimously that Warrant #17A-16 in the amount of \$76,228.02 dated October 21, 2015, Warrant #17B-16 in the amount of \$205,898.16 dated October 21, 2015 and Warrant #17C-16 in the amount of \$1,659.39 dated October 21, 2015 be approved as prepared by the town accountant.

(It was reported to the board that there was no audio of the meeting. The administrative assistant left the room to notify cable).

Meeting called back to order at 7:46pm by Chairman Cronin

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Correspondence

Chairman Cronin read the letter from the Board of Selectmen to the Town of Berkley regarding the Veteran's Agent agreement. Selectman Menges thanked Veteran's agent Donald Hirschy and mentioned the upcoming November 11 unveiling of the 48 star flag that was donated to the town by the family of Byron Haskins.

Letter from the Daughters of the American Revolution regarding Proclamation honoring Constitution Week was read by Selectman Goulart. Selectman Menges said a word about them displaying our proclamation.

Fees for dog licenses and kennels

Letter from Sue Medeiros regarding fees for dog licenses and kennels effective January 1, 2016, was read by Selectman Menges. He added that the law concerning these fees was recently amended. After this year any increases in the fees will have to be approved at town meeting.

Announcements were read in their entirety by Chairman Cronin

Old Business

None

New Business

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve a one day liquor license for the Dighton Lions Club 11th annual Arts Festival and a waiver of the fee. Chairman Cronin added that there will also be a food permit issued for the event.

Selectman Goulart motioned and Selectman Menges seconded and it was unanimously **VOTED** to award the bid for Pump Repair and Rebuilding for Engine 1 and Engine 2. Chairman Cronin explained the bid and the reasons that it was delayed, due to procurement laws.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to grant a Workman's Compensation Waiver request from Roger Sisson for the snowplow season 2015 – 2016. Chairman Cronin explained that due to the fact that he is an owner operator, he does not need to have the Workman's Compensation insurance

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to table the proposal from Power Management for solar power at the former landfill on Tremont Street until the board has had a chance to go through the document.

Appointment of Ed Swartz to the Dighton Rehoboth School Regional Finance Advisory Committee.

Selectman Menges said that when he spoke with Mr. Swartz, he did not say that he would not serve but wished to ask any of the other finance committee members if they would be interested. Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to delay action until that time.

Appointment of Brett Zografos to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Selectman Menges said Brett had actually applied to be on the Board of Health committee and is currently a member of the Van Gyzen Hall committee. His second choice was the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that Brett Zografos be appointed to the Zoning Board.

Resignations were accepted and the appointment of new members to the Development and Industrial Commission were discussed. Selectman Menges said a few words about how the commission was formed and its purpose. Selectman Menges explained the reasons for their resignations and went on to explain that they were the founding members of this committee, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. He motioned and Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the resignations of Karen Capelo, Brian Brown and Robert Peixoto be accepted.

Selectman Goulart added that it was motioned with thanks for their service.

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that Gregory Olsen and Vicki L Piazza be appointed to the Development and Industrial Commission for five year terms.

Vicki Piazza was present in the audience and came forward to say that she has had extensive experience in this field. She would like to make sure that balance is obtained in the community with regard to industrial and commercial properties. Vicki said that she had been involved in the development of a 25 year Master Plan for Lockheed Martin in the past.

Action was deferred on Michael Thibodeau's appointment until he has had a chance to do some research.

Appointment of the Committee to Study the Structure and Function of the Board of Health Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the board appoint Joseph Carvalho, Matthew Tanis, Ronald O'Connor and Thomas Pires as four of the proposed five members.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that the committee will now have two former chairmen of the Board of Health and two with experience in the field.

Selectman Menges presented the proposed charge of the committee to the board and read the charge aloud. Selectman Goulart said that she thinks that the charge as read covers it and is broad enough, and added that they also have a direct line to the state for any research that needs to be done.

Reports

Selectman Menges said today they met with the superintendent. He mentioned that Dr. Azar and the board had talked about the budget and the new boiler that will be arriving shortly. Selectman Menges was asked if the real time imaging equipment had been installed for emergency response. Selectman Menges explained that this is ALICE SINK training and it will allow first responders to see in real time what is going on in the school before they enter in an emergency.

Selectman Menges also reported that the board had visited Mr. Nardozzi's state of the art cable facility. Selectman Menges added that Mr. Nardozzi had been very supportive of our communications work.

Selectman Goulart mentioned the Massachusetts Municipal Association contact for utility pole removal and actions that the community can take. She will get that and copy for the board.

Acknowledgements

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously for the acknowledgement of two anonymous donations in the amount of \$32.00 and \$30.00 to prime Time council on aging.

Public Input

Michael Thibodeau asked the board to let him know when the Development and Industrial Commission will be meeting so that he can attend and find out a little bit more about what they will be doing, before he commits to joining the group.

There was some discussion by Mr. Thibodeau regarding what he believes is needed in town and cutting of the tax rates.

Chairman Cronin thanked Mr. Thibodeau for his input.

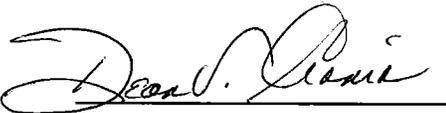
Selectman Menges congratulated the staff and students of Bristol County Agricultural High School on another successful Fall Show last weekend.

Selectman Goulart motioned to adjourn, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen


Dean V. Cronin-Chairman


Patrick W. Menges-Clerk


Nancy J. Goulart-Member