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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

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

Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting Called to order at 7:45 pm by Chairman Dean Cronin

The pledge of allegiance was recited

**Warrants**

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was unanimously **VOTED** that warrant 16A-16 in the amount of \$73,728.41 dated October 14, 2015, and warrant 16B-16 in the amount of \$176,132.55 dated October 14, 2015, stand approved as prepared for our approval by the town accountant.

It was asked by Selectman Goulart and clarified by Selectman Menges which of the warrants represented payroll and which warrant was for bills.

**Correspondence**

Was read by Chairman Cronin from Attorney David Gay's Office regarding a police station zoning question. Chairman Cronin stated that the major issue is an easement that gives us access into the police station from the street.

Chairman Cronin read the letter in its entirety concerning the opinion of Attorney David Gay in this matter. He also stated that he wanted everyone to know that this is between the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board right now.

Selectman Menges summarized that if the planning board were to vote to say that the street going in from 138 to Dighton Power is a street within the definition of the town zoning bylaws, the deeded easements that we have for access to the police station from that power plant access road, would be sufficient to allow this project to go forward without a zoning board of appeals variance. At the present time, however, it is before the Zoning Board on a question of whether or not the conditions are met. Between the two boards we need a determination so that we may break ground on the police station.

There was a general discussion about access, frontage requirements and design.

Selectman Menges added that if the Police Station Building Committee is turned down by the Zoning Board of Appeals, we only have a limited amount of time to challenge that decision He thought the Board of Selectmen should support the building committee if they should ask for special meetings.

Selectman Goulart said the sooner the meetings take place the better and Selectman Menges added he hoped that they will come to an agreement.

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## **Announcements**

Selectman Goulart read the announcements and added that Food Bank would be October 24 this month in the lower level of town hall.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **Workman's Compensation Waiver**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was unanimously **VOTED** that a Workman's Compensation insurance waiver for Michael Rodrigues owner/operator for plow season 2015-2106, be approved.

Selectman Goulart asked if they have set the rates for plowing this year. It was confirmed by the administrative assistant that the board had set the rates and that one of them had changed.

### **Workman's Compensation Waiver**

It was motioned by Selectman Goulart, seconded by Selectman Menges and unanimously **VOTED** to approve a workman's compensation insurance waiver for Samuel Pine for snow plow season 2015/2016.

### **Registration for MMA Annual Meeting**

It was motioned by Selectman Menges, seconded by Chairman Cronin (who stepped down) and **VOTED** to approve the registration of Selectman Goulart to attend the upcoming MMA annual meeting to be held in Boston on January 22, 23, 2016, in the amount of \$230.00 or thereabout.

(For the record Selectman Goulart abstained from the voting).

### **Approval of an amended contract for Borges Brothers Trucking, Inc., dated July 1, 2015**

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to amend the original contract for recycling with Borges Brothers, Inc., to include disposal fees for single stream recyclables at \$40.00/ton.

## **Reports**

Selectman Menges said there is good news tonight. Chief Roderick, our emergency services management director, appeared before the certification committee responsible for approval of the disaster committee's application for full certification regarding our hazardous materials emergency response plan. The Disaster Committee has obtained full certification with grant eligibility for two years. We will be welcoming Doug Forbes- region two to Dighton in the near future to formally present the certification certificate. Selectman Menges added, the Disaster Committee is a large committee that involves many agencies in the town and in the county that are expected to respond in the event of an emergency. He thanked Fire Chief Roderick for having seen this through.

Selectman Menges also stated that the board has received confirmation from Ron O'Connor of his willingness and ability to participate in a committee to study the structure and functions of the Board of Health, not as a state official, but as a resident of the Town of Dighton. He will file a disclosure with the ethics commission, which was recommended by their attorney. The board has also received favorable news from Somerset/Swansea Health Director, Joe Carvalho, regarding possibly becoming a member or at least a consultant. He is in a unique position as he serves in two unique types of situations. He is

familiar with both a Board of Selectmen that is also Board of Health and with a Board of Selectmen that is separate from the Board of Health.  
Selectman Goulart said that is great news.

Selectman Goulart stated that she went to a MMA (Massachusetts Municipal Association) meeting today. Selectman Goulart went on to summarize some of the items that were presented and discussed such as, emergency management plan for climate change, getting stretch energy code approved for subdivisions, mandating utility companies to repair gas leaks, best practices related to solid waste management and expanding or eliminating the cap on solar power.

Selectman Goulart added that at last month's meeting they discussed a pitch to MMA for privacy with regard to stormwater management. The MMA has not taken a stand as of yet, and there will be more information to follow.

Selectman Menges commented on the "Stretch Energy Code" and the problem for communities in obtaining the "Green Community" status.

#### **Acknowledgements**

None

#### **Public Input**

Marjorie Kearny came forward to address that Board regarding a grant that has been received for child and family community enrichment. Ms. Kearny would like to open play groups to ready children for kindergarten. She stated that she is trying to find a host for the playgroups. Parents would come with their child, stay with the child. Lasts about six weeks. Ms. Kearny left her contact information and thanked the board.

#### **Selectman Menges would like to ask Mr. Olney to come up before we adjourn.**

Mr. Ed Olney came in and spoke about the Lions Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Mr. Olney stated that he is in his 51st year. He mentioned some of the many projects that the club has been involved in over the years, including the Eye Mobile, the Cow Chip, the Arts Festival, and many other projects, including the original "jaws of life" for the town. He thanked the residents of Dighton for their support over the years.

It was motioned to adjourn by Selectman Goulart, seconded by Selectman Menges and **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 9:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Karin L. Brady**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Board of Selectmen**

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Dean V. Cronin-Chairman

  
Patrick W. Menges-Clerk

  
Nancy J. Goulart-Member