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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, October 28, 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 Dean Cronin

Moment of Silence

Selectman Menges mentioned, Father Robert J. Araujo, Theresa Brodeur and Bill Giles, who have passed away and asked for a moment of silence in their memory.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of October 7, 2015

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen and Department Head's meeting of October 7, 2015.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #18A-16 in the amount of \$74,054.24, dated October 28, 2015, Warrant#18B-16 in the amount of \$18,926.56, dated October 28, 2015, and Warrant #18C-16 in the amount of \$124,353.79, dated October 28, 2015.

Correspondence

A letter from Dr. Azar, superintendent of schools, regarding appointments to Advisory Finance Committee was read by Chairman Cronin.

Selectman Menges said that Chairman Swartz would be willing to fill the vacancy if no one else on the finance committee wanted to. Mr. Swartz had also volunteered to fill in until Mrs. Goulart's successor is appointed. Selectman Menges stated that the Board of Selectmen would be ready to act on the appointment next week.

Announcements were read by Selectman Goulart and finished by Selectman Menges

Selectman Menges added to the announcements that the Dighton Arts Festival will be held on November 1 at Araujo Farms on Williams Street and is sponsored by the Lion's Club.

Old Business

Chairman Cronin updated the status of the proposal that was presented by Power Management and Ameresco, Inc. He stated that representatives will be present at next week's Board of Selectman's meeting to answer any questions. Anyone who wishes to attend may do so.

New Business

Organize and charge the Committee to Study Structure and Function of the Board of Health.

Chairman Cronin turned this over to Selectman Menges who thanked Selectman Goulart for the suggestion to organize this committee. Selectman Menges said it will be up to this board to advise us as to whether the board of Selectmen should continue to be the Board of Health, or if the two should be separated and also whether a director of public health is needed. Selectman Menges also stated that the study committee is without a chairman and a clerk. The floor was opened for nominations.

Joe Carvalho nominated Ron O'Connor as chairman, Ron O'Connor accepted the nomination, Delfin Diosomito seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to nominate Ron O'Connor as chairman.

Matt Tanis motioned to close nomination, Joe Carvalho seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to close the nomination.

Selectman Menges said there is one nominee, Ron O'Connor and he has accepted the nomination. All in favor say aye. (Unanimous vote).

Tom Pires motioned to appoint Matt Tanis as clerk, Matt Tanis accepted the nomination, Motion was seconded by Delfin Diosomito, and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Matt Tanis as clerk.

Motion to close nomination by Tom Pires, seconded by Delfin Diosomito and it was **VOTED** unanimously to close the nomination.

Selectman Menges said there is one nominee for clerk, Matt Tanis and he has accepted all in favor say aye. (Unanimous vote).

Selectman Menges stated for the record that both organizational votes were unanimous.

Charge for the Committee to Study Structure and Function of the Board of Health

Selectmen Menges read the charge for the Committee to Study the Structure and Function of the Board of Health, which was approved at the last selectmen's meeting. The committee will study:

1.
 - a. Whether the Board of Health should be separated from the Board of Selectmen, and if so, whether it should be elected or appointed.
 - b. The recruitment, duty assignment, oversight and support of health department personnel.
 - c. The role of director of Public Health, and if so, full or part time and local or shared with another town.
 - d. Associated matters.
2. Committee should report by December 30, 2015, to the Board of Selectmen and stand by thereafter for the annual town meeting in 2016, especially concerning the possible separation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health including the process.

Selectmen Menges also mentioned that the board is looking for a fifth member.

Selectman Menges said a word about the appointees and the experience that they bring to the committee. Selectman Menges then invited the board to go into selectmen's office and determine the schedule of meetings.

Mr. O'Connor commended the board of health for taking this action. He is looking forward to working with all of the members.

Appointment of Delfin Diosomito to the Development and Industrial Commission for an appointment ending June 30, 2016. Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously, that Delfin Diosomito be appointed to the Development and Industrial Commission.

Susanna Medeiros came forward to swear in Mr. Diosomito.

Reorganization of the Development and Industrial Commission.

Selectman Menges said the board declares that the Development and Industrial Commission is without a chair and a clerk. He mentioned that Vicki Piazza and Joseph Figuerido are present and asked them to come forward. It was also determined that Greg Olsen and Pamela Waller were not present.

(Administrative assistant leaves the room to call Greg Olsen and the board moved on to the next agenda item).

Broad Cove Nature Trail Eagle Scout Project

Selectman Menges gave a short synopsis of what has transpired at Broad Cove and with the landowner of the adjacent property, Mr. Mello. Selectman Menges stated that Eagle Scout, Nathaniel Vargas (present in the audience) needed a viable Eagle Scout project that could be completed by the end of August 2016. The intended project to construct a new nature trail could relieve the town of the ongoing problems with the current nature trail. Selectman Menges mentioned that Mr. Frenette of Conservation Commission and Mr. Rhines of the Park and Recreation Commission were present.

Selectman Menges said that they will have to check with the surveyor to see if there is access from the street and he added that Mr. Mello is willing to walk with us and talk to us about the problems that he has.

Mr. Frenette stated that any nature trail will have to stay away from the salt marsh.

Selectman Goulart asked if a boardwalk could be built over the salt marsh. Mr Frenette said yes and he would love to see that happen.

Mr. Rhines said we have had other Eagle Scout projects that have gone by the wayside due to lack of care and asked who would be responsible for maintenance.

Selectman Menges replied that if the highway department found that they could not, we would have to put money in the budget for that. Selectman Menges added that possibly a "Friends of the Nature Trail" organization could be formed.

Selectman Goulart asked if Nathaniel had an alternative project in case that one does not go through. She suggested that possibly there could be an opportunity for the expansion of a park that will be going in at the Berkley Dighton Bridge. This could be an alternative.

Selectman Menges said he would arrange a walk on the property for the upcoming weekend.

Chairman Cronin thanked everyone for their input.

Development and Industrial Commission

Joe Figuerido suggested that they talk among themselves to decide who they would like to appoint to the chairman and clerk positions.

Road opening Permit for 1889 Elm Street

Selectman Goulart said she was quite sure that this address had already been approved.

(Administrative assistant left meeting room to check).

Energy Aggregation Bid Opening Representative

Selectman Menges motioned and Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that Selectman Cronin be appointed as bid opening representative for the upcoming energy aggregation bids.

Weekend Animal Control Officer

Selectman Menges spoke about the weekend animal control officer position and read the job description and the duties that will be required for the position.

Road Opening Permit for 1889 Elm Street

It was determined that the current Road Opening Permit for 1889 Elm Street was for Columbia Gas to disconnect gas and the previous road opening that Selectman Goulart referred to was for the Water District. Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the Road Opening Permit for Columbia Gas at 1889 Elm Street.

(Development and Industrial Commission returned to the meeting room).

Mr. Figuerido stated that the commission would like to have all five members present and then decide what to do.

Selectman Goulart asked if they will be ready next week for the Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Figuerido replied that they would.

Chairman Cronin thanked the Development and Industrial Commission.

Dedication of Adjournment

Selectman Menges dedicated the adjournment to the three residents mentioned earlier.

First, Selectman Menges spoke about Father Robert Araujo, how his calling had come at a young age and his many achievements. Selectman Goulart added that there had been an article in the 300th Anniversary Book on page 71 that was prepared by Father Araujo, in which he had said the while traveling the world, he had always missed Dighton.

Selectman Menges then spoke about Mr. Brodeur and how much his family meant to him. He extended the condolences of the board to the Brodeur family.

And finally, Selectman Menges spoke of Mr. Giles and how he was a trustee of the Pilgrim Congregational Church. Selectman Menges showed a model of a hydroplane, spoke about hydroplanes, their history and how Mr. Giles had built over 200 race boats himself.

Chairman Cronin thanked his colleagues for the tributes tonight.

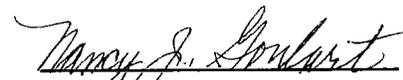
Selectman Goulart motioned to adjourn, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen


Dean V. Cronin-Chairman


Patrick W. Menges-Clerk


Nancy J. Goulart-Member