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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Chairman Cronin

Present were Chairman Cronin, Selectman Menges, Selectman Goulart and from Rehoboth Michael Costello, Jerry Schwall, Skip Vadnais and Administrative Assistant Karin Brady

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Quarterly Meeting with the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen

Selectman Costello began by mentioning the recent threat at the high school and how he felt that the schools should train together to be better prepared for events such as this.

Selectman Menges agreed and thought some joint training had been done, such as ALICE training.

Selectman Costello said that both departments should be cooperating on a full scale and that joint training should be done for an event of this nature. He added if this had been a more serious situation, there would have been others involved also.

Selectman Menges said that Dighton personnel have been trained in incident response situations and a chain of command had been established. Selectman Menges also said that the board had expressed to the police chief, the need to get the student(s) responsible for the action that took place.

Mr. Costello said the main reason that he brought this up was that when the students came off of the bus that morning they were not searched. That took him aback and he needed to vent.

Selectman Goulart asked if there is a protocol in place in the case of a police emergency. She asked what happens when we bring in the big guns and at what point the feds superseded local law enforcement.

Skip Vadnais said he liked the choice of the word "protocol." Generally speaking it is whoever is in charge in that community, but he didn't know what protocols were currently in place for that type of situation.

Selectman Goulart said part of the joint training is that the first responders know what the protocol is, especially in those instances where the state police or others are called in.

Selectman Costello added that responders need to know how many officers/agents will respond, what equipment is available, where the staging area is, etc.

Selectman Vadnais suggested that the boards speak with their individual chiefs, put them together and let the chiefs voice their concerns. Then the boards of selectmen should meet with them so that we will know the answers to all of these questions. We will let the chiefs know that we want them to come in and give a presentation in a joint executive session, so that if outside agencies are brought in, everyone will know the procedure. He added that there is a need to bring it beyond the police as well, so that fire and everyone will know what to do. Then once there is a plan in place we will bring in the schools.

Selectman Goulart agreed and said we will have them respond with a draft because it will probably need fine tuning. She added that the Aggie School should be included as well.

Selectman Vadnais said that the police, in his mind, have jurisdiction.

Selectman Menges said that Dighton's interagency drill took place in the fall before school opened. Our police and fire departments have a clear picture of what will happen, but we see now where the holes need to be plugged and we should involve all the representatives of agencies that may be involved. We need to have them respond ASAP as to how they will do it.

Selectman Costello said we should proceed with this right away before the next quarterly meeting. After some discussion, it was decided on Tuesday, December 15 for a special joint meeting with an Executive Session at the Rehoboth Senior Center at 7:00pm.

Selectman Menges said we will give the date to the chiefs and they can be ready for us.

Selectman Vadnais asked Chairman Cronin if he would like to break the ice on the regional thing they have been going to and Chairman Cronin said he would like to wait to see what direction that they will be going in first.

Selectman Vadnais said the study of the regionalization is the other side of the coin. He didn't think everyone understood the entire picture. Dighton has needs for expansion and Rehoboth may need to build a school. The only way to do that is through regionalization. That is why it is very important that we get this agreement right. The other thing that needs to be done is to study the costs of de-regionalizing. We need to look at both sides of the coin. He wanted to be sure that the people on that committee get that message. We have the Dennis-Yarmouth regional agreement to review. When we get to the decision, we need to have all the facts. Those decisions will be made at a town meeting. We can't remain oil and water. We need to shake it up. Selectman Vadnais added the committee spoke at great lengths last night about alternate assessments

Chairman Cronin said that Selectman Vadnais has hit the nail on the head. There are a couple of hang ups.

Selectman Menges asked if Rehoboth is involved in regionalization of the animal shelter.

Selectman Vadnais said that they are having their shelter evaluated by an inspector from Tufts. They will let Dighton know what comes out of that and he would be happy to share that information.

Selectman Goulart asked about the Board of Health structure, how many members and whether it is appointed. She also asked what the Rehoboth Board of Health actually does.

Selectman Costello answered there are five members and said Mr. Ashton is in charge and he has one clerk. Mr. Ashton does all of the inspections, and presents them at the meeting. He comes in early in the a.m. Then he will take off and do inspections, and if he has a perc test to witness, he will do that. Then he brings it all together and reports to the board.

Selectman Vadnais said they are lucky to have educated people. Rehoboth has very qualified individuals.

Selectman Menges said we have been exploring separation of the two boards and whether or not to have a board of health director. We don't have the expertise of one person who can do it all. That is the kind of efficiency that we are looking for.

Selectman Vadnais said that Rehoboth also has a stormwater officer. You are supposed to have one.

Selectman Goulart said at the State level everything is water, Waste, drinking, etc.

Chairman Cronin asked if the stormwater official is elected.

Mr. Costello said yes it is elected. Our other selectman Dave Perry ran for it and won. He is now our stormwater officer.

Selectman Vadnais said Dighton needs to appoint a member to the D-R Finance Advisory Committee.

Selectman Goulart said our finance committee is meeting tomorrow night and we will come up with a name to appoint to that committee.

Selectman Menges said "Go Falcons and Happy Thanksgiving."

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of:

- a. Special Meeting of September 29, 2015, update new selectman, special meeting portion.
- b. Minutes of Executive Session of September 29, 2015, update new selectmen, executive portion.
- c. Minutes of Executive Meeting of October 8, 2015, clerical union wage study.
- d. Minutes of Executive Session meeting of October 13, 2015, conclusion of clerical union wage study.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #19A-16, in the amount of \$85,058.69, dated November 4, 2015, and Warrant #19B-16, in the amount of \$211,116.36, dated November 4, 2015.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Xfinity was read by Dean Cronin with regard to increases in rates effective January 1, 2016.

Chairman Cronin read and explained the Community Aggregation Pamphlet that was just received for distribution to the public. He added that all customers serviced by National Grid will automatically be enrolled in the program and can opt out at any time. The bids will be opened on the 10th of November and at that time there will be more information. The pamphlets will be displayed and provided at

different locations around town. Chairman Cronin will attend the opening of the bids and as soon as the board knows the results, they will pass that information along to the public

Chairman Cronin read the correspondence from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District for an appointment to the DRRSC Advisory Finance Committee

Selectman Menges added that because we won't be meeting again until the 18th, it may be prudent for us to place the appointment on any other meeting agenda due to the fact that the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District is waiting on this.

Announcements

Announcements are read by Chairman Cronin, Selectman Menges and Selectman Goulart. Selectman Goulart also added that this Saturday the Library will be hosting an event on the Beatles and their affect on history.

Old Business

Appointment to the D-R advisory finance committee will be tabled because it was already addressed.

New Business

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve a road opening permit for Columbia Gas for a new gas service at 442 Center Street.

Resignation of Myrna Santos from the Van Gyzen Hall Study Committee was read by Chairman Cronin in its entirety.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down and it was **VOTED** to accept the resignation of Myrna D. Santos from the Van Gyzen Hall Study Committee.

Reports

Selectman Menges stated that Delfim Diosomito resigned as weekend animal control officer, and there is a possible candidate for the position who will be interviewed tomorrow afternoon. Selectman Menges went over her credentials. He added that he conducted an initial interview with her on behalf of the board, and that she was willing to accept the pay that was offered. He added that we are fortunate to have had someone apply so quickly. The weekends will be busy and it is important that we have someone in place quickly.

Acknowledgements

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge an anonymous donation to the council on aging in the amount of \$196.00.

Public Input.

Selectman Goulart commented on the number of people who attended the Arts Festival and how wonderful it was.

Selectman Goulart also stated that she and Selectman Menges walked the Broad Cove Nature Trail last Saturday with a few people, and after that she went to the library and spoke with Congressman Kennedy. She let Congressman Kennedy know that the board had just appointed members to the

Development and Industrial Commission. Selectman Goulart also told Congressman Kennedy that Dighton would like to get the deal that Worcester just got, with grant money that will enable them to employ 20,000 people in the data entry field.

Adjournment

Selectman Menges said that on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the central powers in Europe brought to a conclusion the First World War.

This board will not be meeting next Wednesday in observance of Veteran's Day.

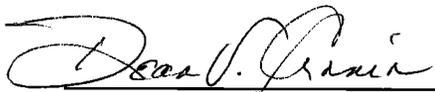
Selectman Menges asked Selectman Goulart to read the text of the poem "In Flanders Fields."

Selectman Goulart read the poem aloud.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen



Dean V. Cronin-Chairman



Patrick W. Menges-Clerk



Nancy J. Goulart-Member