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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, December 30, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Called to order at 8:04pm

A moment of silence was observed for Dighton resident Ruth Leonard

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of November 4, 2015.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #27A-16 in the amount of \$80,438.05 dated 12/29/15.

Warrant #27B-16 in the amount of \$22,381.82 dated 12/29/15.

Warrant #27C-16 in the amount of \$62,176.51 dated 12/29/15.

Warrant #27D-16 in the amount of \$1,024.36 dated 12/29/15.

Correspondence

Was read by Chairman Cronin from Governor Baker's office congratulating the town on the recent opening of the Berkley Dighton Bridge with congratulations to Nancy Goulart.

Announcements were read by Chairman Cronin

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Approval of Class II and III licenses for Bristol County Auto

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve a Class II and Class III Dealers license for Bristol County Auto.

Approval of a Liquor License for Almeida's Country Store

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve a liquor license for Almeida's Country Store.

Selectman Goulart asked about violations and/or suspensions and what would happen.

Chairman Cronin said if there is a violation the board will publicize a hearing and make a decision as to what will happen. If it is serious the State will step in.

Reports

Selectman Menges said he would like to say that 2015 has been a historic year and he went to mention some of the milestones that occurred in town, including the appointment of a town administrator study committee which ultimately chose one candidate out of 22 candidates, and he added that the economic outlook is much brighter than it was at the beginning of the year.

Selectman Goulart mentioned the Cow Chip Festival, the operation of the food bank every month and the Dighton Arts Festival that took place in the fall, the Lights On Festival and how all of these events were sponsored by the Dighton Lions club.

Selectman Goulart also mentioned that The Taste of Dighton event sponsored by the friends of the Dighton Public Library, the 48 Star Flag dedication ceremony and the Memorial Day parade.

Selectman Menges said Eagle Scouts are another group of individuals that have contributed a great deal to the town. He added there have been appointments to boards and commissions such as the Development and Industrial Commission, who look to bring businesses to town.

Selectman Menges mentioned that the town still has Veteran's from WWII and extended gratitude to all of them.

Selectman Menges also mentioned that we now have a provision for recall elections. It will have an unforeseen impact on our town government. Strides had been made concerning some initiatives that have taken a long time such as the police station. Within the last month we have had some forward movement.

Selectman Menges stated that the acquisition of the land adjacent to the elementary school was completed and that the new agreement concerning regionalization of the schools had been hammered out, is near completion and will probably be heard in 2016.

Finally, Selectman Menges said that the town had signed an agreement with the Division of Fisheries and Boating, to improve access to the waterfront and create walking access in the marsh grass and to all the people who have supported positive change and forward movement, all of the citizens owe them a debt of thanks.

Chairman Cronin thanked his colleagues sincerely for the last few minutes of very important achievements.

Selectman Menges thanked Chairman Cronin for his efforts with the new security system and telephone system.

Acknowledgements.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve an anonymous donation in the amount of \$68.00 to the Council on Aging.

Public Input

None.

Chairman Cronin thanked his two colleagues for their continued support. This board has been working very diligently.

Chairman Cronin said there are a lot of happy people based on what has transpired in 2015 and he wished every resident a happy prosperous and safe 2016

Chairman Cronin thanked cable for their hard work throughout the year.

Selectman Goulart announced that town hall will be closed tomorrow and will reopen on January 4, 2016.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen



Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman



Patrick W. Menges-Clerk



Nancy J. Goulart-Member