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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, December 23, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited

Selectman Menges told the story of "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" and introduced Santa Claus who entered the meeting room and spoke to the audience members.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned and Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of Thursday, November 5, 2015, Board of Selectmen's regular meeting and the minutes of the Department Heads meeting of Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve warrants #26A-16 in the amount of \$75,525.10 dated 12/22/16 and warrant #26B-16 in the amount of \$281,877.33 dated 12/22/16.

Correspondence

Correspondence was read by Dean Cronin

Selectmen Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve a request from Chris Moulding for the "Dighton Run for Heroes" road race to be held on September 10, 2016. A copy of the request and approval will be sent to police and fire departments.

Announcements were read by Dean Cronin

Selectman Menges added that concerning the Special Town Meeting of Wednesday December 30, he would like it put in the record that the warrant has been removed from the Dighton Post Office and the Town Clerk will need to be notified of this.

New Business:

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the highway department superintendent's request to overspend the snow and ice account.

Transfer of Liquor License from Almeida's Country Store to Dennis and Theresa Collard

Attorney Pater Saulino came forward to speak in favor of the transfer and introduced Dennis and Theresa Collard.

Mr. Collard stated that he manages two other package stores in other towns as well.

There was general discussion about any structural changes being made and the effective date of the transfer.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the transfer of the liquor license from Almeida's Country Store to Dennis and Theresa Collard.

Approval of liquor licenses.

Common Victualler Licenses

Chairman Cronin stated that the Common Victualler licenses will be effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016 and the following have had their inspections completed and all of their paperwork was in order. Chairman Cronin read the common victualler renewals.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** to approve the common victualler licenses for Alice's Last Stop, Taunton Yacht Club and Georgio's Steak House. Motion carried. Selectman Menges abstained from voting and he asked that the record reflect that.

Vote:

**In favor (2) Chairman Cronin, Selectman Goulart
Abstained (1) Selectman Menges**

Approval of Retail Package Store Liquor Licenses

Chairman Cronin said all are one year renewals, expiring on December 31, 2016. All paperwork has been completed and requirements have been met.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the following licenses for retail packages stores:

Avichaldas Corporation (Mendoza's Liquors), Medway Enterprises, Inc., (Route 44 Liquors), Mount Hope Village Liquors, Inc. and Gatarani, Inc. (New Fast Mart).

Class I, Class II and Class III Auto License renewals.

Class I-Sales

Lin's Propane

Class II- Used car dealers

Chairman Cronin said Class II Dealers have certain conditions such as a limit to the number of cars that they may have and hours of operation. They must have an office and a repair shop or a shop to take cars for repair, signage and no wrecked cars visible to the public.

Chairman Cronin said the following Class II dealers have met the above criteria, fulfilled their insurance bonding obligations and have been subjected to an annual inspection, which they have passed:

North Dighton Garage

Manhiem New England

Kimbill Enterprises

Costa's Truck and Auto Sales

Advanced Automotive Repairs

Medway Motor Sales

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Class III- Junk Yard/Parts Dealers

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Chairman Cronin explained that Class III Dealers are on the decline and were once considered junk yards and when these licenses are surrendered, they cannot be renewed. They are as follows:

Borges Foreign Auto Parts
L&L Used Car Parts

Chairman Cronin asked to approve all the vehicle license renewals. He stated that if a name was not read tonight, it is because they have not yet turned in the renewal. However, they have until December 30 to do so.

Selectman Menges asked about 1940 County Street and if it was pending or a renewal

Chairman Cronin said that is a renewal.

Selectman Menges specifically asked that 1940 County Street be excluded from the motion.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to renew the Class I License for Lin's Propane.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the renewal of the following Class II Licenses:

North Dighton Garage
Manheim New England
Kimbill Enterprises
Costa's Truck and Auto Sales
Advanced Automotive
Medway Motor Sales
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Selectman Menges asked that it be put on the record that Hollingsworth (1940 County Street) be excluded from the vote, because there is no way that the business is his principal source of income and the board has every right not to renew.

Administrative Assistant, Karin Brady said that Reese's Auto Sales should have been included because they had submitted the required paperwork and fee. That was an oversight.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to include Reese's to the aforementioned Class II licenses.

Class III

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to renew L&L Auto Parts and Borges Foreign Auto Class III licenses.

Conservation Commission request for Town Meeting Transfer from Special Fund

Selectman Menges said that the Conservation Commission met last night and the board was informed that the commission felt that it had no choice but to request a transfer from a special fund for conservation land acquisition to the town counsel account.

Selectman Menges said this is a prerequisite to town meeting action. If the board votes on this tonight, we will still need a copy of the Conservation Commission's minutes from last night.

Selectman Menges moved that the board concur with the action of the Conservation Commission for town meeting transfer of money from the conservation land acquisition account to the town counsel account.

Selectman Goulart said she was at the Conservation Commission meeting. Both Mr. Swartz and Selectman Goulart told them that the town accountant was looking into a way to set this up. They are not all legal fees and Jen is concerned that she may not be able to pay the engineering fees if they are put into the legal fees account.

There was discussion about how to address this and the town meeting warrant.

Selectman Goulart seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Selectman Goulart said the Conservation Commission was very hesitant about making a vote. Selectman Goulart told the Conservation Commission members that they had to do something because there is a town meeting coming up and there are bills that have to be paid. Jen will not actually move that money until the Department of Revenue tells her to do it. If the Department of Revenue says no, then Conservation will have to vote to rescind their original vote. The Conservation Commission did vote to approve the use of \$25,000.00.

Selectman Menges said whether or not the \$25,000.00 is transferred out of the Conservation Land Acquisition fund, we will get \$100,000.00 out of free cash.

Selectman Menges said that as far as special account, special articles remain on the books year after year and it takes town meeting action to finally close it, whereas the town counsel account, anything that we haven't spent reverts to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, and that is closed. He thought that because this is a short term solution to present bills, the special account should absolutely expire on June 30.

Selectman Goulart agreed.

Selectman Goulart said what is so difficult, even if we vote it tonight, Jen will have to check with Department of Revenue.

Selectman Cronin said motion was made to concur and seconded.
All in favor, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Eagle Scout project request by Nathaniel Vargas for a project at the Berkley Dighton Bridge.

Chairman Cronin invited Nathaniel Vargas to the front of the room.

Selectman Menges read Nathaniel's proposal aloud.

Selectman Menges mentioned to Nathaniel that he will have to do a plan and a budget and get contractors lined up, then run that by Mr. Motitoza and Ms. Cadima and then the council will issue a book which the Board of Selectmen will sign upon approval by the Anawan Council.

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Chairman Cronin said this vote will give us standby authority to sign the book once it is approved by the council and also give Nathaniel the authority to begin the work.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the proposed Eagle Scout Project.

Selectman Menges said we will send something in writing that we approved the project by a vote tonight.

Request from the Industrial and Development Commission to Approach Large Drug Store Chains to come into town.

Vicki Piazza was present to request that a letter be submitted to the appropriate drug stores.

Chairman Cronin asked Vicki if she had a location in mind. She answered Rte. 138.

Selectman Goulart said they had previously approached CVS and they were interested but in the end CVS said there were not enough people in town.

Vicki mentioned the increase in housing going on now.
Selectman Goulart suggested that Vicki should talk to the planning board.

Vicki said she would like a letter from the board of selectmen.

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the Board of Selectmen provide the Development and Industrial Commission with a letter suitable to be sent to a large drug store chain inviting them to come and investigate Dighton.

Selectman Menges said a word about Vicki's qualifications and Vicki thanked Cathal O'Brien for giving her a tour of the town.

Accept the new mileage rate set by the IRS

Chairman Cronin read the letter stating that effective January 1, 2016, the new standard mileage rate established by the IRS would be \$.54/mile for business miles.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to accept the new mileage rate set by the IRS for fiscal year 2016.

Accept resignation of Michael MacDonald and Michelle Bishop.

Selectman Menges stated that he wished to take no action on this.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** to accept the resignations of Michael MacDonald and Michelle Bishop.

Vote:

In favor (2) – Chairman Cronin, Selectman Goulart
Abstained (1) – Selectman Menges

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Reports

Selectman Goulart gave a report on the Berkley Dighton Bridge ceremony.

Selectman Goulart listed the speakers and mentioned that she also spoke at the ceremony. In her speech she thanked all of the people that she had worked with on the project. She also mentioned the easements that were donated and the money that it saved the town.

She read an email from Mayor Dumas of the City of Attleboro congratulating the town.

Selectman Goulart offered a piece of the ribbon from the ribbon cutting ceremony to anyone who would like one.

Selectman Menges thanked Selectman Goulart for all her work on that project.

Selectman Goulart also mentioned Tom Ferry and his willingness to help anytime she needed it and Chief MacDonald and Chief Roderick for their help in meeting mutual aid commitments.

Chairman Cronin thanked Nancy and expressed his appreciation for all of her hard work.

Selectman Goulart said it was a good experience and thanked the board for appointing her.

Acknowledgements

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge an anonymous donation to Prime Time for \$290.00

Public Input

Jack Taylor asked if there would be an acceptance of the Van Gyzen Hall Study Committee's Report.

Selectman Menges said when the articles are submitted for the town meeting there will be further discussion.

Selectman Menges mentioned the Haskins flag that is hanging on the wall in the Selectmen's meeting room and read the plaque that hangs with it. He thanked the Building Commissioner and the Veteran's Agent for installing it.

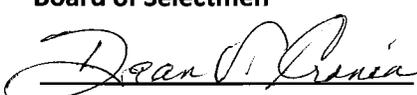
Chairman Cronin wished everyone a happy holiday.

Selectman Menges wished to dedicate the adjournment to the memory of Chief Provencher of the New Bedford Police Department who passed away last week.

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Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded, and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen


Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman


Patrick W. Menges-Clerk


Nancy J. Goulart-Member

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