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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

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Meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Chairman Cronin

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

- a. Minutes of Tax Classification Hearing of November 18, 2015.
- b. Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 23, 2015
- c. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting of December 2, 2015
- d. Minutes of the Executive Session of December 17, 2015.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve warrant #29A-16 in the amount of \$75,919.84 dated January 13, 2016, warrant #29B-16 in the amount of \$83,217.85 dated January 13, 2016 and warrant #29C-16 in the amount of \$1963.68.

Correspondence

A letter from Building Commissioner to Zachary Alexander regarding his recently completed Eagle Scout Project was read by the Building Commissioner, Jim Aguiar. The letter stated that Zachary should be proud of his work. Mr. Aguiar said that he had no idea how involved the Eagle Scouts were in the community. He added that he thought the project was really good and completed up to the standards and codes of Dighton. Mr. Aguiar stated that he was looking forward to working with the Eagle Scouts in the future.

Announcements were read by Chairman Cronin

Selectman Menges added that residents may now obtain snow storm information on the website.

Selectman Goulart added that it is time to get your new transfer station permits. The permits are \$10.00 (check only). They can be obtained at the selectmen's office or at the transfer station. She added please bring your registration with you to purchase.

The list of offices with terms expiring in April was read by Chairman Cronin.

Set a deadline to submit articles for the Annual Town Meeting

Selectman Menges said the deadline for articles for the annual town meeting is set by a consensus of the Board of Selectmen and is based on the amount of time it will take to look the articles over. The

Board also communicates them to town counsel for review and if any changes are needed they must be returned to the proponents.

Selectman Menges proposed that February 15th be set as the deadline to submit articles. Selectman Goulart suggested the 17th of February because the 15th is a holiday and she seconded the motion for February 17th.

There was general discussion about setting the date for the town meeting.

Selectman Goulart said the motion and the second was made for Wednesday, February 17th to close warrant for Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Reconsideration of bid for Magnesium chloride with additional fees for freight.

Chairman Cronin read the original bid that was awarded on December 1, 2015.

Chairman Cronin said the bid that was awarded to Chemical Solutions in December was at \$10.50/bag. The original supply location has since sold out. The additional freight to bring the product from New Jersey is \$1.13/bag.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the additional freight charge of \$1.13/bag so the new quote will be \$11.38/bag (the cost of the price per bag was lowered to \$10.25/bag).

New Business

Resignation of Sean Peterson as a Reserve Police Officer from the Dighton Police Station.

The resignation letter was read by Chairman Cronin.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to accept the resignation of Sean Peterson.

Selectman Menges asked the board to compose a letter to Officer Peterson thanking him for his service.

Reports

Selectman Menges said the budget meetings that the Board of Selectmen have been holding have brought to light many suggestions for saving energy within town-government. Selectman Menges also mentioned that elderly property owners over age 70 are not subject to the Community Preservation surcharge on their real estate taxes and they should contact the Board of Assessors office for the proper adjustment.

Selectman Menges added that The Regional School District has approached the Board of Selectmen for a time when they can present the new regional agreement. The School District would first like to present to the individual boards so the boards may give feedback, and then they will present to the public.

Finally, Selectman Menges said that the Board of Selectmen was encouraged to learn of the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District's improvements to the high school and the board made it known that it would like to see a new roof on the high school.

Selectman Goulart asked if during budget meetings, was it still the goal for the school department to come in with a 2% increase. Selectman Menges answered yes.

Selectman Goulart said to those of you that attended the town meeting where we voted to purchase the land adjacent to the elementary school, it happened this past Monday. The Town now officially owns that land. It has been cleared and the house has been taken down. Selectman Menges mentioned Mr. Glen Jefferson who was instrumental in the endeavor.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that Mr. Maguy, Chairman of the Police Station Building Committee, stopped by the Selectmen's office to say that he expects the contract to be going out, and hopefully to begin construction in April.

Acknowledgments.

Two anonymous donations for the Council on Aging were received. One donation was in the amount of \$25.00 and one was in the amount of \$88.00. Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge the anonymous donations to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$25.00 and \$88.00

Selectman Menges extended the condolences of the board of Selectmen on the recent passing of Francis Slusarz. He added that Mr Slusarz's sister was on the planning committee for the Tri-centennial and Francis' nephew was the former superintendent of the Dighton Water District.

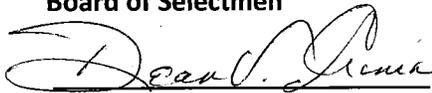
Public Input

None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen



Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman



Patrick W. Menges-Clerk



Nancy J. Goulart-Member