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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Cronin.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Presentation of Momentos from the Berkley Dighton Bridge Project**

A letter from the Board of Selectmen was read and items from the Dighton Berkley Bridge, including a piece of the ribbon from the ribbon cutting ceremony, were presented to Myrna Santos, Town Historian and the Historical Commission by Selectman Goulart.

Mrs. Santos thanked the board.

**Presentation of the RAAC committee**

Chris Andrade went through a power point presentation by the committee.

Mr. David Katseff mentioned they would also be doing a presentation for Rehoboth on February 16, at which the public could ask questions or give feedback. He stated that the committee was still in fact finding mode and all of the information presented tonight could be viewed at [www.drregional.org](http://www.drregional.org) where all members were listed and could be contacted via the website.

Mr. David Katseff then explained the proposed changes and there was a question and answer period.

Mr. Katseff said the next couple of months will be very important in getting this through both towns.

Mr. Andrade said if the board would like the committee to come back and answer any questions, they would be happy to do that.

Mr. Katseff pointed out that there is a good handout that has been prepared regarding the changes and it is on the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School website.

Mr. Andrade asked Selectman Menges asked what the target date was to get the article on a warrant.

Selectman Menges said the date was the 17th of February, but if we knew the article was coming, the clerk would put a place holder on the warrant.

Mr. Swartz said if we do not get the article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, it would not take effect until July of 2018.

Chairman Cronin thanked the committee for their presentation.

### **Minutes**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2015.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #30A-16 in the amount of \$75,226.78 and Warrant #30B-16 in the amount of \$159,813.76 both dated January 20, 2016.

**Announcements** were read by Chairman Cronin

Also read by Chairman Cronin was the list of elected officials with terms expiring this year.

Selectman Menges announced the requirements for the exemption from the Community Preservation Surcharge. The taxpayer must file a form with the assessors and be approved for an abatement on or before March 31, 2016. There is a single owner income limit of \$21,033.00 based on calendar year 2014 and assets of no more than \$28,000.00 not including the house. The married income limit is \$29,285.00 With assets of not more than \$30,000.00 other than the house.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** to accept the resignation of Bryan Chaves as a reserve police officer.

**The warrant for the Presidential Primary, to be held on March 1, 2016, 7:00 am - 8:00 pm** at the Dighton Elementary school was read by Selectman Menges and signed by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the warrant be adopted.

### **Request for waiver of Workman's Compensation for Michael MacDonald for snowplow season 2015-2106.**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the waiver of Workman's Compensation insurance for Michael MacDonald.

### **Reports.**

Selectman Goulart said that last night the Dighton and Rehoboth Board of Selectmen met at the Rehoboth senior center. It was an executive session so there were not a lot of details. She stated that the boards would issue a joint statement that would be read at both of the Selectmen's meetings.

Selectman Menges said they went into some detail at the Board of Health meeting that night concerning a possible storm on Saturday with a snowfall of at least 6 inches and a possibility of high winds. He asked residents to look out for neighbors and said that the website would also have bulletins.

**Acknowledgements.**

None.

**Public Input.**

None.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Chairman Cronin thanked the RAAC for their presentation tonight and invited feedback from the public.

Respectfully submitted

**Karin L. Brady**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Board of Selectmen**



**Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman**



**Patrick W. Menges-Clerk**



**Nancy J. Goulart-Member**