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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:37pm by acting Chairman Patrick Menges.  
(Selectman Cronin was not present).

Recess was declared by Selectmen Menges until there was a quorum.  
Selectman Goulart entered the meeting room.

Meeting called to order again at 7:39pm

**Laura Washington, representing Stanley Street Treatment and Resource**

Selectman Menges introduced Laura Washington and Nick Charest of Stanley Street Treatment and Resource, who were present to discuss grant funds that have become available for opioid abuse prevention.

Laura stated that the pair had been working closely with the Police Department and had secured a prescription drop box which has been located at the police station. Laura went on to say that the state is also offering funds for free training to physicians in safe prescribing of medications.

Ms. Washington stated there is a growing epidemic of prescription drug use among young student athletes.

Stanley Street Treatment was currently working on a 4-6 minute video for parents showing the dangers of these drugs and a curriculum for parents so they will know what questions to ask when their child is injured.

Laura said they would like to establish a coalition to meet on a bi-monthly basis that would discuss how to use the extra money that will be coming from the state.

Nick Charest said that there has also been grant money to deal with underage alcohol, marijuana and tobacco use for education in schools at a younger level with the possibly of offering a drug curriculum in the future.

Laura stated to get a good coalition they would need volunteers of all kinds, a standing meeting time and a place in town to meet.

The third Thursday of the month every other month beginning next month was discussed as a possible meeting time for the coalition.

### **Joint Statement by the Boards of Selectmen**

Joint statement by the Boards of Selectmen was inadvertently skipped over.

### **Minutes**

Selectmen Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of December 2, 2015 regarding a personnel matter and the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of December 16, 2015.

### **Warrants**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #32A-16 in the amount of \$74,129.44 and Warrant #32B-16 in the amount of \$288,923.42, both dated February 3, 2016.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence from Myrna Santos, Town Historian, regarding National Freedom Day was read by Selectman Menges. He gave some background on the observance and said the first one was observed on February 1, 1942.

Correspondence from Donald Hirschy regarding the grave marker for Vincent Furtado, which will soon be delivered to the Dighton Police Department. Selectmen Menges commended Mr. Hirschy for his persistence and patience to obtain the marker.

### **Announcements**

Announcements were begun by Selectmen Menges and finished by Selectmen Goulart.

Added to the announcements was a memorial service for Annette Tweedy to be held the following Saturday and an announcement of the Board of Selectmen's request for suggestions to name a park that will be erected on a section of land adjacent to the Dighton Berkley Bridge (on the Dighton side). Suggestions due on or before February 24, 2016.

Also added to the announcements was the list of offices with vacancies for the town election on April 9, 2016.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Summary Letter and Contractor Recommendation from Power Management Co., LLC.**

Selectman Menges said that as of today, the state incentives for solar projects ended. He added, as a result of this, the payments to the town referenced in the letter would change. Selectman Menges stated that the presentation that was to be given tonight by Sabin Rossi would be put off until Power Management has new figures.

**Contacting the county to discuss obtaining land on Center Street giving the town access to the pier for completion of an Eagle Scout project.**

Selectman Goulart stated that she and Tom Ferry had met with Stephen Dempsey, Superintendent of the Bristol County Agricultural School today. Selectman Goulart and Mr. Ferry presented Mr. Dempsey with a rough drawing of the plan showing the boundaries. Mr. Dempsey had asked some questions, gone down looked at the site and said he would contact the county Board of Trustees to advise them of the Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Dempsey stated he would hopefully contact the board next week. Selectman Goulart also said that Tom Ferry would contact Scout Vargas and let him know about the meeting with Mr. Dempsey. She added that Mr. Dempsey is aware that this project must be completed by August, 2016, prior to Scout Vargas' 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that this is the park that the board was looking to name. Robert Woods suggested Frank Costa as the namesake of the park to be constructed. Mr. Woods stated that Frank Costa was a personal friend of his, a colleague and a great man. Selectman Goulart said that Frank was on the board that appointed her as the liaison for the bridge project.

**Request to Hold a Road Race on October 2, 2016 in memory of Kameron Montanino by South Shore Race Management.**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously to grant permission to South Shore Race Management to conduct their memorial road race on October 2, 2016, as outlined in the presentation.

Mr. Woods said that Kameron Montanino was a nice young man who was killed in a car accident on County Street in Taunton.

**Request from William Mendoza to make a change to Vacation and Personal time for FY15.**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously to defer action on Mr. Mendoza's request until the board can check with the town accountant on this to see if changes could be made to FY15. Selectman Menges stated it would be addressed on a future agenda.

**Police Department Hiring Policy**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the Police Department Hiring Policy be accepted for the Town of Dighton Policy Handbook as Section 302. Selectman Goulart mentioned that it was two sergeants, a patrolman and the chief that put this together and that she had made minor changes to it.

**Request from Andrew Cardin of the Dighton Leo's Club to the Board of Selectmen to tour the Van Gyzen Hall to assess its condition.**

Selectman Menges said he would defer to the Building Commissioner for guidance on this.

Jim Aguiar said he would have to deny the request until he found out exactly what they wanted to see because of the damage that the building had sustained. Mr. Aguiar said currently there was no heat or running water.

Selectman Goulart said the board would ask Mr. Cardin to come to a meeting and expand on his plans.

Selectman Menges said if the utilities had been shut off the board would need to inquire about the insurance possibly being cancelled.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges stepped down to second the motion and it was **VOTED** unanimously to deny the request of Mr. Cardin to tour Van Gyzen Hall and invite him in to a future meeting.

### **Reports**

Selectman Menges mentioned that the Dighton Police Department Hiring Policy will be inserted into the Policy Manual and that once that has been completed the board should be able to adopt the policy book and put it into effect.

Selectman Menges said the Police Station Building Committee met yesterday and had submitted a letter to the sewer department asking for a waiver of the sewer connection fee.

Jim Aguiar said that the designers were having some difficulties with some local regulations that were in place, but they had made tremendous progress in the past couple of weeks. Jim went on to say that they would have to wait for approved site plans before going out to bid.

Selectman Goulart asked Jim if he anticipated a lot of bidders. Jim said yes, and the more the better.

### **Acknowledgements**

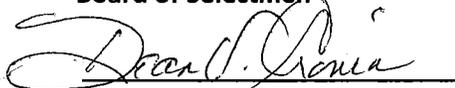
Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** to accept two anonymous donations, one in the amount of \$188.00 and one in the amount of \$60.00 to the Council on Aging

Selectman Menges dedicated the adjournment to Mr. Robert Chadwick of Forest Street.

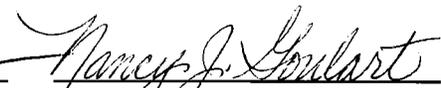
Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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

  
Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman

  
Patrick W. Menges-Clerk

  
Nancy J. Goulart-Member