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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Wednesday, February 3, 2016  
**Department Heads Meeting**  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, 979 Somerset Ave, Dighton, MA

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Meeting was called to order 10:02 am by Selectmen Menges.

**Present:** Selectman Menges, Selectman Goulart, Chief Roderick, Chief MacDonald, Tom Ferry, Stacy Ferry, Jim Aguiar, Jocelyn Tavares, Alice Souza, Jen Luiz, Sue Medeiros, Cathal O'Brien and Administrative Assistant, Karin Brady.

**Not Present:** Selectman Cronin

**Chief Roderick**

Chief Roderick stated that he went to Manheim Auto Auction to do in house training for safety and procedures in case of an emergency.

Chief Roderick also said he had two new recruits graduating on Friday and another going in at the end of March and finally stated that both Engines have had their pumps rebuilt and are back in service.

**Chief MacDonald**

Chief MacDonald stated that he was concerned about Brook Street and the fact that kids can drive a car into the pits from a location near the entrance to the water station. Chief said something needed to be done to take care of this, possibly putting a gate there or something before the good weather comes.

Chief MacDonald said if there were signs out there we could do something about it if we caught them.

Selectman Goulart recommended getting in touch with Bob Lima of the Somerset Water Department. A gate may be worth considering.

Selectman Menges said the only deterrent is prosecution, they will take the signs down if you put them up.

Selectman Goulart said she would contact Bob Lima from the Somerset Water Department, tell him what we discussed and see if he was willing to help.

**Tom Ferry**

Tom said that the town had recently acquired some surplus vehicles and he would like to get them registered. Selectman Menges and Selectman Goulart stated that neither had a problem and that Jen Luiz was in possession of the certificates.

Tom also mentioned that he had an issue with trash bag deliveries for the Board of Health. The deliveries were a nuisance and if the board didn't have a problem with it, he would have Rosalyn create a letter which stated that bags would only be delivered on Thursdays. Selectman Menges had no problem with that and said it would be placed on the Board of Health agenda for discussion

Mr. Ferry also stated that Zeneca's property remained a hazardous waste site. He said that there are three drainage pipes that go through the property and the condition of the pipes needed to be addressed. Mr. Ferry said he met with GZA that morning and he was on their schedule for next week. Mr. Ferry further stated that Zeneca was willing to help out with the cost and the town could help with excavation depending on where the digging would take place. Tom told the Board of Selectmen that the town needed to act because if Zeneca is willing to help the town, we don't want to wait.

Selectman Goulart asked if the Zeneca property was mapped to show the really hazardous places and also if the highway department will be working in those areas.

Tom stated that it was his intention was to go around the hot spot.

Tom further stated that a permit would be needed from Mass DOT in the amount of \$500.00.

Selectman Goulart asked Tom if he would get the estimate for engineering and Tom mentioned that this may have to be a special article.

Tom also mentioned that Zeneca and Mass DOT want to inspect the culvert on Main Street, so today the highway department would be opening the valve and lowering the water level to allow that.

Tom said that on February 16 Mass DOT will start tree trimming on Route 138 between the Somerset line and Main Street and may need assistance from the Police Department.

Tom finally mentioned Complete Streets funding was available for bike paths. Tom said if the town had the complete Streets Policy in effect, the town could apply for up to \$400,000.00 in funds. Selectman Goulart asked if the town could use those funds to extend the sidewalk at Bristol Aggie School. Tom said that was quite possible but the Complete Streets Policy would need to be in place.

### **Stacy Ferry**

Stacey said that on Saturday she met with a girl from the middle school who wanted to do some sort of drive for the animal shelter. The girl was currently looking into shelters for the feral cat population.

Stacey also mentioned she had investigated a complaint of pigs on Williams Street. Stacy said that this person had no idea that we had a pig bylaw and he said he will get rid of the pigs. Stacy gave him three months to do so.

Selectman Goulart asked if it was a farm. Stacy said yes and all the animals were healthy and were being fed properly. Stacy added that he has about 40 chickens so she informed him of bird flu.

Selectman Menges asked about the Animal Control Officer's Annual Report and Stacy said she would do it that night.

**Jim Aguiar**

Jim said he recently went to the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Conference and attended an Economic Development Session geared toward towns with small populations which he enjoyed.

As far as building goes, new construction will be at about another 60 homes this year. Another big year for impact on town services.

Jim stated that he will have something in writing regarding the software initiative so that the board can see it. Jim said his office would hopefully be the first onboard and that there were a number of modules that would be able to piggyback on the main module.

Selectman Goulart told Jim that she spoke with Manny Aguiar at the textile mill and suggested that he contact Jim and explain what he wants to do over there.

Selectman Menges introduced Andrew Howland and Kyle Laberge and thanked them for all of their hard work for the town.

Selectman Menges advised Jim Aguiar that the Board of Selectmen had a request from Andrew Cardin of the Leo's club to view the condition of Van Gyzen Hall. Selectman Menges added that he would place the request on the Board of Selectmen's agenda for that night to discuss.

**Alice Souza**

Alice stated that she had sent out some requests for proposals to five vendors for new furnaces and had gotten two responses so far.

**Jocelyn Tavares**

Jocelyn mentioned that the library has tax forms and will print specific ones for patrons.

The Trustees have posted notices for interviews for shortlist candidates for the Owner's Project Manage Services Contract with the Dighton Public Library.

She has someone coming in to train the library staff on Ebooks today.

Selectman Goulart asked about any upcoming scheduled speakers and Jocelyn said she would like to have Ted Reinstein back in the spring for his new book.

**Tim Rhines**

Tim spoke on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee.

Mr. Rhines stated that they were in the process of putting together articles with regard to deed restriction for the annual town meeting. The Community Preservation Committee would be meeting tomorrow night hopefully to approve them

Tim also mentioned that the Committee was currently working with Historical Commission on the preservation of the Winslow Davis House on Center Street and that they would be in touch with the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Goulart asked about a level of maintenance in conjunction with the deed restriction. Mr. Rhines said the committee was researching that right now.

Selectman Goulart asked about modernizing the apartment and if that would maintain the historical value of the house.

Jim Aguiar said that they could fluff what is there or if a complete renovation was done, there would be issues with stairs and other things that would affect the historical value.

Mr. Rhines said they wanted to do window replacements, a new boiler system and a Mitsubishi cooling system. He asked Jim if it would need to be handicapped accessible.

Jim Aguiar answered if it remained just a historical building for viewing, he didn't think it would require handicap accessibility.

Mr. Rhines said it would be up to the town residents as to whether they want to see this building preserved.

Selectman Goulart asked at what point the septic would have to be updated. Jim Aguiar said right away. The septic had completely collapsed

Selectman Menges thanked Mr. Rhines for all of the research that he and his committee had done.

Tim Rhines said that the Community Preservation Committee was meeting the next night and would love to have one of the selectmen attend.

Selectman Goulart asked if this is their only project and Tim answered yes but then added that Lincoln Village had asked for funding to fix the parking lot.

### **Jen Luiz**

Jen mentioned that she had filled out the application to be a member of the Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium, which would allow the town to purchase office supplies at lower prices and she was waiting on an answer from them.

Jen had also applied to join COMMBUYS, the Massachusetts State Purchasing website and would begin training next week. Jen said she would send more information when available.

Selectman Goulart said the MHEC will save money and time.

Selectman Goulart also asked about WIFI in this building and suggested that someone ask Comcast to donate the service.

Selectman Goulart also asked about storm water permits and who administered the fees for permitting.

Selectman Goulart said if no one is collecting fees, then thousands of dollars may have been lost in fees for permitting. She said the board would need to look into this. Selectman Goulart said there should be original regulations on file. She added that the meat of the storm water bylaw is in the regulations because we can amend regulations without a town meeting.

There was discussion by Selectman Goulart and Selectman Menges about creating consolidated regulations for the Board of Health and the possibility of an intern to do that.

### **Sue Medeiros**

Sue said that last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary would be wed February 10, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm and absentee ballots were available right here at town hall.

Sue also mentioned that early voting would begin two weeks before the Presidential Election.

There was discussion about the process of registering to vote.

Selectman Goulart asked if Sue could organize the posting boards in the foyer for each of the committees so it would be easier to find their postings. Sue said she would look at that.

### **Cathal O'Brien**

The Water District has two Bristol Aggie students that will intern in the afternoons. Cathal said one will create spreadsheets and the other will do water sampling.

Cathal also mentioned that a UMASS Amherst student will be coming in the summer to intern with the Water District.

Mr. O'Brien thanked the previous commissioners, Town of Dighton and particularly retired Superintendent Cestodio for a \$49,000.00 settlement received in which a company sold faulty PVC pipe to Cities and Towns years ago and stated that the District would most likely use that windfall to relocate the well on Cedar Street.

Cathal also said the Water District was lowering the chlorine level a little to try to stabilize the chlorine levels and get fresher water to the residents.

Cathal said after this meeting he was going to the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce. Taunton industrial parks are filling up with small businesses and new ones will be looking for a place like Dighton to go.

Selectman Menges said that he had two announcements to make.

One announcement was from Donald Hirschy regarding the grave marker for Vincent Furtado and it said that the marker would be delivered to Dighton Police Department shortly.

The second announcement was for a Memorial Service for Annette Tweedy that would be held at the Community Church on Saturday February 6, 2016, with a social gathering to follow at the Friendship Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm

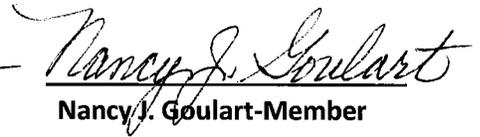
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