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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Cronin at 7:35pm

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Selectman Menges asked for a moment of silence in honor of John R. Doehler, Florinda Perry and Sylvina Dutra and said a word about each of them.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 13, 2016.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #35A-16 in the amount of \$76,632.08, Warrant #35B-16 in the amount of \$17,270.17 and Warrant #35C-16 in the amount of \$198,014.71 dated February 24, 2016.

Update of the Police Station Building Project by the Chairman of the Police Station Building Committee, Dennis Maguy

Chairman Cronin introduced Dennis Maguy, Chairman of the Police Station Building Committee who was present to give a status update on the progress of the Dighton Police Station. Mr. Maguy stated that the bid invitation will be posted in the Central Register soon. He also explained the reasons that the project has taken so long.

Mr. Maguy said that April 16, 2015 was the first design development meeting held. It has taken this long to come to this point. Any schedules have been posted on line as well as on the Town Accountant's door and now on the website as well. He said if all goes well he could see the town breaking ground in late May. Mr. Maguy further stated that a bid opening will be held on April 13, 2016, where the bids will be read aloud.

A sub bid opening will be held on March 30, 2016 at 2:00pm. Sub bids include masonry, electrical, waterproofing, roofing and flashing, glass and glazing, tiling, acoustical tile, resilient flooring, painting, fire protection, plumbing, heating and ventilation and air conditioning.

Mr. Maguy said he expected completion in May 2017 with occupancy by June 2017. He added that he expected it to go well and would be here until the end of the project.

Mr. Maguy said he was satisfied and happy with what is going on.

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Selectman Menges said much has been said about the time it has taken to get this far. He commended Mr. Maguy on his voluntary service to the town and his decision to see it through to the end.

Mr. Maguy said the process may have seemed adversarial at times, but it has not been. There was no ill intent by anyone in any of those meetings. Everyone had their bylaws and rules to abide by.

Chairman Cronin had no questions but would like to thank Mr. Maguy very much. Chairman Cronin said he knows it has been rough and discouraging at times, but he also knows that Mr. Maguy will fulfill his commitment to the town.

Selectman Menges asked about his experience. Mr. Maguy stated that he started at Bridgewater State College at the lowest point in facilities management. He moved to Dighton in 1984, retired in December 2003 at 57 years old and the college kept him on as an energy aggregator. Twelve large buildings have been built on the college property since then, and Mr. Maguy stated that he had been involved with all of them.

Selectman Menges said he was grateful to Mr. Maguy for his contribution to the town and Chairman Cronin thanked him as well.

Correspondence

Selectman Menges read mail addressed to Carol Beauregard from a town resident to say that Valerie Wilson "rocks" as well as all of the other town hall staff. Selectman Menges explained that Fall River had been suspended from issuing passports and so the closest place to obtain passports is Dighton. Selectman Menges said that Carol passed this note along to thank Valerie for her extra work this past week. It is a great service to the townspeople to be able to get their passports here.

Announcements

Were read by Chairman Cronin

Old Business

License Transfer Approved by the ABCC

Chairman Cronin explained the process for the license transfer from Almeida's Country Store to Dennis Collard d/b/a Almeida's Country Store. He added that the license had already been approved by the Board of Selectmen at a hearing held at a previous Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Eagle Scout Project

Nathaniel Vargas' Dighton Berkley Bridge Park Eagle Scout Project was tabled and will be addressed at a later meeting.

Selectman Menges asked that the record show that by consensus the board had postponed this item

Ambulance Write Offs

Chairman Cronin reviewed the vote of last week and said that there was a typographical error in one of the amounts. The new amounts are as follows:

\$94.58

\$442.14

\$2131.00

\$506.78

\$755.00

Chairman Cronin said the total amount of \$2556.10 was approved at the regular meeting of February 17, 2016 but the true figure total should have been \$3929.50.

Selectman Goulart, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjust the total amount of the write off to \$3929.50.

Selectman Menges stated that he assumed that the reason for the write off remained the same and Chairman Cronin confirmed.

New Business

Announce suggestions for the naming of the Park at the Dighton Berkley Bridge.

Chairman Cronin said that the deadline to submit suggestions for names was today.

Selectman Goulart felt that the results should be voted on by the public, but not exclude the public that does not have Internet access.

Selectman Menges suggested that there be ballots available at the Presidential Primary for voting purposes.

Chairman Cronin said it should be posted online as well.

Selectmen Menges read the entries that will appear on the ballot.

Reports

Report by Nancy Goulart regarding the monthly meeting with Dr. Azar, school superintendent. She mentioned the "TRANE Report" which is an energy audit that was done. Selectman Goulart said the work to be done with regard to the Trane audit includes a boiler at the high school, Dighton Elementary School's heating system and there is roof and window work to be done at both the Palmer River School and Beckwith School.

The next project will be the roof replacement at the High School. The plan is to take this expense and move it into operating. She didn't think that would be acceptable. The business administrator mentioned that it is a lease, and some of the cost will be paid by energy savings. Selectman Goulart had concerns about doing this through operating.

Selectman Goulart said she would ask the town accountant to look at the report.

There was discussion about capital and operating budgets.

Selectman Goulart said the capital budget is the mortgage (for the next twenty years), but that is cast in stone. The operating budget can be discussed. It can be increased or reduced on town meeting floor.

Glen Jefferson came from home to join the meeting.

There was discussion about capital assessments and budget assessments.

Selectman Menges asked about the addition of a wood burning boiler and Glen Jefferson stated that was because Trane had asked that we have two forms of heating.

There was discussion about capital expenses with regard to heating systems and roof projects.

Selectman Goulart said her concerns were with the method of paying for them.

Selectman Menges thanked Glen for coming.

There was discussion of town meetings in Dighton and Rehoboth and the advantages of holding them early in May.

Reports

Selectman Goulart heard from Boston University. She said they sent her a guideline for practicum posting and she read the guidelines out loud. Selectman Goulart will put something together and get that going.

Selectman Menges said that regarding the separation of the Board of Health, it appears that the action of the Town meeting of 2016 may allow the town to elect a Board of Health in 2017.

Acknowledgements.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** to unanimously approve an anonymous donation to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$28.00

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** to unanimously approve donations to the Fire Department in the amount of \$330.00.

Public Input

None

Selectman Menges said the Development and Industrial Committee is sponsoring a contest to nominate a local business for recognition, merit business recognition and also anniversary recognition of 5, 10 and 20 years.

Selectman Menges also had an anniversary to recognize on the 27th of February it would be the anniversary of the presentation of a chair made of chestnut wood to Longfellow. The children of Cambridge raised the money to present the chair. Selectman Menges also mentioned the chestnut trees that have been planted around town and he congratulated the people that have brought them along so far.

Selectman Goulart reminded everyone that the food bank distribution would be on the following Saturday.

Adjournment.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karin L. Brady
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Board of Selectmen



Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman



Patrick W. Menges-Clerk



Nancy J. Goulart-Member