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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm by Chairman Cronin

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of January 20, 2016, the regular meeting of January 27, 2016 and the regular meeting of February 3, 2016.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #36A-16 in the amount of \$75,085.71 dated March 2, 2016 and warrant #36B-16 in the amount of \$74,525.67 dated March 2, 2016.

Announcements

Selectman Cronin read the announcements and they were finished by Selectman Goulart

Old Business

None

New Business

Warrant for the Annual Town Election was read by Chairman Cronin

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to accept the warrant for the Annual Town Election as read.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that there were only three contested positions for the Annual Town Election: Town Moderator, DR School Committee and Selectmen.

Selectman Goulart also mentioned that the total number of votes cast last night was 1,923

Reports

Selectman Goulart said that the Town had received a check in the amount of \$500.00 from National Grid. Selectman Goulart stated that this money was a corporate good-neighbor grant that was given to the Parks and Recreation Commission for some energy efficient lighting at the new tennis courts. Selectman Goulart thanked National Grid.

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Selectman Menges added that Heidi Swist and Tim Rhines are in charge of that project.

Selectman Menges reported that the policy manual is back from intern Lucas Fagundes and it had undergone further revisions by the town accountant as to reserves, debt limit and procurement policies. Selectman Menges stated that once each member of the board has had a chance to review it, it will be placed into effect subject to future amendments. The changes that are expected include some streamlining of language for town meeting preparations and the board will need to discuss whether or not, when the police department interviews applicants, a member of this board should be present.

Selectman Goulart also mentioned computer usage. Selectman Goulart forwarded to Jen Luiz, a copy of the computer policies from the UMASS website to see which of them may apply to the town or maybe determine if the town could use sections of them.

Selectman Menges stated that there is a computer usage policy included in the manual right now but it mentions some specific computer information that may be outdated.

Acknowledgements

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$30.00 to Prime Time.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge an anonymous donation in the amount of \$216.00 to the Council on Aging.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge donations totaling \$250.0 to the Fire Department.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 by National Grid to the Parks and Recreation Committee for lighting at the new tennis courts.

Public Input

Mr. Robert Woods said he would like to congratulate Mr. Trump and all members of the Trump team. The voters of Dighton came out strong in support of Trump yesterday.

Selectman Menges dedicated the adjournment to Kevin Leonardo and John Doehler and also wished Sister Marie Therese Ernou a Happy 100th Birthday today. Selectman Menges stated that the board was honored to have been asked to attend her celebration which occurred earlier in the day. Selectman Menges gave some history of Sister Marie Therese Ernou's life and accomplishments.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that Sister Marie Therese Enrou received a citation from Pat Hadaad.

Selectman Menges mentioned that she also received the Boston Post Cane in recognition of turning 100. He added that the Boston Post Cane was given to 700 communities by Edwin A. Grozier, owner of the Boston Post, and has gone to 20 recipients in Dighton since 1901, 10 men and 10 women.

Selectman Menges said that the cane will eventually be displayed at Town Hall or Prime Time. He added that in lieu of the cane the she will relinquish, she will receive a plaque with all of the recipients' names and possibly a replica of the cane which the recipient would be able to keep permanently.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that Father Richard Furlong was present and said the Mass before the celebration. Father Furlong talked about the time he spent in Dighton and how much he loved the town.

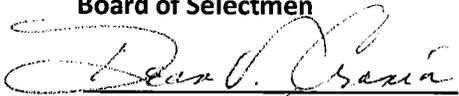
Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn.

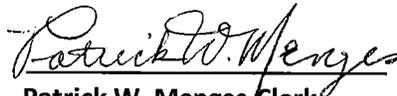
Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Chairman Cronin thanked everyone who came out to vote yesterday.

Respectfully submitted

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen


Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman


Patrick W. Menges-Clerk


Nancy J. Goulart-Member