<u>The following Meeting was video recorded for cable broadcast</u>.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Appointment of Two Full Time Police Officers

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to take an item of New Business out of order regarding the appointment of two new full time police officers.

Chief Mac Donald said a few words about the hiring process and how the candidates were chosen for the positions.

Chief MacDonald said that after all the interviews were conducted, the committee felt that there were 3-4 candidates that the Board of Selectmen should look at, which they did. After the Board of Selectmen conducted interviews two names were returned to the committee. Chief MacDonald said Steve Ferreira was one of the names. Steve has been with the department for nine years, appointed on November 29, 2007. Chief MacDonald went on to say that Rachel Rose was the second name and has been with the department for five years, starting on July 1, 2011.

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the recommendations of the Chief of Police be accepted and the board proceed to vote on these appointments.

Chairman Cronin commended the appointment committee for their hard work in the screening process. He added that the appointments will be made pending a complete physical exam, including a drug screen, physical agility testing and an independent psychological evaluation and after that, they will move on to further training in fire arms.

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Rachel Rose to the Dighton Police Department for a one year term ending June 30, 2016.

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Steven Ferreira to the Dighton Police Department for a one year term ending June 30, 2016.

The Chief introduced the other Police Department personnel that was present.

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Sergeant Shawn Cronin
Patrolman Chris Magan
Patrolman Greg Steele
And Officer Tim O'leary
And Special Police Officer Roger Duarte

Chief MacDonald said it was an honor to work with Selectman Menges.

Selectman Menges thanked the chief and said he was proud to be a selectman on this board.

The appointees were sworn in by the Town Clerk and a ten minute recess was taken to honor Selectman Menges.

Minutes
Selectman Goulart motioned, and Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of regular meeting of March 9 and March 16, 2016.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the following minutes from 2014.

a. April 10, 2014, Special Meeting with Parks and Recreation, Harbormaster and the Department of Fish and Game.
b. September 5, 2014 Special Meeting, Administrative Assistant Interviews.
c. October 8, 2014, Department Heads Meeting
d. October 22, 2014, Special Meeting, 911 Regionalization meeting.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the following minutes of 2015.

a. April 14, 2015, Special Meeting, 911 Regionalization
b. October 22, 2015, Executive Session.
c. January 8, 2015 Special Meeting, Fire Chief Contract Negotiations

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the following minutes of 2016.

a. January 4, 2016, Executive Session
b. January 27, 2016, Special Meeting with D-R Superintendent
c. March 15, 2016, Joint Meeting with Rehoboth Board of Selectmen
d. March 28, 2016, Special Meeting, Interviews with Full Time Police Officer Candidates

Warrants
Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously for the approval of Warrant #41A-16 in the amount of $71,015.97 and Warrant #41B-16 in the amount of $98,994.74, all dated April 6, 2016.

Correspondence

Correspondence from the town clerk's office with regard to absentee voting for the upcoming election was read by Chairman Cronin.

Correspondence from Amanda Wong regarding her recent interview with the Board of Selectmen was read by Chairman Cronin.

Correspondence from the Dighton Board of Selectmen to the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen was read by Chairman Cronin regarding the Dighton Rehoboth RAAC agreement.

Selectman Menges added that as a result of the efforts of the RAAC committee, he was inspired by the long hours that Chairman Cronin has had to put in and after all of that they were not able to come to an agreement on the question of whether or not the agreement should address alternative methods of assessment. Selectman Menges said that they all deserve a hearty thanks by the town for their efforts.

Announcements

Public Safety Communications Operator Vacancy Announcement was read by Chairman Cronin and he added that it was also posted on the website.

Selectman Menges announced that on Saturday April 23rd, there will be a post-Earth Day cleanup effort by the town.

Vicki Piazza came forward spoke about the details of the event and commented that Dighton is a beautiful community and everyone should try to participate in any way they can.

Chairman Cronin stated that according to the Policy and Procedure Handbook, the cutoff deadline for agenda items will be Thursday at noon prior to the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting. Selectman Menges added that it would result in a more complete agenda.

Regular Announcements were read by Chairman Cronin continued by Selectman Menges and finished by Selectman Goulart.

Selectman Menges added to the announcements that the library in conjunction with the Dighton Cultural Council will be presenting a robotic kit demonstration on Wednesday April 27.

Old Business

Authorization by the board of Selectmen for the Building Commissioner to proceed with the implementation of permitting and archiving software for the town, beginning with the building department.

Jim Aguiar said this permitting and archiving software will give the town information that can be accessed through their computers. Mr. Aguiar added that this is the first step in the process and he will provide more information as it happens.

Selectman Menges said it is a major revolution in the way that the town does business. The archiving and the ability for contractors to do some of their permitting business from their homes and unified information on one property in one central location will also save space in this building.

Selectman Menges thanked the building commissioner for his efforts.

Selectman Goulart motioned, selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the board authorize the building commissioner to move ahead with the implementing of the permitting and archiving software.

Appointment of Pam Waller to the board of Registrars to fill vacancy.
Selectman Menges talked about the responsibilities of the Board of Registrars and the office that was vacated by Gene Nelson. The Town Clerk has requested that the Assistant Town Clerk, Pam Waller be appointed to the position for the unexpired term ending 2017.

Selectman Menges motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that Pamela Waller be appointed to the Board of Registrars for a period of three years expiring February 2017.

Request for assistance from the Bristol Plymouth Technical School with restoration of the "Lights on" ceremony train.
Selectman Goulart read the letter written to Mr. Malgalhaes, superintendent of the Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School, requesting assistance from the students to rehab the "Lights on" train.

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

Reports
Selectman Goulart attended the April meeting of the Mass Municipal Association this past Monday. The meeting was moved up because the MMA wanted to take a vote on whether to grant the DEP primacy for NPDES-MS4 permitting.

Selectman Goulart stated she voted against it because it was clear to her that it was not a balanced presentation. The emphasis was on support and there was not enough information from the environmental groups that did not support DEP primacy. The other two individuals who voted in opposition and the one who abstained also felt that the group did not receive a balanced presentation.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that some other items talked about were some of the best practice topics that the group would be working on such as, solid waste management, storm water and solar farms. Some things that were on the list that the group didn't get to were great ponds and water resources. Selectman Goulart said she anticipated more information on solar farm legislation would be forthcoming also.

Selectman Menges said with regard to the preparation of Town Meeting Warrant, it was the intention of this board to sign the warrant when it is complete in totality. The finance committee will be beginning to make recommendations next week. Selectman Menges said it was foreseeable that within the next two weeks there would be a warrant to sign.

Acknowledgements
Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge the $104.00 donation to the Council on Aging.

Public Input
Mr. Michael Gilarducci of Center Street talked about how Selectman Menges did some great things for the town. He said that he appreciated Selectman Menges and that he hoped the new selectman or woman would do as good a job.

Selectman Menges thanked him.

Mr. Robert Woods said that he supported Mr. Menges three years ago and went to great lengths to get him elected. Mr. Woods wanted to know if he had any regrets.

Chairman Cronin asked Mr. Woods if he had anything positive to say.

Mr. Rhines thanked everyone for coming out to the Easter Egg Hunt held by the Parks and Recreation Committee and said a special thank you to Araujo's for the donations of flowers and to their Easter Bunny, Greg Olsen. Mr. Rhines said that he would also like to thank the residents for their generous food donations to the Dighton Food Bank.

Vicki Piazza said she would like to thank Mr. Menges for all of his help, guidance and encouragement to get her involved in the Development and Industrial Commission.

Selectman Goulart congratulated the UCONN women's basketball team for winning its fourth national championship.

Chairman Cronin talked about Selectman Menges and his endless efforts to ensure that the town ran smoothly. Chairman Cronin also said that Selectman Menges had tremendous accomplishments, but what impressed him more was Selectman Menges' intense love for serving the community. Chairman Cronin said that he learned a lot about town government in the past five years. Selectman Menges' shoes will be difficult to fill.

Selectman Goulart said it had been fun working with Patrick, especially on the Anniversary book. His contributions to that book were invaluable. Selectman Goulart wished Selectman Menges the best.

Selectman Menges went on to say a few words about his time in office and told some stories that touched his heart. He said that Chairman Cronin was a great influence on him in his young life and he couldn't have asked for a better teammate.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Menges seconded and it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman **Nancy J. Goulart-Member**