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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Cronin

Present: Dean V. Cronin, Nancy J. Goulart and Brett R. Zografos

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of March 13, 2016.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #44A-16 in the amount of \$81,272.23 dated April 27, 2016, Warrant #44B-16 in the amount of \$14,814.33 dated April 27, 2016, Warrant #44C-16 in the amount of \$233,870.34 dated April 27, 2016, Warrant #44D-16 in the amount of \$1,350.03 dated April 27, 2016 and Warrant #44E-16 in the amount of \$34,077.00 dated April 27, 2016.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Mass DOT regarding a Capital Investment Plan for bridges and an industrial rail plan was read by Selectman Cronin. Selectman Cronin said there is a lot of money available and hopefully the town will get some of it.

Announcements

Announcements began with the Bristol County Agricultural School's Spring Exposition and Chairman Cronin read the rest of the announcements. Chairman Cronin also went over the summer meeting schedules for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health.

Old Business

None

New Business

Planning and Design Grant for Library

Dan Pallotta, the owner's project manager, came forward to speak about the process. Mr. Pallotta said he would like to clear up some confusion with grant articles on the town warrant. Mr. Pallotta stated that the grant process requires them to look at a site other than where the library is now.

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Mr. Pallotta said he would like to expend a small amount of money to locate another site for the library.

Chairman Cronin said that the warrant article only provided for a study of the present library. An article could be placed on a warrant for a future town meeting to look into another site.

Mr. Pallotta said they are not trying to build a new library, but are trying to fulfill the grant requirements. He went on to say that there are thirty-four boxes to check off in order to fill the requirements to file for the grant, and to study another site is one of them. Mr. Pallotta said he didn't think it would affect the town's ability to get the grant, but he would like to see Dighton rise to the top of the list.

Mr. Millotta said the application is due on January 15 and the intent will need to be filed in September.

Selectman Zografos asked if there would be sufficient time between the fall town meeting and the due date to complete this study if it is approved. Mr. Millotta said yes, but it would be tough.

Mr. Millotta thanked the board.

New Business

Road Opening Permit

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectmen Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve a road opening permit for #1786 through #2056 Elm Street.

Recommendation of the Dighton Housing Authority to Fill a Vacant Spot

Chairman Cronin read a letter from the Dighton Housing Authority requesting the John "Jack" Costa be approved as a replacement for Roberta Perry who passed away in March of 2016.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the request of the Dighton Housing Authority.

Reports

Selectman Goulart mentioned that there has been a further reduction in the FY17 school budget. That meant that Dighton's assessment would be approximately \$90,000.00 less than what was submitted previously.

Public Input

Vicki Piazza came forward to thank the Town of Dighton, Tom Ferry, the Highway Department and people who donated water and snacks for the recent cleanup event that was held in town. Vicki mentioned that there were about 40 volunteers for the event.

Selectman Zografos asked if Vicki would be planning another and she said possibly in the fall.

Acknowledgements.

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge an anonymous donation in the amount of \$160.00 to the Council on Aging.

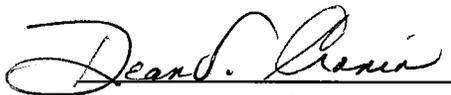
Mr. Tim Rhines announced that the Community Preservation Committee will be holding a public hearing on May 19 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of town hall for input concerning projects for the town.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that it was Administrative Professionals' Day and thanked administrative assistant Karin Brady.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen


Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman


Brett R. Zografos-Clerk


Nancy J. Goulart-Member