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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cronin at 7:33 pm

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Selectman Goulart asked for a moment of silence for these residents of Dighton who recently passed away, Gloria McCrady, Luke Di Salvo and Edwin Medeiros, Sr.

Selectman Goulart asked that we also remember the victims of the attack in Taunton last night where three people lost their lives.

A statement from the Fire Chief, Antone P. Roderick, was read by Selectman Zografos acknowledging the Dighton Fire Department firefighter paramedics that responded to the mutual aid request by the City of Taunton on May 10, 2016, at the Silver City Galleria.

Selectman Zografos added his own statement regarding the importance of reaching out to people who may be suffering with mental health issues.

Selectman Goulart added that the Dighton Police Department was also placed on alert for the incident.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Meetings of the Board of Selectmen for April 6 and April 13.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting with the superintendent of schools on April 27.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #46A-16 in the amount of \$80,016.78, Warrant #46B-16 in the amount of \$227,107.05 dated May 11, 2016 and Warrant #47B-16 in the amount of \$30.42 dated May 18, 2016.

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Announcements

Announcements were read by Chairman Cronin.

Selectman Zografos congratulated Dighton resident and Eagle Scout Johnathan Gray who had just received his master's degree in Sustainability Sciences and will be returning to Dighton.

Old Business

Name the Park Contest

Selectmen Goulart mentioned Nathaniel Vargas who was present in the audience and his Eagle Scout project at the Dighton Berkley Bridge. Selectman Goulart said as part of Nate's project, he had asked what the board would like to call the park and it was decided that the townspeople should have the last word on that.

Selectman Goulart read the suggestions that were submitted and said a few words about each of them. Selectman Goulart also announced the results of the voting and the winner "Frank G. Costa Memorial Park", which was submitted by Tim Rhines.

Nathaniel Vargas thanked the board and stated that he has started to clean out some of the brush but could not start fundraising yet. Nathaniel asked the board if he would be responsible for obtaining the sign and Selectman Goulart said yes.

There was discussion about how big the sign should be and where it should be located in the park.

Selectman Zografos told Nathaniel that there are several sign makers in town and he would help Nathaniel contact them.

Appoint New Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Ken Pacheco recommended Mr. Jason Quinn. Mr. Pacheco added that all three were good candidates, but Mr. Quinn had much experience in the field and would be a great addition to the board.

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to accept the recommendation of Mr. Pacheco and appoint Mr. Quinn to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Quinn mentioned that he has been in Dighton for seven years and wanted to be involved in the town. He added that he looked forward to the challenge and the opportunity to serve the town.

Road Opening Permit

Selectmen Zografos motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was VOTED unanimously to approve a road opening permit for Columbia Gas at the intersection of School and Mount Hope Streets.

Request from the Fire Chief for Ambulance Write offs

Chairman Cronin read the letter from the Fire Chief requesting ambulance write offs in the amount of \$100.00 and \$2739.00 respectively.

Selectman Goulart motioned and Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the ambulance write offs for the reasons stated.

Selectman Zografos asked if it was protocol for the Fire Department to do this on a regular basis. Chairman Cronin said all write offs must be approved by the board of selectmen, and Selectman Goulart added that the board will not approve any write offs without written justification.

Resignation Letter from Patrolman Patrick McCarthy

Chairman Cronin read the letter from Patrolman Patrick McCarthy to Chief Robert MacDonald. Chairman Cronin said a few words about Patrolman McCarthy and all of the duties and jobs that he previously held within the Police Department, including the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School system's first Resource Officer. Chairman Cronin personally thanked Patrick and wished him the best in all his future endeavors.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to accept the letter of resignation by Officer Patrick McCarthy with regret, thanks and appreciation and best wishes for his future endeavors.

Letter of Intent to become a "Complete Streets" municipality.

The letter to the "Complete Streets" program administrator committing the town of Dighton to become a "Complete Streets" municipality was read by Selectman Goulart.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** that the Board of Selectman sign the letter of commitment. Selectman Goulart added this will be a subject of an article at the upcoming Annual Town meeting and the amount of funding received by the town could be up to \$450,000.00.

Reports

Selectman Goulart referred to the "Complete Streets" article and two projects that could make use of those funds along with Chapter 90 funds. The first project related to the bridge project would be an extension of the sidewalk on the south side of Center Street from Bristol Agricultural School to the west end of route 138.

The second project is the Main Street, Astra Zeneca project where some drainage structures have collapsed causing water to pool in that area. The town is working with Astra Zeneca to repair those structures. Funding will come from a combination of funds from Astra Zeneca, the "Complete Streets" program, Chapter 90 funding and from the town.

There was discussion about how the town could obtain the funds for each project through the grant and Chapter 90 funding, and also how that gets approved by the state.

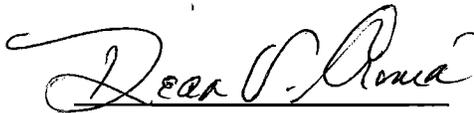
Acknowledgements

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge two anonymous donations in the amount of \$303.00 and \$16.00, both to the Council on Aging.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen



Dean. V. Cronin-Chairman



Brett R. Zografos-Clerk



Nancy J. Goulart-Member