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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

Present were: Chairman Dean V. Cronin, Selectman Nancy J. Goulart and Selectman Brett Zografos.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2016.

**Warrants**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #49A-16 in the amount of \$73,079.64, Warrant #49B-16 in the amount of \$62,538.18 and Warrant #49C-16 in the amount of \$1,088,144.00 all dated June 1, 2016 and Warrant #50A-16 in the amount of \$77,346.25, Warrant #50B-16 in the amount of \$48,472.71 and Warrant #50C-16 in the amount of \$61,204.80 which were dated June 8, 2016.

**Correspondence**

Selectman Zografos read a statement regarding the recent graffiti that was discovered in town.

**Announcements**

Announcements were read by Chairman Cronin

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Resignation Letter of James Ready was read by Chairman Cronin. Chairman Cronin added that Jim has been a great influence on the success of the Dighton Cable Committee. Selectman Zografos motioned, Brett Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to accept the resignation letter of James Ready.

**Appoint Jack Taylor to the Open Space Committee**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Jack Taylor to the Open Space Committee

**Appoint Jack Taylor to the Cable Television Committee**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Jack Taylor to the Cable Television Committee.

**Request from the Highway Superintendent to Buyback Vacation Time and Sick Time.**

Chairman Cronin mentioned that this would not be a contractual matter. Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to deny the request of Tom Ferry to buyback 80 hours of vacation time.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that Highway Superintendent, Tom Ferry, would need to request permission to carryover his vacation time into FY17 at the next meeting.

**Comstar President Rick Martin was Present to Discuss Dighton Ambulance Billing Procedures.**

Chairman Cronin introduces Rick Martin, Comstar President and said Mr. Martin was there to go over billing procedures for ambulance services in town.

Chairman Cronin asked what the time frame was before Comstar passes an invoice on for alternative collection measures.

Mr. Martin said Comstar imports the data file, verifies the address to make sure it is a valid mailing address, verifies the insurance provider and then submits the information electronically to all carriers. Payments vary from 14 days to the extreme of 9 months. Mr. Martin added that the billing process consists of three invoices and then a collection letter and at that time Comstar's scope of services is complete. He went on to say that monthly reports are then sent to the Fire Chief.

Selectman Zografos asked if these reports were on file and Mr. Martin said there was full records retention for seven years.

Selectman Goulart asked where Experian and FFR (First Financial Resources) came into the picture.

Mr. Martin explained that FFR performs more aggressive collection work. With the chief's approval, Comstar then sends data to FFR and Experian. Comstar does not collect a fee for that. Experian, he said, is a passive step in the process. Experian does not collect any money.

There was discussion about the roles of each of the collection companies involved and other avenues of collection after Comstar, such as small claims court and liens.

Selectmen Goulart did not feel there was any protection in place for the town.

Mr. Martin said he felt the only thing that hadn't been done was the process of deciding that the old invoices needed to be written off. He added that the vast majority of his clients have a procedure in place for writing off old receivables.

There was discussion about insurance payments, reports to the town by FFR and when items should be written off.

Selectman Goulart told Chief Roderick that he was solely responsible for determining which of these old invoices need to be written off and he should submit that list in writing to the board for approval. Once this is done, he should write a policy to deal with future write offs. She added that it should be done by the end of the fiscal year and added that the board of selectmen had one more meeting before the end of the year.

Rick Martin, Chief Roderick and Jen Luiz left the meeting room

#### **Warrant for Annual Town Meeting**

Chairman Cronin, Selectman Goulart and Selectman Zografos read the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

#### **Re-activation of the Bylaw Committee**

Selectman Goulart asked if there was an active bylaw committee and if there was not, the town needs a committee to revise the bylaw that states that the entire warrant has to be published in the local paper. Selectman Goulart added that the revision should go to the fall town meeting. If it is passed we will not have to do this in the future because it is very expensive and the majority of residents do not get the Taunton paper.

Selectman Goulart asked for volunteers for the Bylaw Committee.

#### **Complete Streets Policy**

Selectman Goulart explained that there was an Article on the Warrant that referred to the Complete Streets Policy. Part of the process is approval of the "Complete Streets Policy." Selectman Goulart and Chairman Cronin read the "Complete Streets Policy" that has been written for the Town of Dighton by Heidi Swist.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the policy be taken under advisement, mentioned at the next meeting and circulated to the department heads for review to see if anyone had any input.

#### **Recommendations for Award of Highway bids by Highway Superintendent Tom Ferry**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to award the following bids:

Dense Base Gravel delivered at \$13.85/ton to G. Lopes Construction and Tiverton at \$9.25/ton picked up.

Crushed Gravel (2 inch minus) to Tiverton at \$14.75/ton delivered and \$9.25/ton picked up

Gravel (4 inch minus) to Tiverton at \$12.75/ton delivered and \$8.25/ton picked up.

Recycled Concrete to G. Lopes at \$11.74/ton delivered and \$8.25/ton picked up.

3/8" Stone to Tiverton at \$16.50/ton delivered and \$12.00/ton picked up.

3/4" stone to Tiverton at \$15.25/ton delivered and \$10.75/ton picked up.

1 1/2" stone to Tiverton at \$15.25/ton delivered and \$10.75/ton picked up.

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to award the bid for Rip Rap to Tiverton at \$16.50/ton delivered and \$12.00/ton picked up.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to award the following bids:

Stone Dust to Tiverton at \$13.00/ton delivered and \$8.50/ton picked up.

Screened Sand to G. Lopes at \$12.60/ton delivered and \$7.80/ton picked up.

Screened Loam to G. Lopes at \$11.89/ton delivered and \$9.80/ton picked up.

Road Salt Control to Saltine Warrior at \$67.52/ton delivered and to American Rock at \$64.88/ton picked up.

3/8" Stone Treated Seal to Comer at \$1.909 sq yd in place.

1/2" Stone Treated Seal to All State Asphalt \$2.27 sq yd in place.

Fiber Reinforced Crack Sealing to Crack Sealing at \$7.37/gallon.

Type I Bituminous Concrete to Aggregate at \$60.50/ton picked up and to P.J. Keating at \$61.97/ton in place.

Permanent Cold Patch to Lorusso for \$122.00 delivered and \$116.00/ton picked up.

Manhole Frames to H.D. Supply at \$109.06/each delivered and \$109.06/each picked up.

Manhole Cover to H.D. Supply at \$106.41/each delivered and \$106.41/each picked up.

Catch Basin Frames to H.D. Supply at \$107.35/each delivered and \$107.35/each picked up.

Catch Basin Grates to H.D. Supply at \$113.65/each delivered and \$113.65/each picked up.

Steel Beam Guardrail Complete to Premier at \$27.88

Steel Beam Guardrail rails to Premier at \$11.77/each delivered and picked up.

Steel Beam Guardrail ends to Premier at \$142.00/each delivered and picked up.

Steel Beam Guardrail Posts to Premier at \$116.00/each delivered and picked up.

Line Painting to Standard Line at \$0.0365/foot.

Cold Planing to Aggregate at \$2.47/sq yard.

#### **Road Opening Permit for Dighton Water District**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to grant permission to Dighton Water District for a new water service across from 2462 Elm Street.

#### **Acknowledgements**

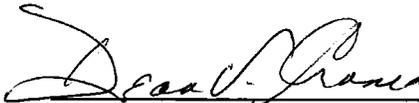
Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to acknowledge an anonymous donation in the amount of \$547.00 to the Council on Aging.

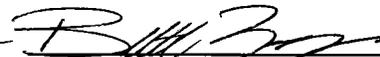
Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Karin L. Brady**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Board of Selectmen**

  
Dean. V. Cronin, Chairman

  
Brett R. Zografos, Clerk

  
Nancy J. Goulart, Member