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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Wednesday, August 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cronin at 7:32 a.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Minutes**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Executive session meetings of June 27 and July 14, 2016.

**Warrants**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #4A-17 in the amount of \$77,361.53, Warrant #4B-17 in the amount of \$14,633.59, Warrant #4C-17 in the amount of \$68,765.05 and Warrant #4D-17 in the amount of \$594,814.28 all dated July 27, 2016, Warrant #5A-17 in the amount of \$85,418.57, Warrant #5B-17 in the amount of \$227,969.53 and Warrant #5C-17 in the amount of \$3,498.18 all dated August 3, 2016.

**Correspondence**

Chairman Cronin read the correspondence from MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Association) regarding hurricane safety.

Selectman Goulart also read correspondence from the Department of Public Health regarding ZIKA, EEE and the West Nile Virus.

Chairman Cronin read correspondence from a concerned citizen regarding speeding concerns on County Street. Chairman Cronin explained that there is only so much that the town can do because County Street is a state highway. The town cannot change speed limits on a state highway.

Chief MacDonald stated he would put more patrols on, especially when school starts.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to send a letter to Mass DOT asking them to consider doing a traffic study from the Dighton/Taunton line to the Somerset line.

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### **Announcements**

Announcements were read by Chairman Cronin.

Chief MacDonald commented on the Pan Mass Challenge and his plans for coverage for the event.

### **Old Business**

Nathaniel Vargas' Eagle Scout Project

Nathaniel came forward to let the board know that his Eagle Scout project is complete and to have the chairman sign his book.

### **Town Administrator Study Committee**

Chairman Cronin announced last call for volunteer applications will be August 11, at 2:00 p.m.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that the Board of Health Organization Committee was still looking for volunteers as well.

### **Appointment of Reserve Police Officers**

Chief MacDonald spoke about the interviews that were conducted and how the screening committee felt that the two appointees present here tonight were the best fit for the force.

Tyler Botelho resides in Berkley but said Dighton felt like home and that was part of the reason that he applied here. He added that everyone seemed to share a common goal and he was thankful for the opportunity.

Derrick Lamoureux stated that he is a resident of Seekonk with two young children, a graduate of BSU and that he was very excited for this opportunity.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Tyler Botelho and Derrick Lamoureux as reserve officers for the Dighton Police Department.

### **Liquor License for Dighton Mobil Gas Station**

Attorney Matthew Porter came forward for the applicant and stated that the Patels hold licenses in three other town as well so they have much experience in the selling of beer and wine.

Chairman Cronin opened the floor for questions from residents.

Thomas Pires, Millers Lane, Dighton

Mr. Pires said there were a limited number of licenses in town and he felt that one establishment located 500 feet from another was not a great idea. He added the town would run the risk of not being able to issue a license to a business in another part of town.

Harry Benson, Jr.

Mr. Benson lives across the street from the gas station and stated that the area has gone down hill since the gas station has been located across the street. He is against the package store.

Thomas Spellman

Mr. Spellman read a letter on behalf of the Demoura family which stated that the owner of Route 44 liquors has made that store a pleasure to have across the street and they would hate to see Mr. Spellman lose business to another store right down the street. The Demouras asked the board to deny the license.

Thomas Spellman, owner Route 44 Liquors

Mr. Spellman said that within the last few years his business has declined due to the number of liquor stores on Route 44 in Taunton and Rehoboth. He added that his business has a great reputation for not selling alcohol or tobacco to minors and has never had a violation.

Selectman Zografos asked Mr. Spellman if this would be the last straw for his business and Mrs. Goulart inquired as to his hours of operation.

Chairman Cronin asked for any other input and indicated to the crowd that this was only the first step in the process.

Attorney Porter said that his clients have hired a landscaping service to come through once a month for cleanup. He also said that this license has been available for a number of years with no interest and finally that his clients have much experience in this area.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to take the matter under advisement.

#### **Samuel Blanchette, Eagle Scout Project**

Sam Blanchette came forward to present his plan for a picnic area at the tennis courts. He stated that he intended to install two picnic tables and two charcoal grills at the site. Samuel said that he had already installed two new hockey nets and, with the help of the Dighton Highway Department, had also placed boulders to prevent cars from entering the picnic area.

Selectman Goulart informed Samuel that the first step was to go to the Board of Selectmen and also said she would not support the charcoal grills being part of the plan.

Chairman Cronin said he thought it was a good project and it was presented very well, but he also would not support the grills.

Selectman Goulart suggested adding another picnic table instead.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to tentatively approve the plan with revisions, and told Mr. Blanchette to come back half way through the project with an update and then again at the end.

### **Appoint Jack Taylor to the Land Use Committee**

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

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Jim Aguiar to the Land Use Committee.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Tom Ferry as an ad hoc member to the Land Use Committee as well.

### **Road Opening Permit**

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to approve a road opening permit for the Dighton Water District to install a new water service at 398 Center Street, No. Dighton, MA.

### **Highway Superintendent Recommendation for new Highway Department Employee.**

Mr. Tom Ferry said he would like to recommend Michael Berube. He added that the next step would be drug and alcohol testing and a physical.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the recommendation and appoint Michael Berube to the Highway Department.

### **Notary Fees**

Selectman Goulart explained the reason for this agenda item and said she recommended that the town provide notary services at no charge and when the notaries come up for renewal the town would pay for their supplies.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the town would provide notary services at no charge and the town would provide reimbursement for expenses and supplies including fees, seals, log books and other related expenses for employees providing notary services.

### **Reports**

Chairman Cronin spoke about the event that was held last weekend for the D-R Falcons Boys Baseball team and about the donations and the volunteers. He stated that the end result was that the event raised \$1804.00 in scholarship funds.

Chairman Cronin has asked Coach Cuthbertson to choose one deserving baseball player to receive the first scholarship this year. He added that donations are still being accepted and with another \$194.00 a forth scholarship could be issued.

Chairman Cronin expressed his appreciation for all of the help of many town employees who put in their time and effort to make this happen.

**Acknowledgements**

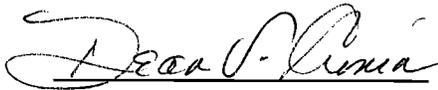
Selectman Goulart first acknowledged the Dighton Lions Club for stepping up in the planning stages of this event. She then read the list of donations and volunteers.

Selectman Goulart also mentioned the citations that were issued by the governor and lieutenant governor and thanked everyone for their help.

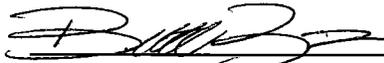
Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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



**Dean. V. Cronin, Chairman**



**Brett R. Zografos, Clerk**



**Nancy J. Goulart, Member**