



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday June 10, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes*

Call to Order:

Chairman Matthew Tanis called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Present:

Matthew Tanis, Dean Cronin and Patrick Menges.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

Approve Minutes:

Motion Patrick Menges seconded, Dean Cronin to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2015 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.

Correspondence:

Chairman Matthew Tanis read a letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Licensure regarding licensing for Embalming and Funeral Directing.

Selectman Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Hazardous Waste Collection;

The Board has received numerous inquiries regarding the scheduling of Hazardous Waste collection. Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent does not recommend scheduling a Hazardous Waste Collection at this time but he did suggest the Board that it would be good idea to educate the public in hazardous waste storage and disposal. He explained that hazardous materials need to be stored in their original containers and that most hazardous waste can be returned to the store where it was purchased. Health Agent Kevin Bernardo explained that he also works for the Lakeville Board of Health and that Lakeville would be interested in partnering with Dighton in the future with regards to Hazardous Waste collection.

Motion Patrick Menges second Dean Cronin to not schedule a hazardous waste collection pickup but to educate the public and to look into a shared hazardous waste collection with another town

All in Favor Aye

Summer Board of Health Meeting Schedule;

Chairman Tanis explained that with minimal agenda items he was considering meeting once a month during the summer unless there was an emergency and then another meeting would be added to the schedule.

Motion Patrick Menges second Dean Cronin to meet on the second Wednesday of July and August subject to the call of the chair if there is an emergency and another meeting needs to be scheduled.

All in Favor Aye

[Chairman Tanis announced afterwards to convene the board on the second Wednesday of July and the first Wednesday of August and September.]

Selectman Patrick Menges requested that the Administrative Assistant keep all members of the Board apprised of all correspondence and permits that will be granted during the time between Board of Health meetings.

Award Town of Dighton Pay-As-You-Throw Trash Bag Bid;

Chairman Tanis explained that Waste Zero was the lowest bidder but the Town would not be able to conform with the minimum amount of cases that would need to be ordered. Bags-Tags-Containers of Greenfield Mass was the next lowest bidder.

Motion Patrick Menges second Dean Cronin to award the Town of Dighton Pay-As-You-Throw trash bag contract to Paul Bitters' "Tags-Bags-Containers."

Selectman Patrick Menges requested the Administrative Assistant retype the award contract with only the awarded bidder without all of the other quotes.

All in Favor Aye

Inspectors Reports:

Food Inspector Kevin Bernardo:

Explained that three (3) orders to correct had been sent out and that he still had one (1) property that still needed to be addressed.

Selectman Menges inquired about the [2371] County Street property? Mr. Bernardo explained that the trash had been removed, DCF was involved and the property owner is aware that he will need the Board of Health to inspect and sign off on the property after a PCO “pest control operator” has finished his work.

Selectman Menges; And [801] Spring Street; Kevin explained that he had spoken with the owner of the property and that he gave her twelve (12) days to clean the house and yard.

Selectman Menges; Stated that there was a litter of puppies in the southwest part of the house and he wanted to make sure that the smell was addressed.

Selectman Menges; And the [460] Somerset Avenue property has the (clothing recycling) container been removed?

It was stated that property owner tried to do a good deed having the container on their property but it (attracted dumping). He was told that the inspectors would go by tonight to see if the container had been removed.

Building Inspector, James Aguiar:

194 Bow Street; Happy to say the vacant home at is about to be sold. The house will be renovated, put back on the tax rolls and be occupied soon.

2022 Old Somerset Avenue; The house has been taken down and the owner would like to build a new home as soon as he settles with the insurance company. The Board of Health fencing that was surrounding the property has been removed to 402 Spring Street (the old post office). The highway department assisted in moving the fencing and the building has been inspected and the property owner is aware of the situation. The Commissioner requested that a Board of Health member join the survey team. Chair Tanis offered his assistance and will join the survey team as a representative of the Board of Health.

Chairman Matthew Tanis

Emergency Preparedness:

Chairman Tanis explained that State is merging and regionalizing Emergency Preparedness and that he will be meeting with Emergency Preparedness coordinator Amy Palmer in the next few weeks to go over the status of the Town of Dighton.

Grant Money from DEP;

Chairman Tanis stated that a grant application was due June 10, 2015 and the amount of information needed to apply could not be met. He stated that he had spoken in depth with Kathy Mirza from DEP and she was in full support of waiting until next year and put together a complete application.

Building Commissioner James Aguiar

Mentioned that the Board might want to consider inviting a representative from DEP to come to the Town of Dighton to provide assistance where needed, the Transfer Station, Recycling, public outreach and education. We could work with the cable commission and televise a question and answer session regarding various health department issues to help make the public aware of Hazardous Waste Storage, Recycling *ect...etc.*

Adjournment:

Motion Dean Cronin second Patrick Menges to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM

All in Favor

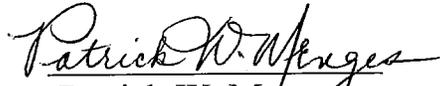
Aye



Matthew Tanis
Chairman



Dean V. Cronin
Member



Patrick W. Menges
Clerk

Respectfully Submitted
Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant