



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday October 28, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes*

Call to Order:

Chairman Patrick Menges called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Present:

Chairman Patrick Menges, Dean Cronin and Nancy Goulart

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

TOWN CLERK
DIGHTON, MA
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Approve Minutes:

Motion Nancy Goulart second Dean Cronin to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 14, 2015 as prepared by the clerk to the Board of Health.

All in favor say Aye, Opposed no, the Aye's have it the motion carries. The minutes are approved

Motion Nancy Goulart second Dean Cronin to approve the special meeting minutes of October 7, 2015 as prepared by the clerk to the Board of Selectmen.

All in favor say Aye, Opposed no, the Aye's have it the motion carries. The minutes are approved

Correspondence:

Chairman Patrick Menges: Read note to the Office of Department of Solid Waste Management regarding the Waste Ban Plan Compliance. See attached.

Selectman Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Chairman Menges added the Dighton Lions will once again be sponsoring the Arts Festival at Araujo Farms on Williams Street November 1, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Old Business:

Barn Permit Policy Regulations:

Chairman Menges stated that at the last Board of Health meeting the Board voted to study creating a regulation that stable permits be expanded into general barn permits. So that in the event of an emergency and evacuations were needed we would have an accurate count of all livestock in town. They discussed creating a form that would go out with the census and have livestock owners put down what they own and how many so that the Inspector of Animals has a record of the places that need to be inspected and also in the event of an emergency evacuated.

Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry stated that she feels there has to be some accountability for people that own farm animals or have barns in town.

Motion Dean Cronin second Nancy Goulart to continue to pursue creating a form to be added to the census mailings for livestock owners to fill out with what animals they own and how many.

All in Favor

Aye

Hydronic Heater Bylaw Regulation:

Chairman Menges asked the secretary to update the Board on the Status of the Regulation. She stated that The Hydronic Heater Bylaw was sent to Mark Cohen with revisions that The Massachusetts Department of Public Health had requested and she also informed the Board that Mr. Cohen advised her that all procedural requirements that had been previously implemented would need to be redone.

Dean Cronin asked if changes were made that would warrant a new hearing and posting in the paper. Yes.

Thomas Pires wanted to make the Board aware that the notification in the paper has to be posted Twice. He explained that the first time they only posted it in the paper once and that was the problem with this regulation not yet being adopted.

Progress Toward a Professional Director of Public Health.

Chairman Patrick Menges explained that the Board of Health is seeking expressions of interest in a position of Director of Public Health from possible candidates' in the Master's Program at Bridgewater State University and he expects to hear from the University tomorrow concerning this matter. The Board discussed reaching out to other colleges and universities regarding this internship.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Board discussed placing the Hazardous Waste Collection Day on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and how it would be funded. They discussed the possibility of having a waste collection Day in conjunction with another town and they also mentioned that they would need to add this to The Board of Health's 2017 budget.

Animal Shelter:

Chairman Menges read the minutes from The Regional Animal Shelter Meeting, see attached. Chairman Menges explained the upcoming changes to the Tremont Animal Shelter

- Fire Hydrant relocated south of the building
- Concrete apron has been installed
- Outdoor runs will be installed with transparency doors for the animals to have access to outdoors
- Roof added for shade

The board would like to thank the Water District, Highway Department for all their assistance with these renovations as well as Greg Logan who has committed to building the actual separations between the stalls. The projected cost of the updates is \$5000.00.

New Business:

Delfin Diosomito, weekend Animal Control Officer, has respectfully tendered his resignation as Weekend Animal Control Officer. We want to thank him for his devoted service, extensive canine training skills and recommendations for improvements to the animal shelter.

Motion Dean Cronin second Nancy Goulart to regretfully accept the resignation of the Assistant Animal Control Officer Delfin Diosomito.

All in Favor

Aye

Transfer Station Hours:

The transfer station attendant suggested that the summer hours be extended to accommodate the requests of town residents. The Board discussed the summer hours and leaving the transfer station open until 3:00 PM until further notice. They also stated that they would have to speak with the accountant to give them a cost per week for the additional hours to make sure it would fit in the budget.

Motion Nancy Goulart second Dean Cronin to extend the hours of the Transfer Station to 3:00 PM through Mid-December 2015 and at time the hours will be revisited.

Waste Zero Retail Store Distribution:

Chris Hubbard Director Municipal Partnerships for Waste Zero explained that they manage Pay As You Throw Trash Bag Systems Nation Wide. They manufacturer the bags in South Carolina and can manage the entire program for a municipality for only a couple of pennies per bag.

- Manufacturer of Bags
- Distribution to Retail Stores Directly
- Handle Finances
- Collect Proceeds
- Deposit Proceeds into a Town Account
- Stores Bags in a Bonded Insured Warehouse
- Orders Bags

- Warrantees Items

Chairman Menges inquired about the saving for the Town that was discussed during a prior meeting with Mr. Hubbard?

Chris Hubbard: The savings generally comes in the labor and storage costs that the Town incurs.

Chairman Menges asked if you were to take over the operation midstream that is if you were to take over now. Bags that we are having produced now what would become of them and how would they be distributed?

Mr. Hubbard: We would take over the inventory of bags that you have now for 5.5 cents per bag those bags will be stored in our bonded insured warehouses and sold directly to the stores and the proceeds from those sales will be deposited into your account and that is how we will run out your supply of bags. Afterwards we would manufacture the bags and sell to the stores directly.

Motion Nancy Goulart second Dean Cronin to receive a business card, price information and take the matter under agreement.

All in Favor

Aye

Inspectors Reports:

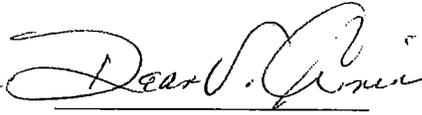
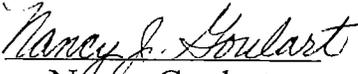
Building Commissioner James Aguiar requested scheduling a building survey for next Thursday at 1889 Elm. A member of the Board of Health needs to work on the survey team Street. Nancy Goulart offered to be the Board of Health representative.

Adjournment:

Motion Dean Cronin second Nancy Goulart at 7:40 PM.

All in Favor

Aye

		
Patrick W. Menges	Dean Cronin	Nancy Goulart
Chairman	Clerk	Member

Respectfully Submitted
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Office of Solid Waste Management

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

20 Riverside Drive

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Good afternoon,

The town of Dighton is diligently preparing and will have completed in November its Waste Ban Plan Compliance Certificate submission. We are grateful for the opportunity to properly comply with this requirement.

Very truly yours,


Patrick W. Menges

Chairman of the

Dighton Board of Health

Regional Animal Shelter Meeting Minutes 10/14/15

The meeting was held at SRPEDD's office at 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA

Attendees:

- Liz Botelho, Swansea & Somerset ACO
- Stacy Ferry, Dighton ACO
- Ross Perry, SRPEDD Director of Municipal Partnerships

Current shelter conditions:

Berkley doesn't have a shelter. They use the Freetown shelter.

Swansea Selectmen have asked Liz to fill out a needs assessment.

Most shelters are designed only to hold animals for a short time (7-10 days). After that time the animals 'disappear'. Sometimes they are relocated to facilities in Boston or Dedham, which are too far away.

The Dighton and Swansea/Somerset shelters:

- No quarantine areas
- No place for other animals, besides dogs (and cats)
- No outdoor runs (Dighton)

Rehoboth used Chelsea Reinhardt (?) from Tufts Medicine School (?) to do an assessment of their shelter.

Next steps:

- Conduct an assessment of local shelters to clearly document current conditions and areas needing improvement. RP contact Chelsea Reinhardt.
- Tour new facilities as example of what can be built. Attleboro and Bristol RI have new shelters.
- Continue to collect budget information and statistics on number of animals serviced and duration of stay.
- Plan to report findings and recommendations to local Boards of Health to gain support for an improvement plan
- Plan to report findings and recommendations to local Boards of Selectmen and ask them to appoint a working committee to work with this group to implement an improvement plan and to involve the public.
- See if the Governor's Community Compact and best practices can provide assistance. (RP)

Attleboro Shelter