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*Wednesday January 6, 2016
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Dean Cronin, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of December 9, 2015 as prepared by the clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE- Proposed outgoing letter to Mr. Toolin, at the Friedman Middle School; Chairman Patrick Menges read a draft letter to the students in room #253 thanking them for their generous donation to the animal shelter. See attached.

It was moved by Nancy Goulart seconded by Dean Cronin and VOTED to send the thank you letter to Mr. Toolin at the Friedman Middle School.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

Selectman Dean Cronin read the announcements:

OLD BUSINESS- Intern Hiring Initiative Status

Mr. Menges reported that the town still had feelers out to several universities for an intern. It would not be for a Director of Public health but more along the lines of an aide. Selectman Nancy Goulart suggested that since we have no money to fund such a position, maybe we could consider asking if there are residents with experience or backgrounds in public health who would be willing to volunteer to help out as a liaison to the Board of Health.

Discussion was held re the appearance that the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen will be split into two separate boards (elected not appointed), this would offer anyone thinking about running for the new Board of Health in 2018 the opportunity to find out exactly what is required to serve on the Board of Health .

It was moved by Nancy Goulart seconded by Dean Cronin and VOTED to leave the feelers out for an intern with the various universities to see if anyone is available and if the school will provide payment for the intern.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

It was motioned by Dean Cronin seconded Nancy Goulart and VOTED to actively seek indications of interest from qualified individuals might be willing to serve as liaison to the Board of Health.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

NEW BUSINESS –Septic System Abandonment Permit Fee

Read for the first time a proposed fee of \$100 for a permit for septic system abandonment. There will be two more readings of this fee before it will become effective. The fee is used to cover the inspection and paperwork involved with closing an old septic system (or cesspool) if it no longer is viable under Title V rules and regulations.

It was moved by Nancy Goulart seconded by Dean Cronin, and VOTED to establish and read for the first time a fee of \$100 for Septic System Abandonment Permit.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

INSPECTOR’S REPORTS: Kevin Bernardo, Health Inspector: Stated this round of inspections have been completed and he is working on revising the fee schedule and adding a retail food establishment permit.

Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry: Stated that before kennel licenses can be issued by the clerk’s office, she needs to inspect and sign off on the kennel. **Discussion** about the number of dogs in a house before it is considered a kennel (3) and also the rabies clinic that will be held in April.

Building Commissioner, James Aguiar: Stated that a liaison to the board of health is a great idea and a step in the right direction.

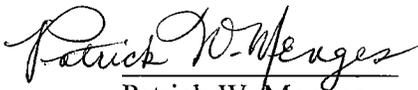
PUBLIC INPUT:

Tom Pires: Asked the Board if a date had been considered to meet with the board of health study committee. Discussion re the study committee will be able to help with a lot of what had been discussed tonight.

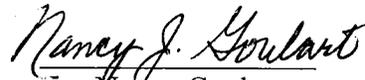
ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Nancy Goulart, seconded by Dean Cronin, and VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS


Patrick W. Menges
Chairman


Dean V. Cronin
Clerk


Nancy Goulart
Member



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January 7, 2016

Mr. Toolin
Room # 253
Friedman Middle School
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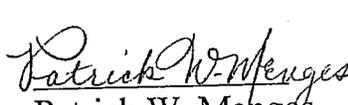
Dear Mr. Toolin

We wish to express a very sincere thank you to you and the students in room #253 at the Friedman Middle School for the generous donation of provisions for the Town of Dighton's Animal Shelter.

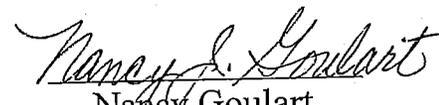
Whenever animals must be sheltered and fed by the town, especially in winter, donations such as yours help us to insure that they are as comfortable and humanely treated as possible in our shelter.

The kindness that your gift has shown toward vulnerable pets in need of protection sets a sterling example that we hope others will follow, to do what they can, as well.

We invite you to visit a meeting of the Board of Health so that we may meet you, hear your message of selflessness, and accord you the recognition that this exceptional gesture so richly deserves.


Patrick W. Menges
Chairman


Dean Cronin
Clerk


Nancy Goulart
Member