

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
APRIL 10, 2013**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Dean V. Cronin and Thomas J. Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Selectmen

Town Clerk, Susana Medeiros, swore in newly elected selectmen, Patrick W. Menges.

Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen/Health

Chairman, Dean V. Cronin, declared all offices vacant and called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Thomas J. Pires nominated Dean V. Cronin. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to appoint Dean V. Cronin as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Mr. Cronin accepted the position.

Dean V. Cronin called for nominations of Chairman of the Board of Health. Patrick W. Menges nominated Thomas J. Pires. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Thomas J. Pires as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Mr. Pires accepted the position.

Dean V. Cronin called for nominations of Clerk of the Board of Selectmen. Thomas J. Pires nominated Patrick W. Menges.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Patrick W. Menges as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Mr. Menges accepted the position.

Dean V. Cronin called for nominations as Personnel Officer. Thomas J. Pires nominated Patrick W. Menges.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Patrick W. Menges as Personnel Officer.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Mr. Menges accepted the position.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the executive session meeting minutes of April 3, 2013 – Executive Session(s).

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of April 3, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

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| Warrant #041A-13 | Payroll      | \$ | 62,246.57 |
| Warrant #041B-13 | Vendor bills | \$ | 77,602.13 |
| Warrant #041C-13 | Vendor bills | \$ | 1,301.61  |

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Board read a food recall from Centerville Pie Company and a human infection of Novel Influenza A health advisory from the CDC.

The House of Representative released the following local aid fund budget for the Town of Dighton: Unrestricted Government Aid \$669,478 and D-R Regional High School \$12,390,171.

The Dighton Council on Aging is seeking an Activities Instructor for the Prime time Adult Supportive Day Program. For more information please contact Alice Souza, Executive Director at Dighton Council of Aging.

MassDOT Highway Division will begin spring sweeping operations long its State Highways, weather permitting, on or about April 8, 2013.

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act: Dighton Tobacco Regulations with Marilyn Edge, Tobacco Control Coordinator

Marilyn Edge, Tobacco Control Coordinator appeared before the Board and presented the Town's compliance report from July 1, 2012 through April 10, 2013. It was noted that Reeds Produce and Garden was not inspected because it was closed and violations were issued to Fast Mart and Mobil for selling a tobacco product to a minor. Mobil has paid the fine due to said violation, however, no payment has been received from Fast Mart.

Mrs. Edge has been speaking with Heidi Swist, Planning Department regarding a medical marijuana zoning bylaw. A copy of the recently approved bylaw from Burlington will be provided.

A copy of recently appointed agents will be forwarded to Mrs. Edge.

Mrs. Edge and the Board reviewed and discussed at length each section of the proposed Regulation Restricting the Sale and Use of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Products. Mrs. Edge will incorporate the various changes as discussed and provide a draft copy for the Boards review. Once the Regulation is finalized a public hearing with appropriate notification will be arranged by Mrs. Edge.

Review/Discuss/Act: Permit Waiver Request from Dighton Baseball & Softball League

The Board received a request from the Dighton Baseball & Softball League seeking a waiver for the Food Permit for the Concession Stand and the electrical permit for the upgrade of service and light installation on Field #1. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to waive the Food Permit and Electrical Permit fee for the Dighton Baseball & Softball League.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Installation of Freezer for the Dighton Community Food Bank

The Board received a request from the Dighton Community Food Bank seeking permission to install a 110 electrical outlet in the downstairs entrance foyer of town hall for the purpose of supporting a standing freezer. Said location of the freezer has been approved by the Building Inspector. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the installation of a 110 electrical outlet in the downstairs entrance foyer of town hall for the purpose of supporting a standing freezer for the Dighton Community Food Bank.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Ambulance Write Off Request

The Board received and read a request from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., to write off ambulance fees due to hardships. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the Ambulance Write off totaling \$3,571.51.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Mutual Aid Agreement between the Police Depts. Of the Metropolitan Boston Area Proposal

The Board received and reviewed from Police Chief Robert MacDonald a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Police Department of the Metropolitan Boston Area. The General Court has enacted MGL Chapter 40, Section 8G allowing police departments to enter into mutual aid programs to increase their capability to protect the lives, safety, and property of the public by allowing municipal police officers to stop offenders when outside their jurisdictions. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to enter into the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Police Depts. Of the Metropolitan Boston Area as presented.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Establish Renewable Energy Committee

An email was received and read from Chris Chandonait, Main Street, encouraging the Board to consider utilizing renewable energy (geothermal, solar, wind) on Town owned buildings (i.e., the new police station). In light of this, the Board determined to establish a five (5) member Renewable Energy Committee. Anyone interested, should complete a volunteer application or submit a letter of interest to the Board for consideration.

Review/Discuss/Act: Vacation Carry Over Request

The Board received and read a vacation carry over request from Building Commissioner James D. Aguiar, Jr. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve seventy (70) hours vacation carry over request for James D. Aguiar, Jr.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Obtain Bulk Mailing Permit on a Yearly Basis

The Board discussed obtaining the bulk mailing permit on a yearly basis instead of an as needed basis. At this time, the Board will not obtain the bulk mail permit with Council of Aging. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to purchase a bulk mail permit on a yearly basis.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Timothy Rhines thanked the Fire Department for transporting him to the hospital when he was sick. Mr. Rhines also thanked the Highway Department and the Fire Department for their assistance installing the net at the baseball field. Lastly, Mr. Rhines noted that he has been appointed as the Park & Recreation representative to the Community

Preservation Committee. He encourages the public to attend their monthly meetings. Mr. Menges noted that the Commission, containing a good mix of individuals, has cleared a number of hurdles this past year.

Executive Session (MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (3 & 6))

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to enter into Executive Session (MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)) for purposes of potential litigation strategy relative to a farm nuisance (3) and reviewing easements/land takings relative to the Brook Street Bridge (6) at 9:14 PM. The Chair declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiation position of the public body.

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| Vote: | Dean V. Cronin    | AYE |
|       | Thomas J. Pires   | AYE |
|       | Patrick W. Menges | AYE |

Regular Session

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to return to open session at 10:15 PM.

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| Vote: | Dean V. Cronin    | AYE |
|       | Thomas J. Pires   | AYE |
|       | Patrick W. Menges | AYE |

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 10:15 PM.

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| Vote: | Dean V. Cronin    | AYE |
|       | Thomas J. Pires   | AYE |
|       | Patrick W. Menges | AYE |

Respectfully submitted,  
Boards of Selectmen/Health  
Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

