

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 14, 2013**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Present: Dean V. Cronin, Thomas J. Pires and Patrick W. Menges

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of July 26, 2013 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of July 26, 2013 – Brook Street Bridge Replacement Project.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of July 30, 2013 – Executive Session (1).

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of July 30, 2013 – Executive Session (2).

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of July 31, 2013 – Regular Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of August 7, 2013 – Special Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #07A-14	Payroll	\$	63,185.16
Warrant #07B-14	Vendor bills	\$	138,276.26

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) advises residents of the impact of hurricanes on inland location. More information may be obtained on the MEMA website at www.mass.gov/mema.

The Board read an advisory from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission relative to a new "pouring permit" for Farmer-Breweries, Famer-Wineries Farmer Distilleries.

The Board advised residents that letters from Columbia Home Solutions are being sent to homeowners relative to insurance for water and sewer lines. It was noted that although the letterhead looks similar to Columbia Gas Company the two companies are not affiliated.

The Board received a letter from the Office of the Inspector General congratulating Jen Luiz for successfully completing the Design & Construction Contracting Certification Seminar wherein her passing score was 80%.

The Board received a letter from the Bristol County Agricultural High School expressing their sincere appreciation in securing a positive decision by the Dighton Board of Sewer Commissioners relative to Bristol Aggie's liability for operating expenses of the pumping station.

The Board thanked officers from the Police Department and Paramedics from the Fire Department for their contribution and flawless appearance and representation of Dighton for traffic control and medical readiness during the bicyclists' 3 August 2013 Pan Mass Challenge to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

The Board thanked Highway employees Raymond Rose and Greg Olsen for the clean up of 252 Pearl Street property over the weekend.

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act: Brook Street Bridge Replacement Project

Brook Street Bridge Replacement Project Liasion, Nancy Goulart, presented an Order of Taking and a Permanent Easement for the Board's approval and acceptance. The Board will need to act on the matter so that the documents can be recorded and notification can be made to the property owners. It is estimated that the total for recording costs will be \$150.00. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded Thomas J. Pires: VOTED to accept the Order of Taking for the replacement of the Brook Street Bridge and reconstruction of a portion of Brook Street as approved by voters at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 4, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to grant to the town of Somerset Water Department a permanent easement to construct and maintain a water pipeline and appurtenances thereto on the bridge over the Segreganset River on Brook Street under the terms and conditions set forth in the Permanent Easement document as provided for in Article 26 as voted at the Annual Town Meeting on June 4, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

M. Francis Joyce, 399 Brook Street requested clarification of the amended offer of the temporary and/or permanent easements on his property. It was noted that the revised offer was based upon the revised appraisal prepared by Donald Welinsky, MAI and supporting documents were presented.

Safety Improvements to Dighton Public Library

Building Commissioner James D. Aguiar, Jr., appeared before the Board to review several public safety concerns discovered at the Public Library during an inspection performed with the Fire Chief. Library Trustees Ron O'Connor and Mary Beth Cabral appeared before the Board to review the safety concerns and provide an estimated timeline to correct the concerns. Mr. Aguiar's inspection report was read into record (Attachment A).

Mr. Aguiar is respectful of the age and significance of the building and noted that he will be available to assist in any way that he can. Mr. O'Connor noted that the Trustees take the concerns very seriously, they are committed to operating the Library with public safety in mind and efforts to correct the concerns are already taking place. The Trustees anticipate providing to the Board, Building Commissioner and Fire Chief a target time frame for completion of corrections, as well as, providing a financial projection of anticipated costs which may result in warrant articles for funding at the upcoming Special Town Meeting in the fall.

Review/Discuss/Act: Accept Plumbing Inspector Resignation

The Board received and read the resignation letter from Jeff Potter as Plumbing Inspector, Gas Appliance Inspector and Sheet Metal Inspector. The Board thanked Mr. Potter for his 10 years of service. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to accept the resignation of Jeff Potter as Plumbing Inspector, Gas Appliance Inspector and Sheet Metal Inspector.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The Board read Building Commissioner James D. Aguiar, Jr.'s recommendation to appoint a Plumbing and Gas Appliance Inspector. It was noted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws the Building Inspector is automatically assigned as the Sheet Metal Inspector unless a town chooses to make a separate appointment. Motion:

Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to appoint Christopher Costa as the Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Disaster Committee Appointment(s)

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Edward Dutra as member to the Disaster Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Thomas Ferry as member to the Disaster Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Board introduced Eric Teixeira and Mark Cordeiro, two Eagle Scout attendees participating in the meeting to earn their Communications Merit Badge.

The Board noted that the Dighton Elementary School Principal resigned. Efforts are currently underway with the Interim School Superintendent, Business Administrator and Head Custodians for the roof repairs at various school buildings.

Selectman Menges noted that a request to install a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Center Street and Somerset Avenue (Route 138) has been made to MA Department of Transportation, District 5.

Tim Rhines asked if the Board anticipates disbanding the various vacant committees if no one volunteers. The Board does not anticipate disbanding the committees.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:



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AUG 13 2013



**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DVC Chairman

JAP Member

August 12, 2013 PJM Clerk

Re: DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dighton Board of Selectmen
Library Board of Trustees

Honorable Board Members:

Please be advised that the Dighton Building and Fire Departments have conducted an in depth inspection of the Public Library located on Main Street. Several public safety concerns were discovered and in response I have ordered the Young Adults room in the lower level to remain closed until further notice. The Librarian had mediated two other problems areas in an expedient manner to prevent other areas of the building from being closed. The following items are considered standing violations and should be addressed appropriately; please keep my office updated of any progress and any help that we may provide.

**527 CMR Massachusetts State Fire Prevention Code
780 CMR Massachusetts State Building Code Eight Edition**

Section 110.7 Periodic Inspections

Pursuant to the requirements of this code section – all life safety parameters of the current building and fire codes are applicable with any assembly use occupancies (Library). The following deficiencies were detected at the site inspection that took place on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

- *Need to install Illuminated Exit Signs and Emergency Lighting with battery or generator back-up power throughout the building**
- *Existing Non Conforming Means of Egress for the lower level**
- *Inadequate fire separation between the boiler room and adjacent assembly areas (floors and walls – lower level)**
- *Dead End without proper Egress located in the Young Adult reading area (lower level)**
- *Storage and accumulation of combustibles in the following areas (boiler room, closets, lower level public areas, main level public areas, the private second level storage room and in the building eaves and concealed spaces)**

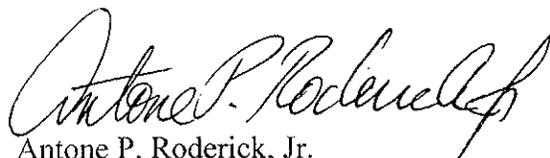
Attachment A

***Non-functional and outdated Fire Alarm System and Carbon Monoxide Detection**
***Inadequate Building Accessibility – once the Ramp was installed at the building entrance, certain other building accessibility requirements should have been upgraded**

Respectfully,



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