

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was held in recognition of the September 11, 2011 tragedy.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of August 28, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #11A-14	Payroll	\$	67,368.76
Warrant #011B-14	Vendor bills	\$	158,122.12

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

Congressman Joe Kennedy, III has scheduled “Tour 32” by holding constituent office hours at Reese’s Gas Station located at 556 Somerset Avenue on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM-2:00PM.

The Board corrected Jen Luiz’s score for completing the Design & Construction Contracting Certification Seminar. She received a 96% not 80% as previously stated. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to amend the meeting minutes of August 14, 2013 to reflect the correct score.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The Board read a letter to Stephen Dempsy congratulating on his recent appointment as Superintendent of Bristol County Agricultural High School.

Announcements were read.

Dean V. Cronin advised viewers that the Cable Committee is aware and is working on the technical difficulties during live broadcasting. It was noted, anyone wishing to speak to the Cable Committee should contact them at (508) 669-4502.

Susana Medeiros announced that the annual Lights On Ceremony will take place Saturday, November, 30, 2013 at 3:30PM behind Town Hall. Anyone interested in serving on the Holiday Committee may attend their meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 6:00PM at Town Hall. For more information, please speak with Susana Medeiros at (508) 669-5411.

Review/Discuss/Act: Proclamation for Constitution Week

The Board received a request from the Lydia Cobb-Quequechan Chapter of the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution to issue a Proclamation for Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2013. Said Proclamation was prepared and read. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to accept and sign the Proclamation for Constitution Week as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Notice of Activity and Use Limitation Form 1075 for Highway Garage, 2011 County Street

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to table the matter until more information is received.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Set Special Town Meeting

The Board contacted appropriate parties in anticipation of scheduling a Special Town Meeting in October. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to schedule Special Town Meeting for October 29, 2013, 7:00PM at the Dighton Middle School, 1025R Somerset Avenue and all warrant articles be submitted no later than September 19, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Future of VanGyzen Hall

It was noted that the Veterans group John VanGyzen Hall, Inc., (formerly known as Rapoza-Knot Consolidated Post #2094 has disbanded and surrendered its lease of the VanGyzen Hall at 495 School Street, North Dighton to the Town of Dighton. It was noted that under the terms of lease, the Town must wait six months to see if another Veterans association would like to utilize the hall. The Board determined at a special meeting held last week that the it would be prudent to inventory the contents of the building, and to put a firm plan in place (i.e., create a committee and custodian) so that use of the Hall can continue on a per-diem basis. Anyone seeking more information should contact the Selectmen's office. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to continue utilizing the VanGyzen Hall on a per-diem basis and that the name will be retained regardless of tenancy of the building.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Hire Snow Removal Trucks & Hired Drivers for Snow Removal

The Board received and read Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry's recommendation to increase the hire snow removal trucks and hired drivers for snow removal with a 4x4 pick-up truck with an 8-9' bade from \$60.00 to \$65.00. Also, Mr. Ferry is requesting that consideration be made to increase the hired drivers rate 2% (from \$21.44 to \$21.87), however, the Board determined that the rate will remain at \$21.44. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to increase the hire snow removal trucks and hired drivers for snow removal with a 4x4 pick-up truck with an 8-9' bade from \$60.00 to \$65.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Appoint Fran Linden to Local Arts Council

The Board read an appointment recommendation of Fran Linden from Alison Makuch, Chairperson of the Dighton Cultural Council. Ms. Linden appeared before the Board and expressed her excitement to serve on the board. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to appoint Fran Linden as Member to the Dighton Cultural Council.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Appoint Mark Copeland and Dave Rosa to Renewable Energy Committee

The Board received two applicants for the Renewable Energy Committee. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded Thomas J. Pires: VOTED to appoint Mark Copeland as Member to the Renewable Energy Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded Thomas J. Pires: VOTED to appoint Dave Rosa as Alternate Member to the Renewable Energy Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Thomas Pires reminded residents that West Nile Virus and EEE has been detected in Dighton. Residents are advised to take precautions against mosquitoes, including, avoid the outdoors during dawn and dusk, wear clothing that covers most skin, apply repellants and remove standing water.

Thomas Pires noted that the Board of Health anticipates placing a warrant article for funding for a Hazardous Materials Waste Day.

Patrick Menges noted that a pleasant and productive Department Head meeting in conjunction with the Disaster Committee took place earlier today. Employees are currently obtaining the required National Incident Management System (NIMS) certification.

Nancy Goulart appeared before the Board and noted that the Massachusetts Municipal Association has filed a water infrastructure bond bill.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:27 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

*Thomas J. Pires 9/18/13*