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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 10:00 AM

TOWN HALL HEARINGS ROOM

Chairmen of the board of selectman Dean V. Cronin convened a meeting of the selectmen with Raynham dog track owner Thomas Carney, south eastern regional planning and economic development district gambling expert Steve Smith, and attorney Grace Lee of the firm of Eckert-Seaman's attorneys at law, in the hearing room of the town hall at 10:02 AM on Tuesday 17 September 2013, to discuss Dighton's possible designation as a "surrounding community" for purposes of receiving impact relief when the former Raynham dog track becomes a slot parlor. (Selectman Cronin stated that this would be an informal discussion.)

Attorney Lee stated the statutory definition of "surrounding community" as applied to towns immediate to a gambling operation that might be there by impacted. She said that Mr. Carney's firm and Eckert-Seaman's perform a study and in their application for a slot parlor license report their communications with neighboring towns concerning this matter. She said that they have to go through a process that the states gaming commission has set up. If Dighton felt that it is a "surrounding community", and Raynham dog track disagrees, the issue would go to arbitration.

SRPED, Steve smith said, is doing an analysis concerning "surrounding community impact", and will let Dighton know if SRPED finds that the impact of gambling in Raynham on Dighton will rise to the level of making Dighton statutorily qualified to be considered a "surrounding community."

Mr. Carney stated that as of 2010 live dog racing was outlawed in Massachusetts. Raynham dog track now host gambling on simulcast racing. Within the present Raynham dog track facilities, a temporary simulcast parlor is possible. However, a new simulcast parlor, and new buildings to house a slot parlor, casino, amenities, and a small convention center are planned. Mr. Carney said that 1,250 slot machines are proposed.

At this point in the proceedings, administrative assistant to the board of selectmen Kerrie Easterday informed clerk of the board of selectmen Patrick Menges that Dighton Cable programmer Jim Ready had left town hall without video recording this meeting, because he said that the meeting was never called to order, and was just an informal meeting.

Selectman Cronin asked "What is your capacity?" SRPED representative Steve Smith interjected maybe 10,000 people. Mr. Carney added 800 employees—staggered shifts. Traffic issues of the past associated with the dog track should be alleviated by a stop light in the middle of the property with one

lane on each side. Traffic alleviation measures are based upon the formally calculated maximum dog track operation gate receipts.

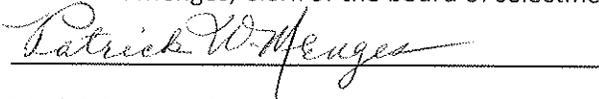
Selectman Thomas Pires was absent from this meeting.

Selectman Cronin said that "This was more out of curiosity than anything else."

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

Submitted by

Patrick W. Menges, Clerk of the board of selectmen

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick W. Menges", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Mark Pritchard Aide