

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 16, 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 September 23, 2013 – Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 7, 2013 – Dighton Power Charitable Fund Advisory Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 8, 2013 – Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 9, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #016A-14	Payroll	\$	61,078.15
Warrant #016B-14	Vendor bills	\$	39,903.66

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

It was noted that a False Alarm Citation was issued in the amount of \$50.00 under the Town of Dighton By-Laws, Article XXXII.

Announcements were read. It was noted that the Dighton Public Library will be hosting Haunted History of New England. For more information, contact the library directly at (508) 669-6421.

Review/Discuss/Act: Petition from Verizon New England Inc. & Massachusetts Electric Co. to Relocate Facilities on Center Street

The Board received and read into record Petition No. 2013-31, a request from Verizon New England Inc. & Massachusetts Electric Co. to Relocate Facilities on Center Street. Under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 166, Section 22, a petition is not required to have a hearing or abutter notification. Said petition is necessary in order to allow new driveway construction. There was no opposition to said request. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to relocate Center Street Pole #4/99 25' west of its present location, to a point approximately 4,885 feet west of Briggs Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Thomas Munroe: Eagle Scout Project Presentation

Thomas Munroe appeared before to present his proposal to renovate the animal shelter located on Tremont Street for his Eagle Scout Project. After speaking with Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry a more defined plan was placed and Mr. Munroe presented same to the Board. If the Board approves the proposal, then same will be submitted to Counsel for review and approval. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve Thomas Munroe's Animal Shelter Renovation Proposal as an Eagle Scout Project.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Use of Town Vehicle for Annual Pumpkin Painting Party

The Board received and read a request from Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent seeking permission to use the Highway Department's tractor for the Park and Recreation 2nd Annual Pumpkin Painting Party. Highway Department Employee, Melissa Rose, will volunteer to operate said tractor. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve use of the Highway Department's tractor for the Park and Recreation 2nd Annual Pumpkin Painting Party.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Ambulance Write Off Request

The Board received and read a request from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., to write off an ambulance invoice due to hardship. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve an ambulance write off for run number 106331 in the amount of \$200.00 due to hardship.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Acceptance of Resignation Letter(s) for the Highway Department

The Board received and read a letter of resignation as Operator Class 1 for the Highway Department from Greg Olsen. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to accept the letter of resignation from Greg Olsen.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The Board received and read a letter of resignation as Operator Class 1 for the Highway Department from Melissa Rose. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to accept the letter of resignation from Melissa Rose.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The Board commended Ms. Rose and Mr. Olsen in their years of service to the Town and wish them luck in their future endeavors. They will be missed.

Review/Discuss/Act: Approval of Vacation Buyback(s)

The Board received and read a request from Greg Olsen to buyback eighty (80) hours of earned vacation time. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to grant buyback of eighty (80) hours of earned vacation time to Greg Olsen.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The Board received and read a request from Melissa Rose to buyback eighty (80) hours of earned vacation time. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to grant buyback of eighty (80) hours of earned vacation time to Melissa Rose.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Economic Development Grant

Patrick W. Menges was informed that SRPEDD awarded the Economic Development Grant to the Town in the amount of \$12,000.00. The Board thanks all participants who assisted in the grant writing and thanks was made to Patrick Menges for initiating the application.

Public Input

The Board noted that each member will be attending separate events this Saturday. Chairman Cronin will attend the John VanGyzen Hall Clean Up, Member Pires will attend the Yard Sale for the Animal Shelter and Clerk Menges will attend the Bristol Agricultural High School Fall Show Breakfast, followed by the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocations Open House Luncheon.

Executive Session (MGL Ch. 20A, Sec. 21(a))

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation relative to the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee Litigation.

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

The Board will not return to Regular Session.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:21 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

