

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 23, 2013**

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2013 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 17, 2013 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #017A-14	Payroll	\$	69,186.12
Warrant #017B-14	Vendor bills	\$	207,076.69
Warrant #017C-14	Vendor bills	\$	0.00
Warrant #017D-14	Vendor bills	\$	3,669.20

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association thanked the Board of Selectmen for letting them have their “Cruise Nights” behind Town Hall during the summer to raise money for the scholarship program.

The Parks & Recreation thanked Melissa Rose and Gregory Olsen for volunteering their time for the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Painting in honor of the late Richard Leonard held at the Pavilion on Sunday, October 20, 2013.

Chris Moulding, Race Director for Dighton Run for Heroes 5K thanked the Board and residents for the generous support for the 5th Annual Dighton Run for Heroes 5K held on September 14th.

Roughly 100 runners signed up for the race and a total of \$2,178.00 was raised for the Homes for Our Troops program.

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act: Class II Dealers License Transfer Hearing for Erik Camara, d/b/a E. Camara Enterprises, Inc.

As requested at the Class II Hearing held on October 9, 2013, Mr. Camara supplied a Certificate of Good Standing from the State Secretary's Office and a letter of intent from the landlord, Craig Engler. Although Mr. Camara supplied the documentation, the Board informed Mr. Camara that they are unable to approve the Class II Dealers License Transfer until an inspection is performed by the Fire and Building Departments. Mr. Camara has no objection to the inspections, however, Mr. Camara requested clarification. The Board informed Mr. Camara that it came the Board's attention after the Hearing on October 9th and it was stated that because this is a new location that has not been utilized, an inspection is required. Mr. Camara agreed. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to table the matter one week.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss John VanGyzen Hall Restoration

In response to requests for volunteers to restore the John VanGyzen Hall, members of the Patriots Riders appeared and thoroughly cleaned, from ceiling to floor, the hall, bar and bathrooms. Jeff Gagnon also appeared to power wash grates and filters that has been accumulating for a number of years. Storage closets containing food, mostly expired, was cleaned out as well. Two 250 gallon oil tanks have been filled and the Board does not intend to winterize the building as they would like it actively used. A gas inspection will be performed to make sure the hook up is up to code, bathrooms will be upgraded to make them handicap accessible, and it is anticipated that a new roof will be installed. Anyone able to volunteer their time, services and/or materials are welcomed to contact the Selectmen.

The Board would like to advise the Marine Corp. that there are a number of memorabilia items at the Hall that needs a home. It was suggested that maybe a member of the Patriots Riders would have an interest in the memorabilia.

The Board would like to personally thank the following people for their dedication: Leslie Raucci, Cheryl Cohen, Warren Jones, Rob Boucher, Paula & Jean Cooper,

Stephen Cameron, Sr., Bradley Cameron, Red Grivalsky, David Donnelly, Mike Rose and Jeff Gagnon.

Public Hearing: §15 New Liquor License Gatrani, Inc., d/b/a New Fast Mart (7:45 PM)

The Notice of Public Hearing of Gatrani, Inc., d/b/a New Fast Mart, 420 Somerset Avenue, North Dighton for a new §15 Package Store Wine & Malt Beverage License was read into record. Meera Thakrar, Vice President/Treasurer of Gatrani, Inc. appeared to present her application. Mrs. Thakrar has lived in the United States for 11 years and has been a U.S. Citizen for 6 years. The store is manned by Mrs. Thakrar and her mother and it is there hope to create a larger customer base with the sale of beer and wine. Currently the store sells convenience items (i.e., soda, milk, bread, etc.), Dighton trash bags, cigarettes, and lottery tickets. All appropriate paperwork was in order.

Building Commissioner, James D. Aguiar, Jr., spoke in favor of the liquor license application. Mr. Aguiar performed the necessary inspections prior to the opening of the convenience store and notes that Mrs. Thakrar was proactive prior to the purchase of the convenience store, as well as, her willingness to bring the store front up to code.

There was no opposition from the public made.

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the §15 Package Store Wine & Malt Beverage License of Gatrani, Inc., d/b/a New Fast Mart, 420 Somerset Avenue, North Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Application was signed and will be forwarded the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for their approval.

Review/Discuss/Act: Insurance Waiver Request for Snow Removal

The Board received and read a request from Samuel D. Pine, Jr., of Samuel Pine & Sons Excavating, seeking a waiver for the required worker's compensation insurance for the FY2014 as he is the sole owner/operator of the vehicle and plow used for snow removal for the town. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to waive the requirement to carry worker's compensation insurance for the FY2014 snow removal for the Town of Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) Advisory Board Appointment

The Board received and read a letter of request from GATRA seeking a representative of the disabled commuter population serve on the Advisory Board as a member for a one year term. This is a voting position for someone that would advocate for the disabled interest at the Advisory Board. Anyone interested or would like to nominate someone

should contact the Board of Selectmen's office by early next week so that an appointment can be made at their next Regular Meeting.

Public Input

The Board wishes the Red Sox luck in the World Series.

Adjournment

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

