

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OCTOBER 30, 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 following senior members of the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School Varsity Falcon Football Team were introduced: Matthew Novello, Dan Coutu, Captain Matt Morcus, Jacob Junker, Andrew Whitmore, Cameron Car, Kian Itzer, Marty Parker, Dylan Pacheco and Kyle Orella. The Falcon's will be facing Somerset Berkley in Friday's Division III Southwest opening rounds of the new MIAA alignment format football tournament.

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 23, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #018A-14	Payroll	\$	70,192.53
Warrant #018B-14	Vendor bills	\$	13,624.10
Warrant #018C-14	Vendor bills	\$	93,262.41
Warrant #018D-14	Vendor bills	\$	127,869.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is pleased to offer Dighton \$12,000.00 for technical assistance for the Economic Development section of the Master Plan, to include identification areas for "prompt and predictable" permitting. The Board thanked Selectman Patrick Menges for spear heading the application.

Columbia Gas of Massachusetts would like to remind customers with the growing number of people on unemployment, a household that had substantial annual income last year may now be eligible for fuel assistance. Now is also the time to ensure that heating equipment works property before winter sets in. More information contact Columbia Gas at (800) 688-6160.

All Veterans are invited to attend a Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2013, 9:00AM at Town Hall, 979 Somerset Avenue. There will be a changing of the Flags ceremony with refreshments to follow.

The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School is in the process of making a memorial wall. Anyone who graduated from D-R Regional High School and served as a member of the United States Armed Forces should contact Assistant Principal Kevin Braga at (508) 252-5025 ext. 5615 or [kbraga@drregional.org](mailto:kbraga@drregional.org).

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, inspections were performed and passed by the Fire and Building Departments. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the Class II Dealers License Transfer for Erik Camara, d/b/a E. Camara Enterprises, Inc, with a five car maximum.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

The GATRA Advisory Board is requesting Dighton's nomination for 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. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Erin Ferry as GATRA's Advisory Board Member for one year.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Organize the Renewable Energy Committee (7:45PM)

Three out of the four members of the Renewable Energy Committee appeared before the Board to be organized and issued the charge. It was noted that member Mark Copeland called and reported that he was tied up in Boston city traffic. The Board thanked the members for their commitment. A nomination was made and seconded to appoint Victor Buote as Chairman. All were in favor of the nomination. Victor Buote was named Chairman. A nomination was made and seconded to appoint Christopher Chandonait as Clerk. All were in favor of the nomination. Christopher Chandonait was named Clerk. The Board reviewed the Open Meeting requirements.

The Board instituted the charge of the Committee to provide their expert input of renewable energy projects within the Town. Applications filed should provide public comment and a review process that the Committee participate in. It was noted that the proposed by-law presented at Special Town Meeting was tabled. As a result, the Board

would like the Committee to refine the by-law and consider exempting single family homes.

It was noted Victor Buote installed the first solar home in Town in 1975.

Discuss 911 Regionalization

The Board tabled the matter for one week.

Review/Discuss/Act: Petition #2013-37 from Verizon New England Inc & Massachusetts Electric Company to relocate facilities pole 7/64, Pleasant Street

The Board received and read into record Petition #2013-37 from Verizon New England Inc., and Massachusetts Electric Company to relocate facilities pole 7/64 on Pleasant 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 upgrade the facilities. There was no opposition to said request. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to relocate facilities pole 7/64 on Pleasant Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Appoint Graves Officer

The Board received an interested applicant as Graves Officer. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to appoint Christopher Ready as Graves Officer.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Vacancy of Operator Class I in the Highway Department

Highway Superintendent has reviewed applications for the vacancy of an Operator Class 1 in the Highway Department and provided his recommendation. It was noted that one additional vacancy is still open. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to accept the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry and fill the Operator Class 1 vacancy with Nicholas Sisson.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Karl K. Spratt, Jr., Memorial Field sign behind Town Hall has been replaced by the Dighton Firefighters' Association, the Dighton Police Association, the Dighton Lions' Club and the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Selectmen have waive the building permit fee for the new sign.

Holes have been bored in Mount Hope Street to vent a natural gas leak until the leak can be located for repairs. The venting holes have been bored to prevent natural gas from traveling underground into people's homes. As a result, you may detect a natural gas odor when waling along Mount Hope Street. Residents are advised if they detect a

natural gas odor should contact the Fire Department immediately. Town officials are coordinating expedited remediation with Columbia Gas of Massachusetts.

Halloween takes place tomorrow. The public is advised that trick-or-treaters wear bright clothing and carry a flashlight to be visible at dusk or after dark. Motorists are advised to be cautious. Have a safe, happy Halloween.

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

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:16 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

