

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 6, 2013**

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

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

Patrick W. Menges thanked Den 7, Pack 45 for visiting the Town Hall on October 17, 2013 where they received a tour and had the opportunity to see how Municipal Government works.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 9, 2013 – Class II Dealers License Transfer Hearing

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 30, 2013 - Regular Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #019A-14	Payroll	\$	76,630.30
Warrant #019B-14	Vendor bills	\$	157,518.15
Warrant #019C-14	Vendor bills	\$	256,787.40
Warrant #018D-14	Vendor bills	\$	127,869.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

NONE

Announcements were read. It was noted that a representative from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts is scheduled to appear before the Board at the next scheduled meeting to discuss concerns relative to lack of response to reports of possible gas leaks in the North Dighton area.

Residents are advised to properly secure homes and automobiles due to an increase of reported break-ins, as well as, and report suspicious activity to the police.

Congratulations to Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., for completing an eight ten-hour day Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) course in structural compromise emergency preparedness in Barnstable.

The Board of Selectmen extends to Assistant Town Clerk Pamela Waller its congratulations upon her milestone of twenty years serving the townspeople.

Congratulations to the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High Varsity Falcon Football team on beating Somerset Berkley in the playoffs 35 to 21 Friday night at Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School. The Falcons will now face Plymouth North in the Division III semi finals.

Review/Discuss/Act: Vacancy of Operator Class 1 in the Highway Department

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to table the matter one week.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Lease Financing for Police Department Vehicle(s)

The Board received and completed lease financing paperwork relative to the purchase of two police vehicles as approved at Special Town Meeting. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded0 Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the Lease Agreement as approved at Special Town Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss Budget Preparation Process Subcommittee

The Board anticipates meeting with the Town Accountant, Finance Committee, Assessor, Treasurer/Collector and other critical department heads to review and finalize a Budget Preparation Bylaw. Although it appears that there may be some aversion to the proposed bylaw, the goal is to provide an outline of the budget process that allows examination of line by line items, public awareness and a standard procedure for future generations.

Review/Discuss/Act: Ambulance Write Off Request

The Board received and read an Ambulance Write Off request from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve an ambulance write off in the amount of \$83.13 due to deceased/no estate.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Equipment Disposal Request from Assessors Department

The Board received and read an equipment disposal request from the Assessors Department. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the equipment disposal of 1 View Sonic E55 serial number 11V034302063, 1 ASUS Server Tower serial number 412538, 1 IBM Computer Keyboard serial number

5167713012166, 1 Microsoft Mouse serial number 3892A378, and 1 APC Battery Back-up serial number WS0422150774.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Award Fence Material Bid for Highway Department

Highway Superintendent has reviewed bid proposals for fence materials to be used at the Street Department. It was noted that the second lowest bidder is recommended due to the materials being offered appeared to be stronger. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to award the bid for fence materials to McGuirk Fence Company in the amount of \$4,817.42 as recommended by Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Marsh Soil Sample Request on Town Property from Conservation Commission

The Board received a request from URS Corporation through the Conservation Commission seeking permission to obtain samples of uncontaminated marsh soils on Town property along the Taunton River below Bristol Agricultural High School. Samples will be obtained manually and no equipment will be used. Said request is made to conduct the study of lead levels in the marsh area on the north side of the former Princess House, Inc., property. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to grant URS Corporation access to Town property along the Taunton River (Map 5, Lot 8) to obtain samples of uncontaminated marsh soils.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Board thanked all service men and women who have and are serving our country and wish them a well deserved Veterans Day on Monday. A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11, 2013, 9:00AM at The Veterans Park, Town Hall, 979 Somerset Avenue.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:04 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

