

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 6, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of November 7, 2013 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #020A-14	Payroll	\$	67,093.02
Warrant #020B-14	Vendor bills	\$	151,641.02
Warrant #020C-14	Vendor bills	\$	2,302,338.00
Warrant #020D-14	Vendor bills	\$	437.58

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

NONE

Announcements were read.

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

Tiffany Bartholomew, Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District re: MSBA Grant Program for Roof Replacement Projects

Tiffany Bartholomew, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee and Chair of the Capital Projects Task Force appeared before the Board seeking support and approval to hold a Special Town Meeting in February/March 2014 for the purpose of obtaining a bond for the

replacement of four roofs in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District (DRRSD). The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has invited DRRSD into the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program for the replacement of four roofs located at: DL Beckwith Middle School, the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Dighton Elementary School and the Dighton Middle School. At this time the total project cost is estimated to be \$6 million dollars, wherein, MSBA will reimburse the DRRSD 52% of the total project cost. It was noted that a Feasibility Study, paid by the E & D Account in the amount of \$146,000.00, will be completed and submitted for MSBA's review on December 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time, a more definitive cost will be available.

The Board will entertain consideration of having a Special Town Meeting in February/March 2014 once more defined information is provided.

Steve Bryant, President Columbia Gas of Massachusetts re: Repairs

Steve Bryant, President of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts appeared before the Board to discuss the public's concerns relative to Columbia Gas' responses of various reported gas leaks located in the North Dighton area. Small bore holes were drilled into the road in the Forest Street area to pin point the small leak, which has been rectified. It was noted that the leak is/was so small that should a lit cigarette come near the bore holes, it would not ignite. Further, a strong smell is injected into the gas, otherwise, it would be undetectable. Mr. Bryant sympathizes with the public and the Board's concerns, but reassures that the leaks do not threaten the public. Further, Mr. Bryant noted that Columbia Gas is scheduled to open a new office in Taunton to better serve the Bristol County area. Columbia Gas is currently surveying the Town to determine the construction costs to upgrade the piping in the Spring of 2014.

Nancy Goulart of Gray Terrace noted that a small leak detected in her neighborhood in the Spring of 2013 and the gas company rectified the situation immediately.

Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., noted that Columbia Gas of Massachusetts will donate to meters, as well as, provide training to the public

Public Hearing: Class II Dealers License Transfer of Ownership (8:00PM)

Notice of Public Hearing published in the Taunton Daily Gazette on November 1, 2013 was read into record and the hearing was opened. Michael Parrella of Priced Rite Auto Sales, Inc. appeared before the Board requesting to transfer ownership of a Class II Dealers license from Dighton Auto Sales, located at 223 Chace Avenue, to Priced Rite Auto Sales, Inc. Mr. Parrella provided required documents (Certificate of Good Standing, commercial lease agreement, receipt of payment for newspaper publication, reimbursement payment for abutter's notification, corporate vote and a copy of the surety bond from the insurance company). The Board advised Mr. Parella that an inspection of the premises must be performed by the Fire Chief and Building Inspector.

There was no objection from the public.

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to take the matter under advisement for one week.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Workers Compensation Insurance Waiver Request for Snow Plow

The Board received and read a request from Roger Sisson, Jr., seeking a waiver from the workers compensation insurance requirement for the purpose of snow plowing for the Town of Dighton for 2013-2014. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to grant Roger Sisson, Jr. a waiver for the workers compensation insurance requirement for the purpose of snow plowing for the Town of Dighton for 2013-2014.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Nancy Goulart noted that she attended a Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting where they discussed three bills being proposed relative to food waste in the trash.

Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent asked the Board to reconsider accepting his recommendation of his Operator Class 1 vacancy in the Highway Department.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to recess at 8:30 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to reconvene at 8:38 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

At the request of Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, the Board read the recommendation of Mr. Ferry. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to accept the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry to hire Shaun P. Urban as the Town of Dighton's Operator Class 1 in the Highway Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Adjournment

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

