

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

Recognition – Kelly Madigan: The Board congratulated Kelly Madigan, star softball pitcher for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Division II Champion, in receiving the NCAA Scholarship. Miss Madigan anticipates attending East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania and major in physical and health education.

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 13, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2013 – Property Classification Hearing.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #021A-14	Payroll	\$	68,486.93
Warrant #021B-14	Vendor bills	\$	135,430.77
Warrant #021C-14	Vendor bills	\$	18,000.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Lights On Ceremony will be taking place this Saturday, November 30, 2013, 3:30PM behind Town Hall.

Announcements were read.

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

The Board awaits for the reports of the Building Inspector and Fire Chief inspections. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to table.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Sealed Bid Sale of 402 Spring Street Property

The property located at 402 Spring Street was presented at the land auction that took place over the summer, however, bids were rejected. Since that time, numerous inquiries have been received from the public to purchase the property. Approval to sell the property through a sealed bid process was approved at special town meeting held on October 29, 2013. The Board anticipates posting for sealed bid with a minimum amount of \$7,500.00 and a 5% buyers premium fee. Anyone interested in the property should contact the office at (508) 669-6431 for more information.

Review/Discuss/Act: Revise Greater Attleboro Transit Regional Authority (GATRA) Advisory Board Representative

On October 30, 2013 the Board appointed Eric Ferry as the (GATRA) Advisory Board Representative, however, it was requested that the appointment title be revised to reflect that Ms. Ferry is a representative of the disabled commuter population for the Town of Dighton. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to appoint Erin Ferry as Greater Attleboro Transit Regional Authority (GATRA) Advisory Board Representative of the Disabled Commuter Population.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Non-Town Employees Ride on Fire Apparatus Waiver Request

The Board received a request from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr. seeking permission to take non-town employees in the fire apparatus on November 30, 2013 to the Lights On at the Town Hall. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to grant permission that non-town employees ride in the fire apparatus for the purpose of the Lights on Ceremony on November 30, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: 40B Committee Appointment(s)

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Thomas J. Pires to the Forty B Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to appoint James Howland to the Forty B Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Community Innovation Grant for Record Retention

The Board received from Town Clerk Susana Medeiros and SRPEDD for consideration a Community Innovation Challenge Grant that will enable participating city and towns to implement a records management system. Municipal documents will be sorted, disposed, cataloged and/or professionally saved and stored, wherein, each department will be able to maintain the system and process through normal operations and annual department budgeting. According to the Massachusetts Statewide Retention Schedule produced by Records Conservation Board cities and towns are committed to sorting and preserving documents and should be stored so that the records are protected from fire, water, or aging

due to mold and neglect. The funds requested in this grant will cover the survey and analysis of municipal records resulting in retention and disposal plan. The records management system will not only save staff time and tax payer money, it will protect vital records and historical documents that are priceless. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to proceed with the submittal of the Community Innovation Challenge Grant.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Accept Owner's Project Manager Contract for New Police Station

After receiving five responses to the Request for Owner's Project Manager Services, reviewing qualifications, and conducting interviews the Board, in conjunction with the Police Station Committee, has determined the most qualified applicant. It was noted that this most important hurdle and meticulous process could not have been with the hard work and efforts of the Police Station Committee members and the Board of Selectmen. One the Owner's Project Manager contract is executed, the Board will relinquish the work entailed for the new police station to the Police Station Committee and the Project Manager. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to retain the Owner's Project Manager Services of Pomroy Associates, LLC of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts for the new police station.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Schedule Budget Process Improvement Sessions

The Board wishes to schedule a working session with the various department heads and Finance Committee members, preferably the first week in December, to implement a Budget Preparation By-Law. Contact will be made with the various department heads and Finance Committee members to arrange such a meeting.

Review/Discuss/Act: Insurance Advisory Committee Appointment(s)

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Tina Bragga and Gary Willette to the Insurance Advisory Committee on behalf of the Dighton Water District.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

The Board received and read worker's compensation insurance waiver requests for snow plowing from Kevin Raposa and Christopher Simons.

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to grant Kevin Raposa a waiver of the worker's compensation insurance requirement for the purposes of snow plowing for the Town of Dighton for 2013-2014.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to grant Christopher Simons a waiver of the worker's compensation insurance requirement for the purposes of snow plowing for the Town of Dighton for 2013-2014.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Seasonal Comments – Board

The Board noted that yesterday, November 19th marked the 150th anniversary of the reading of The Gettysburg Address. It was delivered by the 16th U.S. President Abraham Lincoln during the American Civil War, on the afternoon of Thursday, November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, four and a half months after the Union armies defeated those of the Confederacy at the Battle of Gettysburg.

The Board also noted that this Friday, November 22nd marked the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the 35th U.S. President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas.

Lastly, the Board would like to note that last week there was a Property Classification Hearing that instituted a slight tax increase. It was noted that these are hard times for homeowners, but encourage residents to hold on, steer your hearts and know each day brings us closer to spring.

Public Input

On behalf of Parks & Recreation, Timothy Rhines would like to thank Araujo Farms for donating the pumpkins and Thomas Ferry for use of apparatus for the Annual Pumpkin Painting event.

The Board advised residents to secure all vehicles as there have been numerous break-ins.

The Board intends to get the John Vangyzen Hall on School Street up and running again, but needs to bring the building back up to code.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:44 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

