

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 4, 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 pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of November 20, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Approve Warrants

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

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| Warrant #023A-14 | Payroll | \$ | 81,157.65 |
| Warrant #023B-14 | Vendor bills | \$ | 45,375.14 |

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

In response to the petition of the Town of Dighton to be designated as a Surrounding Community to the proposed gaming establishment of Raynham Park, LLC located in the Town of Raynham the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has conducted a thorough review, consideration and evaluation and has found that Dighton does not meet the requirements, therefore, the petition is denied. It was noted that pursuant to 205 CMR 125.01(4) any finding by the Commission that a community is not a surrounding community for purposes of the RFA-2 application shall not preclude the community from apply to and receiving funds from the Community Mitigation Fund established by MGL Ch. 23K, §61, the Transportation Infrastructure and Development Fund established by MGL Ch. 23K, §62 and the Public Health Trust Fund established by MGL Ch. 23K, §59.

Announcements were read. It was noted that Mark Pritchard will make a presentation to the Renewable Energy Committee regarding the Green Community Energy Grant Initiative on Friday, December 6, 2013, 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Class II Dealers License Transfer of Ownership

The Building Inspector has reported that inspections have been performed and is satisfactory at 223 Chace Avenue relative to the transfer of the Class II dealers license transfer of ownership from Dighton Auto Sales to Priced Right Auto Sales, Inc. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the transfer of ownership of the Class II Dealers license from Dighton Auto Sales to Priced Right Auto Sales, Inc., at 223 Chace Avenue, Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dighton Library Trustees: Building Needs Survey Participation & Update of Renovations

Library Director, Jocelyn Tavares, appeared before the Board to invite the public to participate in a survey for library priorities. The survey may be obtained online at the library website, library or the Board of Selectmen's office.

On Thursday, December 12, 2013, 7:00 PM at the Library there will be discussion of the needs of the Library and the public is encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Tavares thanked the townspeople for the vote of approval at the Special Town Meeting. Also, a thank you is sent out to the Boy Scout Troop 3 for their assistance in the obtaining and filling the storage unit of various documents.

It was noted that with the help of the building inspector and fire chief, request for proposals for the installation of a fire alarm system, emergency lighting and exit signage will be due no later the December 16, 2013, 2:00 PM at Town Hall. More information may be obtained at the library.

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. Sealed bids are due no later than January 13, 2014, 12:00 PM (Noon).

Key dates are as follows:

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| 12/11/2013 | Advertise in Central Register |
| 12/27/2013 | First Advertisement in the Taunton Daily Gazette |
| 1/3/2014 | Second Advertisement in the Taunton Daily Gazette |
| 1/6/2014 | Last day for questions to Procurement Officer/Board of Selectmen |
| 1/13/2014 | Proposal due in Procurement Officer's Office, no later than 12:00PM (Noon). Public opening to take place immediately following at 1:00 PM. |
| Within 30 days | Recommendation to Board of Selectmen for Approval |

Anyone interested in the property should contact the office at (508) 669-6431 for more information.

Review/Discuss/Act: Reserve Fund Transfer Request

The Board prepared and read a request for transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5,151.00 to the Education Account. Said request is made due to the actual number of students attending Bristol County Agricultural High School exceeded the estimated budgeted amount. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to transfer \$5,151.00 from the Reserve Fund to the Educational Account.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Community Preservation Committee Appointment(s)

The Board received Volunteer Application forms from Michael Rose and Nelson DeMelo to be appointed to the Community Preservation Committee. It was noted that there is currently one position open and that Mr. DeMelo agreed to amend his application to apply for the Open Space Committee. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Michael F. Rose to the Community Preservation Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Nelson DeMelo to the Open Space Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The Board appreciates Mr. Rose's and Mr. DeMelo's willingness to serve.

Review/Discuss/Act: Industrial Development Financing Authority Member(s) Appointment

The Board received a Volunteer Application form from Brian E. Brown to be appointed as an Industrial Development Financing Authority Member. Mr. Brown is interested in developing all facets of business in the Town by creating a strategy and a marketing campaign for new and existing businesses. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Brian E. Brown as an Industrial Development Financing Authority Member.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Letter of Support Request for 911 Regionalization

The Board has prepared and read a letter for mayors and selectmen of Bristol County seeking support of Dighton's intent to host the Regional 911 Facility for Bristol County as a means of insuring that its new police facility opens with the latest and best possible emergency communication technology. It was noted by Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) that there is up to \$2 million in state money available to support the Regional 911 Facility. A Regional 911 Facility was recently opened in Hingham after receiving \$5.3 million in State 911 Department Development Grant funding to build and equip the facility. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to accept as prepared the letter of support request to Bristol County mayors and selectmen for the Town of Dighton to host the Regional 911 Facility for Bristol County.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Renewal of Class I, II & III Auto Dealers Licenses

Unannounced inspections of all Auto Dealers are complete and in compliance. The Board thanks all dealers for their cooperation and wish them a prosperous new year. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to renew all Class I, II & III Auto Dealers Licenses for 2014.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss: Increase in Trench Permit Fee

On behalf of the Building Commissioner, the Board would like to respond to complaints received regarding trench permit fees. It was noted that that this permit and the fees associated with it are required by State law and that it is the one who obtains the permit that bears the cost, not the homeowner. Further, the reading of the incurred costs was read for three consecutive weeks and no objection was received.

Public Input

The Board congratulated the Dighton Rehoboth Falcons Football team for their win of the Thanksgiving Day game against Somerset.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:56 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

