

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DECEMBER 11, 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: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of December 2, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #024A-14	Payroll	\$	72,979.87
Warrant #024B-14	Vendor bills	\$	167,159.39
Warrant #024C-14	Vendor bills	\$	774.34

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

In the aftermath of a storm, Verizon works around the clock to restore service to customers impacted by the weather. Residents experiencing difficulties with telecommunications related issues due to a storm can call their toll free number (800) 837-4966 and website [www.verizon.com/support](http://www.verizon.com/support).

Before snow, ice and sever winter weather hit the region, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) reminds residents to take proper steps to ensure the safety of family and homes. Understand winter terminology, don not call 911 to report a power outage ensure a Winter Emergency Supply and/or Kit is stocked and fully charge electronic devices. For additional information about Winter Preparedness go to [www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema).

In accordance with MGL Ch. 10, Sec. 27A, as amended, the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission is notifying that the New Fast Mart located at 420 Somerset Avenue, Dighton will be provided an application and agreement to sell KENO To Go product. All objections must be done in writing within twenty-one day s of receipt of letter (dated December 9, 2013) to William J. Egan, Jr., General Counsel, Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, 60 Columbian Street, Braintree, MA 02184. Questions regarding the program or any other issue relative to the Lottery should call (781) 849-5555.

The Town's 330<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book is currently being printed and partial order should be received before Christmas. Information may be obtained from local cable Channel 9 and those who have signed up for a book will receive a phone call. Books will be available at

Town Hall and the Dighton Library. Payment may be made by cash or check at Town Hall. The cost for the book is \$10.00. For those who have requested that it be mailed, the cost is \$15.60. Books will be delivered to residents located at Lincoln Village or attend Prime Time.

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act: Reserve Officer Appointments

In response to Police Chief Robert MacDonald's request to hire additional Reserve Officers, numerous applications were received, reviewed and the most qualified candidates were interviewed. After a meet and greet of two candidates the Board is happy to include the recommended officers to the Police Force. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Sean Peterson and Todd Kuczewski as Reserve Officers for the Town of Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Community Preservation Committee Resignation

The Board received and read a letter of resignation of Ellen P. Bidlack from the Community Preservation Committee and the Taunton River Stewardship Council. The Board thanked Mrs. Bidlack for her dedication to the Town. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the resignation of Ellen Bidlack from the Community Preservation Committee and the Taunton River Stewardship Council.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Community Preservation Committee Appointment

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Nelson DeMelo as member to the Community Preservation Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Renewable Energy Committee Resignation

The Board received and read a letter of resignation from Chris Chandonait. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to accept the resignation from Christopher Chandonait as member of the Renewable Energy Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Accept 2014 Standard Mileage Rates

The Board received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that beginning on January 1, 2014 the standard mileage rates for the use of a car will be 56 cents per mile. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to accept the 56 cent standard mileage rate for the use of a car effective January 1, 2014.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Renewal of Liquor Licenses

Renewal applications and various documentation was received from establishments seeking to renew their Liquor Licenses. Proper review has been made and inspections are being

performed by the Building Commissioner and Fire Chief. Establishments include Georgio's, Alice's Last Stop, Mendoza's Liquors, Route 44 Liquors, Mt. Hope Village Liquors, and Almeida's Country Store. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to renew all Liquor Licenses for 2014.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Easement Agreement for Bristol County Agricultural High School Sewer Connection

The Board received and reviewed an Easement Agreement between the Town of Dighton, acting by and through the Board of Sewer Commissioners and the County of Bristol prepared by Attorney Marguerite Mitchell. Said easement will enable residents located on Center Street abutting Bristol Agricultural High School to tie into the Sewer line. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to accept and sign the Easement Agreement as presented.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Contract with Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District for South Coast Rail Technical Assistance with the Economic Development Portion of the Master Plan

Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) has awarded Dighton a South Coast Rail Technical Assistance \$12,000 grant to assist with the development of an Economic Development section of the Master Plan. As such, a Cooperative Agreement was received and reviewed. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to accept and sign SRPEDD's Cooperative Agreement for the South Coast Rail Technical Assistance.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

None.

The Board would like to extend thanks to those who contribute to charitable work, seen and unseen, during this holiday season.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:14 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

