



TOWN OF DIGHTON
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Hearings Room,
Monday December 23, 2013 @ 10:00 AM

The Following meeting was neither audiotaped or video recorded.

Chairman Dean V. Cronin convened the Board of Selectmen Meeting in the Town Hall hearings room at 10:03 a.m. on Monday December 23, 2013. Present were also Selectmen Thomas J. Pires and Patrick W. Menges, clerk of the Board.

The Board rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Selectmen proceeded to Review/ Discuss/ and Act upon preliminary budgets for fiscal year 2015, beginning with the Selectmen's budget. The Selectmen discussed details of their preliminary FY 15 Budget including,

Administrative Assistant's compensatory and overtime and duty allocation;

Legal Counsel's appropriation and possible need for new counsel;

Insurances:

Including increase for new vehicles,

The Town's assumption of Van Gyzen Hall,

The predictable (c. \$4000) annual liability premium increase.

The Board then proceeded to revise the Board of Health estimates, including waste collection, recycling and disposal; and regulation and inspection.

With the assistance of the Town Accountant the Board clarified what account the health agent inspections will be compensated from; and decided to leave \$3500 in line 5300 for mandatory drug testing when needed.

The selectmen then cursorily reviewed other preliminary FY 15 budgets:

Community Preservation Committee, noted a \$2,000 increase for office supplies.

Veterans' Agent, The agent's salary line reflected the reduction made to correct the error made compensating the present agent's predecessor; Mr. Hirschey investigated why Nancy Pinto's (his secretary's) salary in the proposed FY 15 budget is less, and discovered that in FY 14 she was compensated for an additional day. Clerical overtime will be split with the building Commissioner. A \$5000 increase will be proposed in the Veterans' Benefits line.

Zoning Board of Appeals, will have changes in two budget lines.

The Town Clerk's proposal was reviewed and questions to be asked were noted.

The Board of Selectmen will send the Department Heads the following memorandum scheduling meetings with them to review with them their respective Fiscal Year preliminary budget estimates.

Memorandum for: All Town Government Department Heads

Subject: Selectmen's Reviews of Preliminary Budgets for Fiscal Year 2015

The selectmen remind Department Heads that preliminary Fiscal Year 2015 budgets are due at the selectmen's office on December 30, 2013.

- 1. The selectmen will meet with Department Heads on the following schedule, to review their preliminary budgets:**

Monday January 6, 2014

**8:00 Finance Committee
8:30 Town Accountant
9:00 Board of Assessors
10:00 Disaster Committee
12:30 Treasurer
1:00 Collector
1:30 Clerk
2:00 Town Counsel
2:30 Conservation Commission
3:00 Planning Board
3:30 Board of Appeals
4:00 Police Department**

Wednesday January 8, 2014

**8:00 Fire Department / CIVIL DEFENSE
8:30 Ambulance Service
9:00 Council on Aging
9:30 Dog Officer
10:00 Department Heads Meeting
12:20 Highway Department**

1:00 Forestry
1:30 Harbormaster
2:00 Education Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School
2:30 Bristol County Agricultural High School
3:00 Bristol Plymouth
3:30 Board of Health
4:00 Cemetery

Friday January 10, 2014

8:30 Veterans' Services
9:00 Library
9:30 Parks & Recreation
10:00 Historical Commission
10:30 Cable Committee
11:00 Sewer Enterprise
11:30 Communication Department

Please bring any anticipated special articles with you.

- 2. Annual Reports of the Town officers will be due at the Department Heads meeting at 10:00 o'clock on Wednesday January 8, 2014.**
- 3. Thanks and Merry Christmas!**

The Selectmen then turned their attention to their annual report for 2013. The Board has met 29 times in executive session and 70 times in public session in 2013, 99 times in all, and culled the minutes for salient points for inclusion in the annual report which Chairman Cronin will write prior to January 8, 2014. Selectman Pires will come to Town Hall on Friday to write the Annual report of the board of health which he chairs.

On a motion of Selectmen Pires, seconded by Selectmen Menges, the Board of Selectmen adjourned at 1:52 P.M.


Patrick Menges

Clerk of Board