

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 22, 2014**

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 January 15, 2014 – Regular Meeting.

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #030A-14	Payroll	\$	63,556.94
Warrant #030B-14	Vendor bills	\$	157,810.93

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Town Clerk now has dog licenses available as required by state law. It was noted, all kennel licenses are now required to have the Animal Control Officer and/or Building Inspector inspect prior to issuance. Please note, on June 4, 2013 the Town accepted MGL Ch. 140, Sec. 139(c) for the purpose of no fee shall be charged for a license for a dog owned by a person aged 70 years or over. For more information please contact the Town Clerk at (508) 669-5411.

A Petition, signed by area residents, was received in response to Parks & Recreation Department's proposal to install a playground between Summer and Chase Streets. A copy of the Petition was forwarded to the Parks & Recreation Department for their review and comment.

Annual Town Election is scheduled to take place Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the Dighton Elementary School 8:00AM to 6:00PM. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's office on Thursday, January 2, 2014 through 5:00PM February 20, 2014. The deadline to return nomination papers to the Town Clerk is 5:00PM on Monday, February 24, 2014. For a name to be placed on the ballot, it is necessary to obtain at least twenty-eight (28) signatures of registered voters (MGL Ch. 53, Section 6).

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act: Appointment to Industrial Development Finance Authority

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to table the matter until the appearance of Robert Peixoto.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

It was determined that the Board would make the appointment upon the recommendation of Patrick W. Menges. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Robert Peixoto as Member to the Industrial Development Finance Authority for a two year term.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

It was noted that the Industrial Development Finance Authority seeks one more member that is involved with real estate. The Board recognized Patrick W. Menges efforts in obtaining various volunteers to serve on committees.

Review/Discuss/Act: Parking Fine Violations

It was noted that all unpaid non-criminal citations (i.e., parking ticket) are referred to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Receipt of two or more non-criminal citations for each individual results in denial of license and/or registration renewal until citations are paid. As such, the Board seeks to retain a municipal collection firm to conduct registry marks. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to authorize PKS Associates, Inc., of Reading for the purpose of performing Parking Non-Renewals services with the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: License Agreement with Verizon New England & Massachusetts Electric Co., re: Brook Street Bridge Replacement Project

The Board received a License Agreement from Verizon New England, Inc., and Massachusetts Electric Company proposing to place facilities in a corridor of rights secured by the Town for MassDOT Project #606374, Brook Street Bridge Reconstruction Project which required further investigation. It has been determined that by executing the Agreement, the Town gives permission for both utility companies to work within the corridor. It was further noted that abutter notification is not required because no new installation will take place, only the relocation of two poles (MGL Ch. 166, Sec. 22). Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to authorize the License Agreement between the Town of Dighton and Verizon New England, Inc., and Massachusetts Electric Company.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss General By-Law Article XXXII False Alarm

At the request of the Police Department, the Board read General By-Law Article XXXII False Alarm (Attachment A). It was noted that the Police and Fire Departments will be enforcing and instituting fines for four or more false alarm responses.

Public Input

The Board advised residents to remain vigilant by providing their animal's sufficient warm shelter, food and water during the extreme cold weather.

Patrick W. Menges visited the Highway Department following the recent snow storm and commended their efforts in the snow removal during the storm.

The Board commended Sergeant Edward Dutra in obtaining emergency fuel tanks which have recently been filled.

The Board noted that the next meeting, as well as the Board of Health meeting, on January 29th will take place at the Lance Corporal John VanGyzen Hall, 495 School Street, North Dighton so that the Board may attend the Master Plan Public Form hosted by the Planning Board.

The Board received and is currently reviewing the proposed Zoning Act provided by Sandy Conaty of SRPEDD.

The Board noted that there is a Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District Capital Projects Task Force presentation scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Said presentation is for the purpose of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00PM at the Dighton Middle School, 1250R Somerset Avenue, Dighton.

Reminder to residents to attend the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee Meeting on January 28, 2014, 6:30PM at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Auditorium for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee Chapter 70 Task Force presentation.

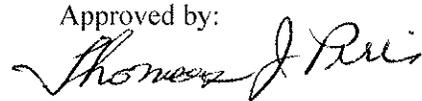
The Board of Health is currently receiving proposals for the anticipated Hazardous Household Waste Day scheduled for mid-late May 2014.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:23 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
 01-29-14

Following a determination that the building is significant and preferably preserved, the Commission may recommend to town meeting that the building be protected through the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, and the Historic Districts Act. The steps required under M.G.L. Chapter 40C shall be followed prior to the establishment of a local historic district. Nothing in this by-law shall be deemed to conflict with the provisions of the Historic District Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C. If any of the provisions of this by-law do so conflict, that act shall prevail.

SEVERABILITY

In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph, and part shall continue in full force and effect.

(ATM 06/07/2011)

ARTICLE XXXII
FALSE ALARM

Any residence, school, municipal building or place of business which has an alarm system connected directly to the Police and/or Fire Departments or connected indirectly to said Department through a private alarm company (each of which will be hereinafter referred to as a "monitored system"), shall be charged a fine for all responses by the Department to such buildings when the response is caused by: (1) the activation of the monitored system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or negligence of the user of an alarm system or his employees or agents; or (2) the activation of the monitored system requesting, requiring or resulting in a response on the part of the Police Department when, in fact, there has been no unauthorized intrusion, robbery or burglary, or attempted threat. For the purposes of this bylaw, activation of a monitored system for the purposes of testing with prior approval by the Police Department, or by an act of God, including, but not limited to, power outages, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and similar weather or atmospheric disturbances shall not be deemed to be a false alarm. A fine for violation of this bylaw may be assessed against the owner or tenant of the residence or place of business. Penalties for violation of this bylaw shall be as follows, successive responses to be counted within any twelve month period:

First Three Responses	Warning
Fourth – Sixth Responses	\$ 50.00
Seventh and Subsequent Responses	\$100.00

This section may be enforced pursuant to the non-criminal disposition method as contained in MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D. Enforcing persons shall be police officers.

(STM 11/29/2012)