

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 29, 2014**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Mr. Cronin noted that the location of the meeting took place at the Lance Corporal John VanGyzen Hall located at 495 School Street, North Dighton in order for the Board to participate in the Master Plan forum. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to recess to accommodate the Master Plan forum.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dean V. Cronin reconvened the meeting at 9:02PM.

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 13, 2014 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of January 22, 2014 – Regular Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #031A-14	Payroll	\$	70,530.14
Warrant #031B-14	Vendor bills	\$	19,178.22
Warrant #031C-14	Vendor bills	\$	123,035.68

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

The Board noted that an expenditure for the Master Plan is approved now that the forum has taken place.

Correspondence

Beginning February 24, 2014 through February 28, 2014 preschool screening appointments for children 3 to 4 years of age will take place. For more information contact Kathie Galego at (508) 252-5069 or visit the website at www.drregional.org.

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). A list of the vacant seats was read.

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act: Snow Day Approval for the Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry submitted a request for three (3) snow days for emergency work performed within a regular scheduled work day (snowstorms on January 2, 2014 – January 3, 2014 and January 21, 2014 – January 22, 2014) for employees covered under the Highway Union Contract. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to award three (3) snow days to Highway employees for hours worked on January 2, 2014 – January 3, 2014 and January 21, 2014 – January 22, 2014.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Conservation Commission Loan Purchase Request

The Board received a request from the Conservation Commission seeking permission to purchase 2.5 acres of land on Pleasant Street (Assessor's Map 24, Lot 53A) from Bruce W. Kingsley in the amount of \$4,400.00. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the Conservation Commission's request to purchase land listed on Pleasant Street, shown on assessors Map 24, Lot 53A containing 2.5 acres and is owned by Bruce W. Kingsley in the amount of \$4,400.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

It was noted that the Town must report the purchase as required under the Uniform Procurement Act.

Review/Discuss/Act: Expenditure of Tri-Centennial Funds

The Board received and read a request from Chairman Myrna Santos of the Tri-Centennial Ball & Special Events Committee seeking the Board's approval to expend the remaining monies in the Tri-Centennial account to purchase Tri-Centennial Books to be distributed free of charge to participants who volunteered in planning Tri-Centennial events, specifically, the Public Library, the schools and the Dighton Historical Society. Clerk Patrick W. Menges recused himself from the matter because the requestor is his sister. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to authorize the expenditure of the remainder of monies in the Tri-Centennial account to purchase Tri-Centennial Books to be distributed free of charge to participants in the Tri-Centennial planning events.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Board noted that the meeting, as well as the Board of Health meeting, took place at the Lance Corporal John VanGyzen Hall, 495 School Street, North Dighton in order for the Board to participate in the Master Plan Public Form hosted by the Planning Board. Drafts of the Master Plan, as well as, calendar of events may be viewed at www.vhb.com/dightonmp.

The Board thanked the Cable Committee, James Ready, Edward Olney and Karen O'Connor, for accommodating the location of tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
