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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting
Prime Time Adult Day Care, 1059 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, MA
And via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Pacheco

Present: Chairman Ken Pacheco, Selectman Zografos, Selectman Hull, Town Administrator Mullen and Executive Assistant Karin Brady.

Also Present: Chief Robert MacDonald, Patrolman Chris Magan and Patrolman Jason McGovern, Highway Superintendent Tom Ferry, ADA Coordinator Jonathan Gale, Mrs. Nancy Goulart, Mr. Tom Gallucci, Mr. William Moore, family and friends of Patrolman Chris Magan and Patrolman Jason McGovern.

Via Zoom: Chief Russell Stevens.

Roll Call:

Chairman Pacheco, present.
Selectman Zografos, present.
Selectman Hull, present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was requested for Bernadette Pontes by Selectman Hull.

Scheduled Appointments

Chief Russell Stevens (via Zoom)-Proposed Internal Promotion Announcement

Town Administrator Mullen said Chief Russell Stevens was here tonight to present the proposed Chief of Police Internal Promotion Announcement.

Chief Stevens said the assessments are done by reaching out to stakeholders. He said he was still working on gathering some information from the Selectmen as to what they would like to see in the next Police Chief.

Chief Stevens said the current job description for Police Chief was reviewed and then he worked with the Town Administrator to produce the Internal Promotion Announcement. He said after the announcement is approved, it would go out to the Police Department. Chief Stevens said the applicants will submit a cover letter and resume. He said once those are received, we will create questions which will be weighed by panelists and then we will request interviews. Chief Stevens said we will ask the applicants questions pertaining to the job and what is going on in the news. He said after the oral board

assessments, we will create a list ranked in order and the list will be submitted back to the Board of Selectmen. Chief Stevens said once the board reviews the list, it is up to you how you would like to proceed.

Selectman Hull motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to allow the Internal Promotional Announcement to be posted internally.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Chief MacDonald

Chief MacDonald said five officers went through a written exam. He was requesting that two officers be appointed as sergeants in the department. He requested that Patrolman Jason McGovern and Patrolman Chris Magan be appointed as Sergeants and he said he would like to have the appointments effective on April 10, 2022.

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to appoint Patrolman Jason McGovern and Patrolman Chris Magan as Sergeants in the Town of Dighton starting April 10, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Announcements

Announcements were read by Chairman Pacheco and Selectman Zografos.

New Business:

Used Forestry Truck w/Elevator Boom Bucket Contract

Mr. Ferry said we have advertised for this Forestry truck twice. He said the town mechanic went to New Hampshire to check it out. Mr. Ferry said this truck has 79,000 miles, which was pretty good.

Selectman Hull motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to purchase the used Forestry Truck from Platinum Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$89,472.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Cemetery Lawn Service Contract-Paul Silvia d/b/a Dream Builders, LLC

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to take this under advisement until the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on April 13.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.
Selectman Hull, aye.
Selectman Zografos, aye.

Contract for Website Hosting and Design – Civic Plus

Selectman Hull thanked Mr. Jonathan Gale for his work in negotiating this contract and the services provided for in it.

Mr. Gale said it is important to understand all of the types of disability that we have to support. He said in terms of what this company will provide is unsurpassed.

Mr. Gale said things will be in a central location where it will be easy to find different things. He said the amount of work needed to post items will be minimal and they will provide 24/7 service. He was pleased with the choice.

Selectman Zografos said he was impressed with the demo by Civic Plus and they have a dedicated ADA staff member who was well versed in what the technology was.

Selectman Hull motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to hire Civic Plus to provide a contract for website services for two years beginning April 6, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.
Selectman Hull, aye.
Selectman Zografos, aye.

Acknowledgements

None.

Correspondence

Email from Robert Woods Re: Resignation from the Community Preservation Commission

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to accept the resignation of Robert Woods from the Community Preservation Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.
Selectman Hull, aye.
Selectman Zografos, aye.

Email from Adele Collard RE: Resignation from the Community Preservation Commission

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to accept the resignation of Adele Collard from the Community Preservation Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.
Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Letter from Susan Lorenz RE: Resignation from the Dighton Board of Registrars

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to accept the resignation of Susan Lorenz from the Board of Registrars.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Recommendation for Highway Department Operator Class I

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to take agenda item 7d, under advisement.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Letter from Fire Chief Maguy to Appoint one new Call Paramedic

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to acknowledge the appointment of Sara Desmond as a new Call Paramedic.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Minutes

Selectman Hull motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of March 23, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Warrants

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to approve Warrant #39A-22 in the amount of \$97,027.39, Warrant #39B-22 in the amount of \$25,682.15 and Warrant #39C-22 in the amount of \$106,682.71, all dated March 30, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** to approve Warrant #40A-22 in the amount of \$97,023.55, Warrant #40B-22 in the amount of \$86,791.54 and Warrant #40C-22 in the amount of \$1,743.54 all dated April 6, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Pacheco, aye.

Selectman Hull, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Public Input

Ms. Nancy Goulart said the Board of Assessors voted today to send a letter to the Board of Selectman with regard to comments made by a member of the Board of Selectman in violation of the Town of Dighton's harassment policy. She said the Board of Assessors would follow up with a formal letter and asked the Board of Selectmen to take the appropriate action.

Selectman Hull said he would like to extend an apology to Ms. Stephanie Schecter and her staff. Selectman Hull said he thought the world of the people that work for the town. He said his concern and criticism was with the elected board and he looked forward to meeting with members of the board.

Executive Session

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Hull seconded and it was **VOTED** that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2)(7)

(2) To conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

- a. Health Agent.

Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(7)

(7) To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant in aid requirements.

Executive Session Minutes

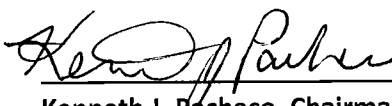
- a. Approval of the Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting minutes of March 23, 2022.
- b. Approval of the Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting minutes of March 30, 2022.

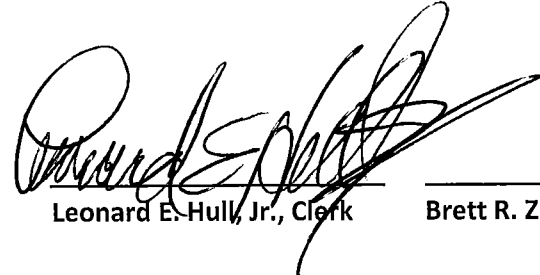
The regular meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin L. Brady
Executive Assistant

Board of Selectmen


Kenneth J. Pacheco, Chairman


Leonard E. Hull, Jr., Clerk

Brett R. Zografos, Ph.D., Member

Documents Reviewed:

Town of Dighton – Chief of Police (Internal) Promotional Announcement

Town of Dighton – Police Chief, Job Description

Letter from the Police Chief recommending the promotion of two Patrolmen to Sergeants

Araujo Farms Spring Fundraiser Flyer

Rabies Vaccination Day Flyer

Platinum Truck and Equipment Forestry Bucket Truck Informational Flyer

Contract for Services-Forestry Bucket Truck

Used Forestry Bucket Truck w/Elevator Boom Bucket Bid Package

Contract for Services-Paul M. Silvia, d/b/a Dreambuilders

CIVIC Plus Quotation

Recommendation from Highway Superintendent Tom Ferry for Operator Class I vacancy

Email from Robert Woods regarding Resignation from the Community Preservation Committee

Email from Adele Collard regarding Resignation from the Community Preservation Committee

Letter from Susan Lorenz regarding Resignation from the Dighton Board of Registrars

Letter from Chief Christopher Maguy regarding the Appointment of Sarah Desmond to the Call Paramedic Rank.

Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of March 23, 2022