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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Selectmen's Meeting Room, 979 Somerset Ave, Dighton, MA

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Cronin at 8:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Department Heads meeting of April 6, 2016, the minutes of the Department Heads meeting of May 4, 2016, the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of June 22, 2016, the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of July 6, 2016, the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of July 20, 2016 and the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of August 3, 2016.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #6A-17 in the amount of \$74,372.27, Warrant #6B-17 in the amount of \$237,636.52, Warrant #6C-17 in the amount of \$2,956.43 all dated August 10, 2016, Warrant #7A-17 in the amount of \$92,784.56, Warrant #7B-17 in the amount of \$143,799.24 and Warrant #7C-17 in the amount of \$2,750.81 all dated August 17, 2016.

Correspondence

The warrant for the upcoming election was read by Chairman Cronin.

An event notification from Robby Walsh regarding the upcoming "Bike to the Beach" event was read by Chairman Cronin.

Chairman Cronin also read correspondence from National Grid regarding summer aerial inspections of approximately 3,000 miles of electric transmission lines.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Appointment of five members of the Town Administrator Committee.

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Chairman Cronin explained that after reviewing the applications for the committee the board was happy to announce their five new appointees.

Thomas Bourquin

Vicki Piazza

Peter Roache

Scott Dingus

Donna Zografos

Selectman Goulart motioned to appoint all five members and Selectman Zografos asked for individual motions. Selectman Goulart withdrew and restated her motions.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Thomas Bourquin.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Scott Dingus.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Vicki Piazza.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to appoint Peter Roache.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** to appoint Donna Zografos. Selectman Zografos abstained from the vote.

Recommendation for New Hire for Highway Department

Tom Ferry stated that this was his second recommendation to hire for the Highway Department. He would like to recommend Nicolas Reynolds from Milk Street in Dighton, MA.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to accept the recommendation and appoint Nicolas Reynolds for hire to the Highway Department.

Food Permit for "Taste of Dighton" event

Pat Gales, representative of the Friends of the Dighton Public Library, stated that the "Taste of Dighton" event will be held on September 12, 2016 and the proceeds will be going to fund the Library Museum pass program and hopefully help to fund the movie nights as well.

Ms. Gales explained how the event will work and let the board know that it is the Friends of the Library's biggest fundraising event.

Ms. Gales asked the Board of Selectmen to consider waiving the food permit fees associated with this event.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to waive the temporary food permit fees for the "Taste of Dighton" event.

Ms. Gailes thanked the board for their support this year and in the past.

Disposal of Unused Equipment

Chairman Cronin explained that the town has compiled a list of mostly outdated, unused equipment that has been piling up.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectmen Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the disposal and/or sale of unused equipment.

Chairman Cronin said there was a Ford Taurus and a Ford F250 for sale if anyone was interested in placing a bid on any of the vehicles.

Set a Time Frame for Special Town Meeting

October 24th was suggested by Chairman Cronin as the first choice and October 17th as the second choice.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to tentatively set the date for the fall town meeting on Monday October 24 at 7:00 pm and the second choice would be Monday, October 17, 2016 at the Dighton Middle School pending availability of town officials.

Eagle Scout Project by Noah Munroe

Mr. Munroe presented his project at the Three Mile River on Lincoln Avenue which he had broken down into three phases, based on his fundraising capabilities.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to give tentative approval to Noah's project on Lincoln Avenue.

Dighton Historical Society Requests Use of Grange Hall

Chris Pacheco explained that the Historical Commission has arranged to have an event on the 24th of September and she is asking to use the hall on that date. The Commission has been unsuccessful in finding another venue.

Other venues were discussed but none were viable options.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** that permission be granted to the Historical Society to use the Grange Hall for their event on Saturday, September 24. Chairman Cronin voted "no" because he did not think it was fair to ask one group to leave and allow another to come in.

Selectman Goulart said she initially agreed with Chairman Cronin, but it would be a one-time event, she did not think it would interfere with plans for the hall and she understood what Chris was up against.

Selectman Zografos said he did not have a problem honoring the previous commitment.

Selectman Goulart, aye.

Selectman Zografos, aye.

Chairman Cronin, nay.

Surveyor for Main Street Drainage Project

Tom Ferry discussed the Main Street Drainage Project and said that it has come into question who owns the rip rap area. The Town needs a good, clear delineation before it can continue.

Selectman Goulart asked Tom if he was asking the town to obtain a surveyor to delineate the boundaries and determine who owns what.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to grant the request of Mr. Ferry to contact John Delano and Associates to come and survey the Main Street drainage project.

Selectman Goulart will contact John Delano and ask them to get in touch with Mr. Ferry right away.

Request to Initiate a Policy to Enforce Attendance at Monthly Department Heads meetings.

Selectman Zografos said he would like to develop a policy to enforce attendance at Department Heads meetings and would like to hear everyone's thoughts on that.

Selectman Goulart added that time after time, at town meetings when reports are called for from department heads, there are none presented. She thanked Superintendent Azar, because after it was mentioned to him, he did present a report at annual town meeting.

Selectman Goulart agreed that the board should develop a policy and discuss it at the next department head meeting.

Selectman Zografos motioned, Selectman Goulart seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously that the board establish a policy for attendance at department head and town meetings.

Chairman Cronin stated there may need to be two separate policies for elected and appointed officials and selectman Goulart said that enforcement may be a problem.

Reports

Selectman Goulart said she was at the State House on August 9 for the Governor's signing of the Municipal Modernization Bill. One thing that was discussed was the double pole issues being faced by towns and the other was to appoint an agricultural commission to support the local farm industry.

Selectman Goulart added that there was also a provision to allow communities to lower speed limits and a provision for a town to establish safe zones where it can set speed limits at 20 mile per hour.

Selectman Goulart mentioned that she had also met Governor Baker and thanked him for the citations that he sent for the D-R Baseball Team celebration on July 30.

Acknowledgements

Chairman Cronin mentioned that the D-R Falcons Championship Committee initially raised \$1804.00 as a result of all the generous donations and the intent is to issue a scholarship of \$500.00 per year to one senior baseball player. He added that at their recent joint meeting with the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen, Gerry Schwall pledged \$196.00 to make the total \$2000.00, making it possible to issue a 4th scholarship. He thanked Mr. Schwall and everyone who donated.

Public Input

David Marvill asked if with the move to the Grange Hall if would the town be able to preserve the meeting space upstairs.

The board replied that it would love to save some space for meetings.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen



Dean. V. Cronin, Chairman

Brett R. Zografos, Clerk



Nancy J. Goulart, Member