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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, August 31, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

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Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chairman Cronin.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of June 9, 2016.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded at it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #8A-17 in the amount of \$74,713.40, Warrant #8B-17 in the amount of \$14,586.78, Warrant #8C-17 in the amount of \$156,509.01, Warrant #8D-17 in the amount of \$1,134,369.87 and Warrant #8E-17 in the amount of \$2,195.87 all dated August 24, Warrant #9A-17 in the amount of \$71,078.66, Warrant #9B-17 in the amount of \$83,231.75 and Warrant #9C-17 in the amount of \$1,102.68 all dated August 31, 2016.

Correspondence

None

Special Board of Health Announcement regarding West Nile Virus

Selectman Goulart read an alert from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the West Nile Virus, how to avoid mosquitos and protection of animals.

Selectman Goulart also added that the mosquito population was down by 60% due to the drought, but we did have one test positive for West Nile Virus in town recently.

Announcements

Chairman Cronin read the announcements.

Old Business

Beer and wine liquor license for Winthrop Street Gas Corporation at 1995 Winthrop Street.

Chairman Cronin explained that the application for an available license was filed and there was a hearing held on August 3, where the abutters were invited to attend. He then invited anyone to come to the podium to speak.

Mr. John Murray, an attorney for Mr. Spellman of Rte. 44 Liquors, came forward to say that Mr. Spellman has been a strong active member of the community for many years.

Mr. Murray also said that this had been an issue 9 or 10 years ago and the permit had been denied at that time. He stated that he had spoken to an ABCC (Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission) investigator and it was told to him that the board should investigate whether or not there was a real need for a license in this area. He asked the board to deny the license.

Attorney Matthew Porter came forward on behalf of the applicant and said that the idea behind the application was to make the business a one-stop shop to offer only beer and wine and not sell any liquor and it was his opinion that they could co-exist peacefully. Attorney Porter did not see any reason to deny the license.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the application.

Selectman Goulart said that the previous issue had been trash in the area, but that she had been by the location since and had not seen any trash.

She also said that the conditions contained in the cleanup plan submitted by the proponents were acceptable and would be enforced along with the proposal of daily cleanup outside. Selectman Goulart said she could not deny the license based solely on competition.

Selectman Zografos said he heard no reasons to deny the license.

Selectman Cronin said he had owned two businesses and with his experience, he knew that the ABCC did not have any strict rules against competition.

New Business

The Development and Industrial Commission's Recommendations for Business Achievement and Business Anniversary Awards.

Chairman Cronin said this was originally initiated by Vicki Pizza, Chairman of the Industrial and Development Commission. She had given the board some recommendations in each category.

The first recommendation was for New Business

Vicki recommended Elder Sponsor for the "Newcomer Business Award."

The second recommendation was for the "Business Anniversary Award," which was awarded to Bilodeau's Furniture, based on the businesses' ability to lure people into town for high quality furniture.

The "Contribution/Service Award" was awarded to Araujo's Farm, based on the constant addition of new features and drawing people to their venue.

The Business Achievement Award was awarded to Araujo's Farm based on Vicki's recommendation for the fact that they draw consumers from local and surrounding towns by adding new features and events regularly.

Eagle Scout Project at the North Dighton Playground was presented by Samuel Dubois.

Samuel presented a project to restore the basketball courts and add a volleyball court as well. The volleyball court will have beach sand and will be the only public beach sand court in town. He went over his plan for donations and funding and mentioned that he has also lined up about 20 kids to help him complete the project.

Chairman Cronin asked Samuel if he intended to put down a new surface for the basketball court. It was suggested that Samuel speak with Mr. Ferry, Highway Department Superintendent.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** to give preliminary approval for the project with an update midway through the project and then again at the end.

Samuel thanked the board.

Add Item to the List of Unused Items

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to add one Kyocera Copier to the list of unsued items for disposal.

Date for Special Town Meeting

Chairman Cronin explained that the board has come up with an agreeable date for all necessary personnel to be able to attend. The meeting will be on October 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with a location to be determined.

Date for Closing of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting

Chairman Cronin said the warrant closing date for submission of articles will be Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Reports

Selectman Goulart said she met Tom Ferry, Roy Delano and Christian Delano on Rte. 138 where the trench is with the rock lining. John Delano and Associates has been contracted to do surveying for the project. Selectman Goulart said they were the original surveyors when the project was first completed so they have the original plans.

Selectman Goulart said that there was also surveying going on at Center Street, so that was moving ahead as well.

Selectman Goulart also thanked the highway department for the repairs to the sidewalks on Pearl and Spring Streets.

Acknowledgements

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge bereavement donations to Prime Time in the amount of \$30.00.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to acknowledge bereavement donations made to the Dighton Public Library for the children's room in memory of Laura Goulart.

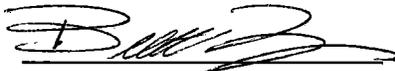
Selectman Goulart mentioned that school opens next week and asked residents to be aware of children on the streets.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Selectman Zografos seconded and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

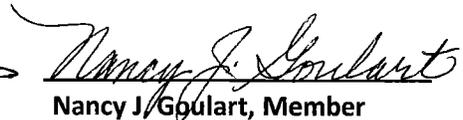
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