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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, September 14, 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 7:32 p.m.

Present were: Chairman Cronin and Selectman Goulart. (Selectman Zografos was not present).

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for Olive Pontes Mendoza and the 15th anniversary of 9/11.

Minutes

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes of an Executive Session of February 1, 2016, the minutes of the Department Heads meeting of March 2, 2016, the minutes of an Executive Session of May 9, 2016 and the minutes of a Regular Meeting of August 17, 2016.

Warrants

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve Warrant #10A-17 in the amount of \$87,970.29 and Warrant #10B-17 in the amount of \$46,566.99, both dated September 7, 2016, Warrant #11A-17 in the amount of \$87,964.78 and Warrant #11B-17, both dated September 14, 2016.

Correspondence

Correspondence from the Board of Sewer Commissioners announcing a vacancy on the board was read by Chairman Cronin and it also stated that letters of interest would be due at the selectmen's office by September 21, 2016.

The letter of resignation from the Board of Sewer Commissioners, by Michael Dufour effective on 8/30/16, was also read by Chairman Cronin.

Announcements

Announcements were read by Chairman Cronin.

Old Business

None.

New Business

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Jay "Singing Spirit" Cunningham came forward to say that the members of the Intertribal Council were looking for a property to host their upcoming pow wow. He stated that the vendors have already paid for their presence and that his friends Leroy and Ruth would be getting married as well.

Mr. Cunningham informed the board that Mr. Greg Rogers had offered his property for the event and he did not see any issues that would prevent them from acquiring a permit for this event.

Chairman Cronin said that the situation is a little bit different when an event is held on private property. The agreement would be between the Intertribal Council and Mr. Rogers and the insurance coverage would be the responsibility of both parties also. He added that the board of selectmen also had to make sure that the safety of the public was a priority.

Chairman Cronin said he believed that police and fire should be involved. Fire trucks and ambulances need clearance and should be able to turn around once on the property.

Selectman Goulart read a recommendation from the Building Commissioner, Jim Aguiar, who was on vacation. The letter described the property being considered for the event. Mr. Aguiar felt that the site was not ideal for the proposed purpose and parking on Elm Street would be an issue also.

Mr. Aguiar suggested that the board deny the permit for the event.

Mr. Aguiar made the following recommendations:

"The intertribal Council submit a written Standard Operating Procedure, that includes:

1. All License requirements - State and Local, including deadlines for submissions.
2. An Emergency Access Plan.
3. Inspection Procedures and Contact Information
4. Policy for the removal of attendees whom do not comply with Health and Safety Standards.
5. Organizers Contact information
and most importantly.....
6. Every Location must first be presented to the Board of Selectmen before advertisement commences, locations should be reviewed by the following departments Police -Fire -Highway -Building and Health for conformance with Public Safety."

Greg Rogers said he would like to speak with the police and fire chiefs to see if they could come to an agreement.

Chairman Cronin advised Mr. Rogers and the Intertribal Council that the next step would be to contact police and fire to set up a meeting.

Mr. Rogers said that he would come by on Monday to obtain the necessary contact information.

Selectman Goulart suggested a possible plan B may be to use the gazebo and/or the pavilion behind town hall for the wedding.

Chairman Cronin thanked the Intertribal Council for coming in.

Proposal from Green Seal Environmental for the old landfill on Hart Street

Selectman Goulart said this deals with how deep the cover is on the landfill. She and Tom Ferry met with Green Seal last week. They will be doing some research to determine soil cover limits and prepare reports to be sent to Mass Department of Environmental Protection in order to determine what needs to be done next.

Selectman Goulart added that the general consensus was that the town may need to add additional cover and there may be some trees and brush that need to be cut, but they have advised the town not do anything until the research is complete. She added that the proposal amount is \$7,500.00.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve, based on the recommendation of the highway superintendent, the proposal from Green Seal in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Road Opening Permits

236 Forest Street

Selectman Goulart mentioned that Mr. Ferry recommended that this permit be denied because this road is newly paved and he could see no reason to cut a newly paved road for an abandoned gas service.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED**, based on the recommendation of Mr. Ferry, to deny the road opening permit to Columbia Gas for 236 Forest Street.

257 Bedford Street

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously to grant the permit to Columbia Gas for a gas leak repair at 257 Bedford Street.

428 School Lane

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Ferry, to approve the road opening request to Columbia Gas for a new gas service at 428 School Lane.

398 Center Street

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Ferry, to approve the road opening request to Columbia Gas for a new gas service at 398 Center Street.

Pleasant Street

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Ferry, to approve the road opening permit for Dighton Water District to replace water services at 2136, 2144, 2150, 2168, 2176, 2187, 2203 and 2219 Pleasant Street.

Dighton Rehoboth Regional Vocational School Proposal to Rehab the Christmas Sleigh and Reindeer Display

Selectman Goulart said that the display was about 25 years old. The past couple of years it could not be used due to deterioration of the equipment. Last spring Selectman Goulart and Tom Ferry met with instructors from Dighton-Rehoboth and Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School. In order to get this accomplished the project was split between the two schools. She added Dighton-Rehoboth has presented a proposal in the amount of \$2700.00, just for materials, to repair the decking on the sleigh, build a new sleigh and the repair the reindeers as well.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down to second and it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve the proposal of \$2,700.00 for the work.

Selectman Goulart said the project would be funded by the "Lights On" Committee and if anyone would like to donate, they can call Terry Fredericks. The proposal is being approved tonight because the agreement will be between the school and the Town of Dighton.

Selectman Goulart added that Bristol Plymouth High School's project will be to convert a fork lift that the town has acquired, into a train. We are awaiting a proposal from them as well.

Reports

Selectman Goulart said that she and Tom Ferry attended the Mass Recycle meeting today. She mentioned that recycling of electronics and electronic waste were part of the presentation and the decline in the cost of metals for recycling had also come up. Selectman Goulart added that there was legislation in the works that would require sellers to take back equipment, like phones. She said the next meeting will be in December and they would have more information then.

Acknowledgements.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin stepped down and it was **VOTED** to acknowledge an anonymous donation in the amount of \$30.00 to Prime Time.

Selectman Goulart motioned, Chairman Cronin Stepped down and it was **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

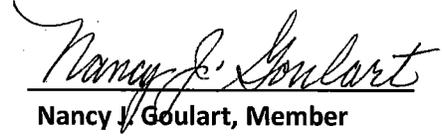
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