

**May 21, 2018 Board of Selectmen Regular Minutes – DR Regional High School – Room 104,
2700 Regional Road, N. Dighton, MA**

Present: Selectman Costello, Selectman Schwall, Chairman Vadnais, Selectman Perry, Selectman Muri, Mike Deignan, Attorney Jay Talerman, Richard Barrett, Chris Andrade, Glenn Jefferson, Helen Dennen

1.) Call to Order: 6:01 PM Open with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

WARRANTS: On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Schwall, the following warrants were approved by the Board (Vote 5-0): 18-46A Withholdings \$27,399.67; 18-47B Payroll \$93,269.36; 18-46 Warrant \$4,222,942.14

MINUTES: On a motion made by Selectmen Muri, seconded by Selectman Perry, the Board approved Regular Minutes for 3/26/18 Vote 5-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on on 5/29/18 at the DR High School if Town Meeting is not concluded tonight. If concluded the next BOS meeting will be held at the Senior Center starting at 7 PM. Check posted agenda for time and location.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: No Report - Dennen mentioned email from Dighton Selectman Nancy Goulart indicating they never voted on holding off on meeting to discuss the Regional School Agreement with Rehoboth. Chairman Vadnais requested they be contacted to arrange meeting once town meeting concludes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): One Day Liquor License for Norton Lions Club

On a motion made by Selectmen Perry, seconded by Selectman Muri it was voted to approve a Special One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Jack Morrissey of the Norton Lions Club, Norton, MA to be used at the South Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, 61 Reed Street, Rehoboth, MA for a clam boil on 6/2/18 from 6 PM – 10 PM; liquor transfer dates 6/1/18 & 6/3/18 with firing range to be closed during sale of alcoholic beverages. Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Budget Amendments

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to approve the following budget amendments: (Vote 5-0)

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
012203-55801	Fire-T/O Gear	\$1,800.00	
012203-55100	Fire-Education		\$1,800.00
011253-52410	Contracted Services-Maintenance	\$1,500.00	
011253-52910	Contracted Services-Custodial		\$1,500.00

Special Year End Budget Amendment:

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to approve the following special year end budget amendment and forward to Fincom for approval: (Vote 5-0)

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
011105-51150	Selectmen-Contractual Buy-outs	\$3,317.39	
011231-51110	Planning Town Planner FT Salary		\$3,317.30

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Action Item #3: School Department Budget

Selectman Muri requested an agenda item to discuss scheduling a forensic audit of the school department budget. Selectman Muri stated there had been a lot of discussion on whether mistakes have been made and is recommending we go out and contract with an auditor to determine if the figures are consistent with everything we have seen and to be certain about what is being done.

A motion was made by Selectman Muri to investigate engaging the services of an auditor to review the DR School District budget, motioned seconded by Selectman Perry for discussion.

Selectman Perry asked for Selectman Muri's thoughts, noting that this would not be an analysis of what the school department needed, but over evaluating what Dighton's assessment would be apportionately to their student body and have an accountant go over the figures to see if someone may have errors in their spreadsheet.

Selectman Costello stated he wanted to make it clear that the Board is in no way accusing anyone of anything.

The motion was clarified by Selectman Muri to vote on exploring the cost and methodology of a forensic audit or the proper method to be used to determine our capital and operating apportionments in the school district's budget. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perry and voted to approve. Vote 5-0

Selectman Perry asked [Town Counsel] if we decide to go forward, can we hire someone? Chairman Vadnais stated we certainly have a right to look into the matter. School Committee member Chris Andrade stated you have right to documentation but not to use district resources. Town Attorney Jay Talerman stated the Town is entitled to review all public documents, further stating that a true forensic audit would go deeper and include sitting down and speaking with individuals.

Action Item #4: 375th Anniversary Committee Contracts

On a motion made by Selectman Schwall, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to approve and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign the contract for the 375th Anniversary Committee Clambake on 7/21/18.

On a motion made by Selectman Schwall, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to approve and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign the contract for the 375th Taste of Rehoboth on 6/5/18.

BOS REPORTS:

Chairman Vadnais requested update on 375th Carnival scheduled for the end of July. Selectman Costello stated he would have carnival layout plan within two weeks from the Police Chief identifying roads to be closed along with traffic and security plans. Chairman Vadnais stated we want to keep everyone safe and requested Selectman Costello give a report on security at our next Executive Session meeting.

Selectman Perry stated he would like to address two issues with Town Counsel:

- Dorrance property easement – Selectman Schwall requested that be discussed at a later date.

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- Bylaw on appointed individuals with regard to missing more than 50% of a board's meeting and being automatically removed from the board. Attorney Talerman recommended the Board of Selectmen should actually take a vote ratifying the dismissal due to the absences given their rights if the matter were taken to court.

Recess to Special Town Meeting

At 6:28 p.m. on a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to recess to Special Town Meeting. Vote 5-0

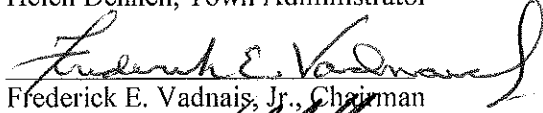
Adjournment

On a motion made by Selectman Schwall, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Vote 5-0

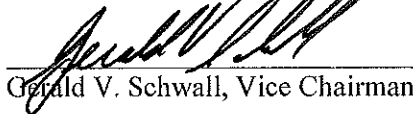
Respectfully submitted,



Helen Dennen, Town Administrator




Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

James Muri, Member



Michael R. Costello, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved 5/29/18