

Dighton Water District

192 Williams St.
No. Dighton, Ma 02764

Paul Joly
Patrick Menges
Sue Medeiros

COMMISSIONERS

Card A. Stevens
TREASURER

July 14, 2011

Chairman of the Board, Paul Joly called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

Present: Paul Joly, Patrick Menges

Clerk of the Board, Patrick Menges made a motion to open the meeting, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Patrick Menges, moved to consider adjournment at 8:00 P.M., seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Karen O'Conner – Grants: Patrick Menges made a motion to instruct and authorize Chairman Joly to investigate the grant situation and make a report to the Board at the August Commissioner's meeting, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Old Business-

Set date, 11 August for Special District Meeting. Deadline for articles;

Patrick Menges made a motion that the Commission call a Special District Meeting for Thursday, 18 August 2011, at the Dighton Middle School Cafeteria and that the deadline for submission of articles for the warrant for said meeting be Monday, 8 August 2011. Motion on the floor defeated. Paul Joly made a motion 15th of September tentatively set for a Special Meeting, seconded, Patrick Menges; all were in favor.

Set Date for Meeting with Krista Payton at Agricultural School;

Patrick Menges made a motion that a special meeting of the Water District Commissioners and Superintendent Cestodio be posted for 1:00 P.M. on the morning of Monday, 18 July, at Bristol County Agricultural High School for our discussion of the Agricultural School water main replacement with Superintendent Krista Payton; subject to Superintendent Cestodio's availability, post for the day he is available.

Report on purchase of camera for Commissioners meetings;

Patrick Menges made a motion to accept the District Clerk's report on the purchase of a camera for video recording of Commissioner's meetings as given and instruct the District Clerk to continue to pursue the purchase in accordance with the vote of the Annual District Meeting, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Update on Audit;

Patrick Menges made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's report on the progress of the Audit and that the Board vote to direct that the audit proceed in accordance with our previous instructions, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Human Resources By-Law;

Patrick Menges made a motion that the draft Human Resources By-Law be formally referred to Commissioner Medeiros for revision before it is referred for comment to our employees' union, Local 1162 and that Commissioner Medeiros be asked to report her revisions to

the Board when they are completed, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Report on Refinancing Water District Loans;

Patrick Menges made a motion the Board discontinue pursuing refinancing of Water District loans for reasons outlined by the Treasurer in her report, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Tony Roderick Sr.-Hydrants on Tony's Way;

Patrick Menges mentioned because his nephew Robert B. Adams of Norton is employed by Antone P. Roderick Sr. he would not participate in the decision of the Commission concerning the hydrant location or water service to his subdivision known as Tony's Way. Tony Roderick Sr. brought in a letter from the Fire Department to be reviewed. Chuck to review letter from the Fire Department. Tony Roderick to be placed on the next agenda for August 9th. Tony Roderick questioning tax from Water District. Previous decisions denied.

Scanner-

Paul Joly made a motion to table, Patrick should table for now but at some point when discussing other things with the Finance Committee we need to talk to them about it, second; all were in favor.

New Business-

Amendments to new policies recommended by District Counsel; Patrick Menges made a motion that a policy adopted by the Commission on 29 June 2011 entitled "Petitions for Exclusion of Estates from the Dighton Water District" be amended by striking the last sentence from Paragraph Two and substituting for it the following sentence: "There shall be no fee for the Fire Chief's review."; and by striking from line three of Paragraph three the words "not later that fifteen (15) days" and substituting therefore the words "not sooner than forty-five (45) days"; and by eliminating the third paragraph on page two of said policy relative to remissions of fees, in accordance with the written advice of District Counsel David T. Gay date 6 July 2011, and that the policy be implemented as thus

amended. Paul Joly voted to table until meeting with District Counsel. Patrick Menges voted against that instead substituting a motion to set the date with meeting David Gay on August 9th, seconded, Paul Joly; all in favor.

Archiving of DVD'S of Commissioners meetings;

Patrick Menges made a motion the District retrieve from the Town of Dighton Cable Commission and the DVDs of Commissioners' meetings once they have been broadcast, and that the District Clerk archive them with the minutes in the archives of the District, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

School Contest to design a District Seal;

Patrick Menges made a motion the Commission invite the Dighton Middle School to invite it's art students to compete to design a District Seal; that the students' entries be judged by a representative of the Commission, the Middle School art teacher, and a citizen at large of the District volunteering to serve as a judge, and that the entry selected, upon approval by the Commission, be proposed to the 2012 Annual District Meeting for acceptance as the District Seal, with the awarding of a suitable prize to the student who made the winning design, to take place at the Annual District Meeting in 2012. Seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

ID cards for Commissioners;

Patrick Menges made a motion the District Clerk be instructed to issue the Commissioners certificates of election in the form of Identification Cards bearing each Commissioner's name and voting address and the beginning and ending dates of his or her term of office and in attestification, the signature of the District Clerk, and that such cards be embossed with the District Seal when such a seal is adopted in 2012, seconded Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Rates Study;

Patrick Menges made a motion the Commission instruct and authorize Chairman Paul Joly to secure a price for a professional Rates Study and that the appropriation for such a study be proposed to the District on the Warrant for the Special District Meeting tentatively scheduled for September, seconded, Paul Joly; all in favor.

Fees/user fees/ taxes;

Patrick Menges made a motion the Commission consider imposing a quarterly meter fee of five (\$5) dollars to be billed semi-annually, retroactive to 1 July 2011 \$20 a year, rescheduled for the 9th of August, seconded, Paul Joly; all in favor.

Patrick Menges made a motion the Commission instruct and authorize Commissioner Menges and District Treasurer Carol Stevens to meet with Chairman of the Board of Assessors Carol Beauregard to draft a plan for apportionment of District revenue requirements among fees, user fees, and taxes, and that they report their progress at the Commission's regular monthly meeting in September, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

American Flag for Conference Room;

Patrick Menges made a motion the Commission vote to thank Mr. Richard Bleau and the Marine Corps League for the League's loan of its American Flag for the Commissioners' Conference Room and that the Commission instruct and authorize Commissioner Menges to obtain for the Commission an American Flag for the Commissioners' Conference Room for use in the future, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Announcements;

Patrick Menges, "I wish to announce in response to the many questions that are abroad in the Town at the moment concerning the future of who will be and who will not be in the District when the boundaries are re-drawn that the Commissioners expect to have a map of the lawful boundaries of the District for public comment by the first of November and while the Commission is amendable to receive

public questions and politely answering them it will be to everyone's advantage if everyone with questions will be patient until the first of November when Surveyor DeLano has completed his work on the map and we have the map ready to be posted for public viewing and comment there will be a period of public comment and the Commission will review everything in detail before we adopt a map at the end of December, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Patrick Menges, "As a matter of courtesy to Representative, Haddad, and Senator, Pacheco announce that their public water forum which is now being called a Community Forum will take place in the auditorium of the BCAS Monday night 6-8 in the Auditorium Pavilion in Gilbert Hall, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Acknowledgements;

Patrick Menges, "Mr. Chairman in the last week the Clerk has sent letters of thanks to Valerie Wilson, and Carol Beauregard in the Assessor's office for their assistance with questions concerning taxpayers of the District and preparing figures we could use for our June 25th informational meeting. To Chief Roderick of the Dighton Fire Department for his willingness to review petitions for exclusions and for his letters of information and for the public protection draft map he furnished us for our meeting on Tuesday. To Corporal Van Gyzen league for our use of the American flag. To Heidi Swist of the Planning Board office for her furnishing the Water Commission with a copy of the subdivision rules and regulations of the Town and to Karen O'Connor of Dighton.Com for allowing us the use of her camera for video recording Commissioners meetings. Those letters were dispatched on Monday and in addition there are several letters still to be mailed but we should add our thanks to anyone else that has contributed time and talent to furthering the interest of the District they will be sent written thanks in due course, seconded, Paul Joly, all were in favor.

Commissioners meetings, dates, times skeletal agenda;

Patrick Menges made a motion the District Clerk post a meeting of the Commission for Monday 18th July or Tuesday 19th July or

Wednesday 20 July subject to the convenience of the Superintendent of the District to meet with at the BCAS Krista Payton for review of the water main situation at the Agricultural School, seconded, Paul Joly; all were in favor.

Patrick Menges made a motion that the District Clerk post a meeting of the Commission for Monday, 18 July, at 6 o'clock P.M. at the Bristol County Agricultural High School, for the Community Forum hosted by Senator Marc Pacheco and Representative Patricia Haddad, and that the posted agenda reflect that it is for the Board to attend the forum.

Public Input-

Patrick Menges, "I do wish to answer one question public has had it has been intimated that if the boundaries of the District are reduced to the streets only the streets that were accepted by petition beyond 1950 boundaries for some reason Commissioner Joly would not lawfully be a member of the District. I want everyone to note these are the boundaries of the 1950 District right here as you can see intersection of Milk and Brook is well within those boundaries it is considerably east of those boundaries and Commissioner Joly's house is on that corner at the east of the intersection of Milk and Brook St. and therefore under any Rupert Commissioner Joly who is receiving water from the District at his home is a tax paying citizen of the District no questions about that he's within the 1950 boundaries and whatever decisions about Streets that were added later will not impact his eligibility to serve as a Commissioner in anyway. Paul Joly mentioned Sue Medeiros's name was being thrown out there also. Patrick Menges said, "Center St. as far as we have determined so far Center Stews lawfully accepted. Still reviewing to make absolutely certain that is the case. No reason to doubt it."

Paul Joly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M., VOTED; Seconded, Patrick Menges, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Stevens
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:
Paul Joly
Patrick Menges

Charles Cestodio Jr.

Carol A. Stevens
