

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
APRIL 6, 2011**

E. Bud Whalon, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Thomas Pires and E. Bud Whalon
Absent: Edward D. Reese, Sr.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of November 18, 2010 – Executive Session.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of February 11, 2011 – Executive Session.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 9, 2011 – Executive Session.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 30, 2011.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #040A-11	Payroll	\$	50,147.17
Warrant #040B-11	Vendor bills	\$	35,574.72
Warrant #040C-11	Vendor bills	\$	512.84
Warrant #040D-11	Vendor bills	\$	39.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Invitation from D-R Regional School Committee for a meeting on April 12, 2011 for the purpose of selecting a municipal representative for custodian collective bargaining.

Notice from the Board of assessors submitting an article to accept an exemption for MA National Guard or Military Reservists serving in a foreign country.

Notice from Bay State Vietnam Veterans, Inc. announcing the 2011 telephone solicitation campaign.

Letter from the Office of the Governor certifying Dighton's Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal 2012 is \$289,634.00.

Letter from City of Melrose looking to partner up with three municipalities in an effort to regionalize information technology services and data center operations.

Letter from the Director of the US Census Bureau notifying the Board that they will be conducting the 2010 Census Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program between June 1, 2011 and June 1, 2013.

Announcements were read.

Transfer Station – Clarification of Uncollected Funds

Thomas Pires clarified that the estimated \$2,000.00 loss from unpaid Transfer Station bills is in uncollected funds dating back 10 years. The Board was informed by Town Counsel that a demand for payment can only go back three (3) years.

Water Department – Review/Act Waiver Request of Cruiser Fees

Charles Cestodio, Jr., Superintendent of the Dighton Water District is requesting a waiver for any fees charged for a police cruiser while officers are working for the Town of Dighton Districts and Departments. The Board is not in favor of granting said waiver as the cruiser is for the safety of the police officer and the employee performing the repair. It was also noted that the School Department is required to pay said fee. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to deny the request from the Dighton Water District to waive fees charged for a police cruiser while officers are working for the Town of Dighton districts and departments.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Board of Selectmen – Review/Act Resignation of Edward D. Reese, Sr., Chairman

E. Bud Whalon read the letter of resignation from Edward D. Reese, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen received on Monday, April 4, 2011. It was noted by E. Bud Whalon that although he did not feel personally attacked, the Board has worked hard, in particular, negotiating several employee and union contracts. Thomas Pires noted that the letter of resignation speaks for itself and is perplexed as to the comment of leadership relative to the Board as Mr. Reese is the Chairman. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the resignation from Edward D. Reese, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Temporary Weights & Measures Official – Review/Act Salary

The Board determined that the Temporary Weights & Measures Official, Dennis Thibault, will be paid the budgeted amount of \$1,044.33. Said payment is made because no work was performed by the previous official, therefore, Mr. Thibault must bring the Town of Dighton up-to-date. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to pay Dennis Thibault, Temporary Weights & Measures Official \$1,044.33.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Police Department – Review/Act Request to Dispose of Police Cruiser

The Board received a request from Police Chief Robert MacDonald requesting to dispose of a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser. The vehicle is no longer in use and has been used for parts for the past several years. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the request of Police Chief Robert MacDonald to dispose the 2002 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser VIN #2FAFP71W23X137504 for scrap metal.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Board of Selectmen – Review/Act transfer of Surplus Equipment to Town Clerk

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to transfer the following equipment to the Town Clerk, Susana Medeiros: one Brother Multifunction Printer MFC-490CW, Serial Number U62049A9F311018.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dighton Baseball/Softball League – review/Act Waiver Request of Fees

The Board received a request that all permit fees associated with safety upgrades be waived for the Dighton Baseball/Softball League. The Board will ask the appropriate inspectors to waive their inspection fee. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the request that all permit fees associated with safety upgrades be waived for the Dighton Baseball/Softball League.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

For clarification, due to the resignation of Edward D. Reese, Sr., E. Bud Whalon is serving as acting Chairman, therefore, all motions are made Thomas Pires.

Robert Woods added that the current Board has been serving the town well.

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A section 21(a) (2) at 8:05 PM to discuss Contract Negotiations with the Police Chief.

Vote: Thomas Pires AYE
E. Bud Whalon AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to return to open session at 9:15 PM.

Vote: Thomas Pires AYE
E. Bud Whalon AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,
Boards of Selectmen/Health
Kernie J. Easterday
Admin. Assist./Office Mgr.

Approved by:
Thomas J. Pires 4/13/11