

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
MAY 18, 2011**

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

Present: E. Bud Whalon, Thomas Pires and Dean V. Cronin

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of May 11, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of May 11, 2011 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #046A-11 Payroll \$ 51,532.91

Warrant #046B-11 Vendor bills \$ 120,204.50

Warrant #046C-11 Vendor bills \$ 1,972.46

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from the Department of Environmental Protection reminding Board of Health Agents that well drillers are required to be certified with the Commonwealth (established by MGL Ch. 21G, sec. 14 &20).

Letter from Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent to Charles Cestodio, Superintendent of the Dighton Water District, agreeing to the order of conditions regarding the installation of an antenna and related equipment on the water tank located on Williams Street.

Request from Donna Kulpa, Dighton's representative of SRPEDD requesting an expense reimbursement of \$35.00 to attend the SRPEDD Commission Business Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTE to approve the request of Donna Kulpa, Dighton's representative of SRPEDD to pay \$35.00 to attend the SRPEDD Commission Business Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Announcements were read.

Thomas J. Pires added that a Public Informational Meeting to review Annual Town Meeting Warrants is scheduled for June 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Fire Chief – Review Ambulance 2 Proposals

Fire Chief, Antone Roderick, Jr., appeared before the Board to discuss the purchase a new ambulance. The Board requested various documented supportive evidence from the Fire Chief to justify the purchase. The ambulance fund nets an annual income of \$14,000 - \$18,000, and it is estimated that a new ambulance could cost \$45,000-\$50,000 per year. The current ambulance has in excess of 250,000 miles (engine hours), paint bubbling and normal wear and tear. It was clarified that a fire truck is being paid by the ambulance fund an estimated \$50,000 per year because it is deemed a rescue pumper. E. Bud Whalon suggested that payments for the pumper should be made from the Fire Department's budget. The Board will wait to see how the town is managing financially prior to Special Town Meeting in the fall.

Sheet Metal Fees

For the third week the Board read permit fees for sheet metal work in any and all buildings. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the Sheet Metal Permit Application as presented.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the Sheet Metal Permit fees as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Kingsley – Review/Act Drainage Easement on Elm Street

The Board is in the process of correcting water drainage on Elm and Hart Streets. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the drainage and drain line Easement Agreement between the Town of Dighton and Bruce Kingsley for property located at Elm Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin VOTED to authorize the payment of \$9,000.00 to Bruce Kingsley for the drainage and drain line easement for property located Elm Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Fire Dept. Computer Transfer

The Board received a request from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr. to transfer three computers from the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collectors office to the Fire Department for training purposes. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin VOTED to transfer three computers from the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collectors office to the Fire Department for training purposes.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

E. Bud Whalon excused himself from the meeting at 8:00 PM so that he could report to the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.

Review/Act – Insurance Policy Proposals

After a review of all Town insurance policies with the insurance agent, Debbie Fredericks of Torres Insurance Agency, it was determined that various items must be added/removed.

The Board received an offer from Trident Insurance Services of New England, Inc., offering a 0% rate change to the 2011 Accelerated Renewal Program. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded Thomas Pires VOTED to accept the proposal of Trident 2011 Accelerated Renewal Program as presented.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Various vehicles and plates must be removed as they are no longer in use. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded Thomas Pires VOTED to remove the following items from the Commercial Auto Insurance: 1971 Chevy, 1988 Ford F350, 1983 GMC Dump Truck, and plate numbers MF1397, MP2377, MP2749 and MP4727.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded Thomas Pires VOTED to remove 1976 Case Tractor and 1994 Ford Cutaway Van.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded Thomas Pires VOTED to accept the proposal of VFIS to renew the policy with no increase except for the 2.5% increase in the building schedule of values.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Southwestern Solicitation Request

The Board received a request from Jennifer Aracely Chavarrus of Southwestern Company, Nashville, TN, requesting to sell books door-to-door in Dighton. Credentials have been obtained and checked. The Police Department will be notified. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the request of Jennifer Aracely Chavarrus of Southwestern Company, Nashville, TN, to sell books door-to-door in Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

It was noted that the Bristol County Sherriff's office will be cleaning the Veterans's Graves on May 25, 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Robert Woods, Jr., reminded residents that the Town of Rehoboth will be hosting the joint Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The parade will start at the Rehoboth Congregational Church on Bay State Road and conclude at the Palmer River Elementary School at which time a Memorial service will be conducted.

Robert Woods, Jr., attended The Taunton River Stewardship Council meeting last week to discuss the various no wake zones. It was noted that all No Wake Zone signs must be registered with the Coast Guard. Mr. Woods' advised all boaters to be considerate of the surroundings.

Robert Woods, Jr., noted that in light of Glenna Smith's retirement, there will be a vacancy for a secretary. Mr. Woods' thanked Mrs. Smith for her years of service.

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A section 21(a)(2) at 8:20 PM to discuss Fire Chief contract negotiation strategy.

Vote:	E. Bud Whalon	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE
	Dean V. Cronin	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to return to open session at 10:00 PM.

Vote:	E. Bud Whalon	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE
	Dean V. Cronin	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 10:00 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,  
Boards of Selectmen/Health  
Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

