

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
JUNE 29, 2011**

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of June 15, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #052A-11	Payroll	\$	57,014.97
Warrant #052B-11	Vendor bills	\$	32,377.08
Warrant #052C-11	Vendor bills	\$	1,950.72
Warrant #052D-11	Vendor bills	\$	75,746.18
Warrant #052E-11	Vendor bills	\$	11,932.63

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from Geosyntec Consultants providing notice that the Immediate Response Action Plan for the Winthrop Street Drums Site located at 2357 Winthrop Street and 1952 Wheeler Street, North Dighton has been submitted to the MA DEP.

The MA DPH has provided the 2009 Fatal Injuries at Work: Massachusetts Fatality Update. The report provides an overview of work-related deaths that occurred in Massachusetts for 2009 that can be used by policy makers, employers, unions, health advocates and others to prevent work-related deaths in the future.

All State Abatement Professionals, Inc., is scheduled to perform asbestos abatement work at Buildings 93, 90, 60 at 620 Spring Street beginning July 11, 2011 through July 12, 2011.

The MA Fire Service Commission announcing that Fire Chief Antone P. Roderick, Jr., has voluntarily participated in a Fire Chief Credentialing process administered by the MA Fire Service Commission, a gubernatorial appointed board that has established a process for uniform credentialing for fire chiefs.

The Board of Directors of the Bristol Elder Services is recruiting for a representative to its Board. The Board holds monthly meetings starting in September through August and is held on the fourth Friday at 10:00 AM each month.

Marvin Realty Trust has filed a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission seeking permission to alter 280 Main Street, Dighton (Map 16, Lot 52). A public hearing has been scheduled for July 13, 2011 at 7:30PM, at Dighton Town Hall.

Announcements were read. Thomas Pires informed residents that the current price of Dighton trash bags, set by the Board of Selectmen/Health, is \$15.00 for large and \$7.50 for small. Contact will be made to vendors who are not selling the bags at the set price.

Review Grievance Procedure with Nancy Goulart, ADA Officer

At the request of the ADA Committee, Nancy Goulart, Dighton's ADA Officer researched and prepared a grievance procedure. Said procedure is prepared within the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, however, specific timelines were incorporated into the procedure. Nancy Goulart read the Grievance Procedure in its entirety. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to accept and adopt the Americans With Disabilities Act Committee (ADA Committee) Grievance Procedure as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Nancy Goulart will notify the Town Clerk so that the procedure will be posted on the website.

Review/Act – Vacation Carry Over Requests

Jennifer Luiz, Town Accountant is requesting to carry over vacation time from FY11 to FY12. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve the request of Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz to carry over 28 hours of vacation time from Fiscal Year 2011 to Fiscal Year 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent is requesting to carry over vacation time from FY11 to FY12 and to turn back 80 hours of vacation time out of FY2012. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve the request of Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry to carry over 40 hours of vacation time from Fiscal Year 2011 to Fiscal Year 2012 and to turn back 80 hours of vacation time from FY12.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Robert MacDonald, Police Chief is requesting to carry over vacation time from FY11 to FY12. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the request of Police Chief, Robert MacDonald to carry over 8 days of vacation time from Fiscal Year 2011 to Fiscal Year 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Ambulance Write Offs

Fire Chief Anton Roderick, Jr. is requesting to write off ambulance billing due to hardships of town residents. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve ambulance billing write offs due to hardship.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review Proposed Class II Dealers Regulation

As advised by Town Counsel, the proposed Class II Dealers General Bylaw was tabled at Annual Town Meeting. At this time, the Board prefers to make the proposed bylaw a regulation. It was noted that the language will remain the same and that dealers will be required to be open a minimum of 20 hours.

Review/Act – Memorandum of Agreement for Tobacco & Alcohol Prevention Collaborative

Thomas Pires received and reviewed the proposed West Bristol Tobacco & Alcohol Prevention Collaborative Memorandum of Agreement. The purpose of the Collaborative is to implement local policy, systems and environmental change to reduce tobacco use, reduce underage use of alcohol and improve public health through interventions consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. It was noted that Dighton's representative is paid by a grant. The Memorandum was read. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to accept and adopt the West Bristol Tobacco & Alcohol Prevention Collaborative Memorandum of Agreement as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Patrick Menges – Dighton Water District

Patrick Menges appeared before the Board requesting permission to review various petitions of exclusion from the Water District with the Fire Chief. Said petitioners allege that they do not received fire protection from the Dighton Water supply. The Board determined that a fee will not be established and commended the Water Commissioners in their efforts to rectify the situation.

Review/Act – Bridge Inspection & Evaluation proposal for Briggs Street/Segregansett River

The Board will request a minimum of three proposals for engineering consulting services for the inspection and evaluation of the Briggs Street Bridge. The goal of the inspection will be to evaluate the existing condition of the bridge, the suitability for pedestrian traffic, and to identify required short and long term repairs as noted in the MA DOT letter of April 6, 2011.

Review/Act – Highway Bid Proposals

Bids for materials for the highway department were opened on June 20, 2011. The Board read Thomas Ferry's, Highway Superintendent, recommendations. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to accept and award bids for materials for

the highway department as read and recommended by Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Drainage Pipe Proposals

Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, received three quotes relative to the installation of drainage pipes on Elm Street. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to accept and award the bid for Elm Street Drainage #1 for \$2,705.00, Drainage #2 for \$3,953.60 and Drainage #3 for \$15,690.00 to Vellano Bros., Inc., West Bridgewater, as recommended by Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Budget Transfer Requests

The Board received various end of the year budget transfer requests for the fiscal year 2011.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the budget transfer request for fiscal year 2011 from Waste Collection and Disposal to Town Counsel in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the budget transfer request for fiscal year 2011 from Waste Collection and Disposal to Electrical Inspection in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the budget transfer request for fiscal year 2011 from Waste Collection and Disposal to the Care and Custody of Dogs in the amount of \$450.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the budget transfer request for fiscal year 2011 from Waste Collection and Disposal to Salary – Perc Agent in the amount of \$260.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discussion re: Appointment and Compensation for Fire Chief

Under the advice of Town Counsel, the Board is looking to give Antone P. Roderick, Jr., Fire Chief a one year written notice of termination, which is otherwise required by law to be given to Fire Chiefs who serve without an employment contract. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to terminate Mr. Antone P. Roderick, Jr.'s employment as Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Dighton effective June 30, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

It was noted that the Board has been undertaking negotiations with the Chief and as of now no agreement exists, however, nothing prohibits the Board from rescinding this action during the upcoming year if it so decides.

Public Input

Grant writer, Maria Sorman, informed the Board that she is research possible grant available in the amount of \$25,000.00-\$50,000.00 for the architectural/engineering design of a police station.

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 & 3) at 8:35 PM to discuss Clerical Union Contract and the Highway Superintendent Contract

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 9:16 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 9:16 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
