

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
JULY 27, 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 July 13, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of July 13, 2011 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #004A-11	Payroll	\$	60,917.71
Warrant #004B-11	Vendor bills	\$	10,744.01
Warrant #004C-11	Vendor bills	\$	82,632.93
Warrant #004D-11	Vendor bills	\$	23,000.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department announcing that funding for the operation of the Plymouth Bristol Emergency Alert System has been secured for another fiscal year in the amount of \$100,000.00. Also, a new service is being offered called CodeRED by Emergency Communications Network, Inc. With so many residents abandoning landline phones, residents are urged to register their mobile phone numbers in the event of an emergency. More information may be found at www.pcsdma.org.

Comcast along with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) is introducing a new program to help bridge America's digital divide, called Internet Essentials. This program addresses key barriers to internet access by providing affordable internet access, an opportunity to purchase a computer and training to low-income families. More information may be found at www.internetessentials.com.

SRPEDD is providing the DRAFT 2012 Regional Transportation Plan for public review and comment. The 30-day public comment period begins July 27, 2011 and two public meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 and Wednesday, August 3, 2011.



Dept. of Veterans' Services implemented an electronic benefit tracking and certification system for use by the veterans' agent and accounting department. To ensure that each community is in full compliance with MA law, a full review and report is requested.

Announcements were read.

Police Chief Robert MacDonald introduced newly appointed Reserve Officers Rachel Rose, Michael Marshall, Steven Hathaway and Jared Ulak.

Review/Act – Stormwater Retention Systems

After thorough research and discussion with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board it was determined that above or below ground stormwater retention detention structures will be determined on a case by case basis by the Planning Board. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to rescind the action taken by the Board of Health on November 17, 2004 mandating by regulation, that effective November 29th, 2004 any stormwater retention/detention structure be closed or underground system.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED that effective August 1, 2011 the determination of the whether any stormwater retention/detention structures be above or below ground shall be made by the Planning Board.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act - 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. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to adopt the Class II Dealers Regulation as printed in the Taunton Daily Gazette on May 11 and 18, 2011 effective July 27, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Highway Excavator

After receiving a bid protest concerning an excavator for the Main Street bridge repair, Town Counsel reviewed the bid request and bids presented and determined that T. Roderick Corporation was not the lowest bidder. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to rescind its award of the bid to T. Roderick Corporation.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to award the contract to B.L. Catabia as the lowest bidder.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss MA Dept. of Labor Report of the Police Department Building

In response to findings relative to the May 19, 2011 inspection at the Police Station by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development it was noted that all corrections have been/will be addressed with the exception of the installation of the HVAC system. Because

of the high cost of the installation of an HVAC system and ongoing plans for a new police station are under way, a request to extend this matter will be made.

Discuss topics re: Dighton Power Land Donation

A public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall to discuss the Dighton Power Plant land donation.

Review/Act – Fire Chief Compensation

During the last scheduled meeting, the Board misread that a two percent (2%) salary increase for the Fire Chief was submitted and approved at annual town meeting. The Board apologizes to Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr. No increase was made to the Fire Chief's salary.

Review/Act – Proposed Amended Building Inspector Fees

Building Inspector, James D. Aguiar, Jr., proposes to incorporate a special night time inspection fee for the plumbing, gas and electrical inspections that takes place after normal working hours under non-emergency circumstances. When a contractor requests an inspection in conjunction with valid permits, that contractor shall cover 75% of the costs for each special night time inspection. The inspection shall be billed to the town at four times the normal inspection rate. The matter will be read two more times.

Review/Act – ZBA Clerk

After review of 41 applications received and 5 interviews performed for the position of Zoning Board of Appeals/Board of Health clerk, Joseph Pacheco recommends Rosalind Grassie for the position. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to accept the recommendation of Joseph Pacheco and hire Rosalind Grassie for the Zoning Board of Appeals/Board of Health Clerk.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Tri Centennial Committee Member

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to appoint Pat Olsen as Member of the Tri Centennial Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Community Preservation Committee Member

Due to the resignation of Charles Mastrangelo, a member of the Historic Commission must be appointed to the Community Preservation Committee. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to appoint Colette McKeon as Member of the Historic Commission Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Computer Disposal

Robert Woods, Veterans Agent requests the disposal of one Dell Computer tower, monitor and keyboard that is no longer being utilized. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the disposal of one Dell computer tower, monitor and keyboard from the Veteran's Department and grant same to the Building Inspector.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Ambulance Write Offs

The Board received a request from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., to write off ambulance billing for individuals due to financial hardships. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the write off ambulance billing for individuals due to financial hardships.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Challenger Soccer Camp Permit Review

The Board tabled the matter from Challenger Sports to review the application received for a recreational soccer camp to take place the week of August 1, 2011. It was noted that an additional \$50.00 will be required for the Health Agent's inspection.

Public Input

Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., appeared before the Board to discuss the replacement of an ambulance. It was noted that the Board is researching all opportunities and will review options with the Fire Chief in a future meeting. It was also noted that the last payment for the ambulance was made two years ago.

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)(3 & 6) at 8:17 PM to discuss pending legal matters and to review tabled items regarding the Fire Union 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 9:50 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

