

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 September 21, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #013A-11 Payroll \$ 62,272.99

Warrant #013B-11 Vendor bills \$ 20,947.38

Warrant #013C-11 Vendor bills \$ 76,251.96

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

The Massachusetts Municipal Association is announcing the annual Statewide Essay Contest for 6th Graders.

Myrna Santos of Dighton submitted a letter to clarify statements regarding efforts being made to fund a new police building. It was noted, that the Town of Dighton first obtained a HUD grant in 1976 for the addition to the community center at the Lincoln Village complex. It was further noted that Town Hall was built with funding obtained through an FHA loan of 5% in 1979.

Announcements were read. The Board would like to remind residents that there is no charge in obtaining a yard sale permit and noted that all Yard Sale signs should be removed within 48 hours. If the signs continue to litter the street, implementation of fines may be considered.

Old Business

NONE

Review/Act – Designate a Physical Fitness Supervisor for the Fire Fighters Association

As stated in the Dighton Firefighters Association, Local 4332 contract dated July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, Article 36 (Physical Fitness Standards) Section 36.03: the annual testing will be supervised by the designee of the Board of Selectmen. Motion: Thomas J.

Pires, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to designate Dean V. Cronin as Supervisor of the Physical Fitness testing for the Dighton Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 4332.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Snow Plow Contractor Rates

Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, recommends last year's rates for hired contractors for snow removal for the Town of Dighton. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, second: Dean V. Cronin to approve the following rates for hire contractors for snow removal for the Town of Dighton: \$60.00 for 4x4 pickup truck with a 8'-9' blade, \$65.00 for a 1 ton truck with a 9'-10' blade, \$75.00 for trucks up to 25,000 lbs with a 10'-11' blade, and \$85.00 for 6 wheel trucks over 26,000 lbs with a 10'-12' blade.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Timothy Rhines, Main Street stated that a flyer that is being passed through the Town by Annette Tweedy is presenting incorrect information which is misleading the public (i.e., mold and asbestos in the building). Mr. Rhines commends the Board in moving forward with creating a committee and obtaining a feasibility study. Karen O'Connor asked if the Friends of the Dighton Police Department has applied for a 501(3)(c) Non Profit status. The Board was unable to answer Mrs. O'Connor as the group was not formed by the Board. Mr. Rhines asked the Board if they would consider obtaining painted canvases of former police chief's. Research and consideration will be made.

Timothy Rhines asked if a traffic study was performed at the intersection of Main Street and Route 138. It was noted one was performed by SRPEDD two years ago. The Board noted that a meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2011 with MADOT to discuss the recommended corrections referenced in the traffic study and the installation of a pedestrian light.

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to adjourn at 7:49 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

