

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MARCH 14, 2012**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 7, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #037A-12	Payroll	\$	59,898.88
Warrant #037B-12	Vendor bills	\$	33,995.89
Warrant #037C-12	Vendor bills	\$	246.90

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Details: The Board has nothing to report at this time.

Correspondence

On February 7, 2012 the MassDEP approved the Dighton Water District's application for an additional use of the satellite well known as Well No. 3, Cedar Street.

As of July 1, 2011, the MA DOR certified that the amount of Excess and Deficiency for Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District is: General Fund \$1,315,246.00.

The Board announced two corrections from last week's correspondence. 1) The vote to approve the tentative FY'13 K-12 operating assessment for the Town of Dighton in the amount of \$9,458,743.00 (striking the \$428,976.00 previously quoted). 2) Yearly Cruise Nights held during the months of June, July and August do not have police detail.

Announcements were read. Additional announcements included the following Tri Centennial events: Colonial Clothing on March 16th at Friendship Hall located on Elm Street; and Sewing Bee will take place on March 24th at Friendship Hall located on Elm Street.

Local elections will take place Saturday, April 7th at the Dighton Elementary School, 1250 Somerset Avenue. Polls will be open from 8:00AM to 6:00PM.

It was noted, on Tuesday, March 12, 2012 the School Committee voted to reduce Dighton's assessment in excess of \$125,000.00 for FY13 after it was realized that Dighton was being charged for Rehoboth students attending Tri County Vocational School, Franklin. Those interested in seeing the public hearing may find it on local channel 98.

Report of the Personnel Officer

A settlement was reached relative to a grievance of a clerical union member that was scheduled to go to arbitration next month. Said proceedings cost an estimated \$1,000.00 from each party in arbitration fees.

Review/Discuss/Act – Culvert Replacement Project

Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, agreed to place the culvert replacement project on Pleasant Street on hold. It was noted that said project should be completed prior to the next snow season.

Review/Discuss/Act: Brandon Shileikis re: Eagle Scout Project

Brandon Shileikis presented to the Board plans for the Tri Centennial Park located along the Taunton River on Pleasant Street. Said park will be dedicated to Silas Talbot and renovations are to take place during the months of April through June. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept and approve the Tri Centennial Park as presented by Eagle Scout Brandon Shileikis.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Acceptance of Vehicle Donation(s) for Police Department

Police Chief Robert MacDonald has received a fork lift provided to Law Enforcement Agencies through the LESO program. The fork lift will be used by the Highway Department. Certification to operate the vehicle is required. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept one (1) 1995 Hyster Serial Number D177602444R as provided by the LESO Program.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Library Sign

The Board received from the Library Trustees three proposals from Liptak Signs, Signature SIGNS, and Brenner Signs and Awning for a new library sign which is to be paid through the gift account. Motion: Dean V. Cronin seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to accept the proposal of a new library sign from Liptak Signs as recommended by the Library Trustees.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Amended Request for proposal, Quote or Bid Policy

Upon discussions with Town Counsel, an amended policy for a proposal, quote or bid was prepared for the Town to consider adopting in place of the existing policy dated June 2, 2010. The proposed amended policy was read and will be voted on next week.

Review/Discuss/Act: Inspector of Animals Appointment

Annual nomination forms were presented by the MA Department of Agricultural Resources for the Dighton's Inspector of Animals. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED unanimously to appoint Stacy Ferry as Dighton's Inspector of Animals.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Review/Discuss/Act: Legal Fee Funding

Bills for town counsel has exceeded the annual budget. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED unanimously to discuss the remainder of Town Counsel FY12 funding with the Finance Committee.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Review/Discuss/Act: Soil Commission Appointments

It was determined that prior to the scheduling of a soil removal hearing, four additional appointees are required.

Public Input

The Board made a public announcement asking if anyone knows the name of the individual pictured on the Brothers of the Brush pin, to please contact the Selectmen's office.

Executive Session (MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (2, 3 &6))

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to enter into executive session at 8:02PM under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) for the purposes of pending firefighter grievance (2 &3) and pending legal matters (6).

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 8:45 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

