

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
OCTOBER 3, 2012**

Thomas J. Pires called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Dean V. Cronin and Thomas J. Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Review/Discuss/Act: Letter of Resignation

The Board received and read a letter of resignation from Chairman E. Bud Whalon (Exhibit A). The Board thanked Mr. Whalon for his dedication, enthusiasm and service he provided to the Town both as a Selectman and as a former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and wishes him the best in his future endeavors. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to accept the letter of resignation of E. Bud Whalon as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

It was noted that the earliest date to hold a special election would be in December and that the estimated cost to hold said special election would be \$4,000 - \$5,000. The Board discussed the matter at the October 2, 2012 Emergency Meeting and determined they will not expend the taxpayers money for a special election and will continue to run the Board with a vacancy.

In light of the resignation of Chairman E. Bud Whalon, Thomas J. Pires declared all offices vacant and called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Thomas J. Pires nominated Dean V. Cronin. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Dean V. Cronin as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dean V. Cronin nominated Thomas J. Pires as Chairman of the Board of Health. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Thomas J. Pires as Chairman of the Board of Health.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dean V. Cronin nominated Thomas J. Pires as Personnel Officer. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Thomas J. Pires as Personnel Officer.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of September 19, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 2, 2012 – Emergency Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

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| Warrant #014A-13 | Payroll | \$ | 58,827.82 |
| Warrant #014B-13 | Vendor bills | \$ | 66,876.51 |

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

The Board noted that the Town Hall air ducts were thoroughly cleaned in the amount of \$1, 675.00.

Correspondence

Superintendent of Schools, Kathleen A. Montagano, Ed.D. thanks the Town residents and the Board for their support during her last four+ years in serving as the Superintendent in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District and will be retiring effective October 8th. Dr. Jennifer Wordell will assume leadership of the district as the Interim Superintendent.

The Board received notification from the MA Collectors and Treasurers Association that the Treasurer/Collector Mary Hathaway has been awarded the designation of Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector. The Board extended their congratulations to Mary Hathaway for a job well done.

A Citation from the Town of Somerset was presented in recognition of the Town of Dighton's 300th Anniversary.

Green Seal re: Q&A for Contaminated Land at the Highway Department

Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, appeared before the Board with representatives from Green Seal, Inc. who presented work performed relative to the petroleum impacted soil located at the Highway Garage at 2011 County Street, Dighton. All work relative to Work Order #1 is complete. Work relative to Work Order #2 is near completion. It was noted that during the soil excavation project, two 10,000 gallon tanks were discovered requiring the creation of Work Order #3. One tank appeared to be $\frac{3}{4}$ full of water with traces of petroleum; the other tank appeared to be $\frac{3}{4}$ full with a layer of fuel oil on the water. The tanks are scheduled to be removed on Thursday, October 4th in accordance with the State Fire Code. Current costs associated with the soil removal are estimated at \$56,000, however, with the discovery of the two tanks another price estimate will be presented to the Board next week. The Board thanked Green Seal, Inc., and Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry for a job well done and looks forward to having more information next week.

Review/Discuss/Act: Board of Selectmen/Health Fee Schedule

The Board made the 2nd reading of the proposed Fee Schedule issued by the Board of Selectmen/Health to take effect January 1, 2013. The Board will read the proposed fee schedule one more time before voting on the matter.

Review/Discuss/Act: Bettencourt, Removal of Williams Street Drainage Easement

The Board received a request from Joanne Bettencourt of Williams Street to remove an easement to her property for a culvert to carry water away from the highway and to enter upon said land at any time for the purpose of constructing repairing and maintaining the culvert. It was noted that the culvert is no longer in use, is "bricked up" and that there is another culvert in place 100 feet down the road. After discussing the matter with the Highway Superintendent, it was determined that the easement can be removed. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to withdraw the Easement for property located on Williams Street and is recorded at the Taunton Registry of Deeds on December 19, 1969, Book 1551, Page 843.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The matter will be referred to Town Counsel for appropriate filing.

Review/Discuss/Act: Fee Proposal for Saccocio & Associates for the Police Station Committee

The Board received a request from the Police Station Committee seeking approval of the fee proposal presented by Saccoccio and Associates. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the fee proposal for Saccoccio and Associates as recommended by the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Status Update of Bristol Plymouth Regional District Acceptance

October 3, 2012

The Board will be presenting a warrant article at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 29th seeking to re-enter into the Agreement on file with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for membership in the Bristol Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District (B-P). If approved it would allow students from Dighton to enroll at B-P classes beginning in September 2013. Costs for the student would be based on an assessment as determined by B-P based upon a formula established by the MA Department of Education and not a tuition rate. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Review/Discuss/Act: Police Station Committee Appointment

The Board received a request to appoint a member to the Police Station Committee. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Dennis McGuy as Member to the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Reading and Signing of the State Election Warrant

The Board received and read the State Election Warrant as presented by Town Clerk, Susana Medeiros. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the State Election Warrant as presented by Town Clerk, Susana Medeiros.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Resignation Acknowledgement from Cable Committee

The Board was informed by the Chairman of the Cable Committee, Ed Olney, that Ron Smith has resigned as a member. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the resignation of Ronald Smith as Member of the Cable Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

NONE.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

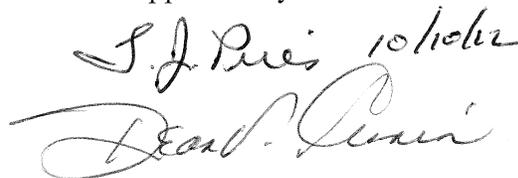
Handwritten signatures of Thomas J. Pires and Dean V. Cronin, dated 10/03/12.

Exhibit A

October 1, 2012

To All Residents and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

I wish to sincerely thank you all for your confidence and support displayed by you over the past few years during my political service to the Town of Dighton.

At this time, due to personal reasons, I am forced to submit this letter of resignation as your Elected Selectman effective Monday, October 01, 2012.

I leave this office with deep regret, however, also with the feeling that I have made a valiant effort to maintain financial stability for the Town of Dighton.

Respectfully yours,

E. Bud Whalen

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