

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MARCH 30, 2011**

E. Bud Whalon, called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Present: Thomas Pires and E. Bud Whalon
Absent: Edward D. Reese, Sr.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of February 9, 2011 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 23, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 23, 2011 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #039A-11 Payroll \$ 50,817.48

Warrant #039B-11 Vendor bills \$ 16,077.88

Warrant #039C-11 Vendor bills \$ 60,270.27

Warrant #039D-11 Vendor bills \$ 1,250.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Invitation from Council of SEMASS Communities (COSC) for a meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 in Plymouth.

Invitation from Suburban Coalition for the Annual Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 in Boston.

Notice from Bay State Vietnam Veterans, Inc. announcing the 2011 telephone solicitation campaign.

Notice of Noncompliance from MA DEP to Dighton Woods, LLC for not submitting discharge monitoring reports.

Letter from Jennifer Luiz, Town Accountant, requesting that Linda McCarron be promoted to the position of Assistant Town Accountant.

Letter from employees of the Highway Department requesting for consideration to forgo the 15 minute afternoon break in order to conclude their day at 3:00 PM.

Letter from the Conservation Commission in support of properly designed above ground detention basins.

Letter from the Conservation Commission relative to a complaint concerning the tree harvesting on property owned by Bernard and Arthur Miranda. Upon inspection it was determined that the property owners are in compliance as required under the MGL, Ch. 132, The Forest Cutting Practices Act 304 CMR 11.00 for a long term forest management plan for the entire property and was submitted to the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation Senior Forester for the Southeast Region.

Announcements were read.

Review/Act Ambulance 2 Inspection Report

Fire Chief, Antone Roderick, Jr., and Town Mechanic, Jeff Gagnon appeared before the Board to discuss the State's annual inspection findings relative to Ambulance 2. It was determined that parts for the vehicle is unavailable and no longer made. It was noted that the vehicle is 17 years old and that an average life of an ambulance is 10 years. The cost for a new ambulance is estimated at \$250,000.00. A meeting will be arranged with the fire chief, town mechanic, Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to discuss options. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the engagement letter as written for the FY10 audit.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Jake Teixeira – Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Jake Teixeira appeared before the Board to present an Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Teixeira proposes to beautify the grounds and restore the tomb located at the Mumford Briggs Cemetery on Somerset Avenue. The project is expected to start during April vacation. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve Jake Teixeira's Eagle Scout Project consisting of beautify the grounds and restore the tomb located at the Mumford Briggs Cemetery on Somerset Avenue.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Mullaney's Country Store – Liquor License Transfer

E. Bud Whalon read the Notice of Public Hearing for an Alcohol License Transfer from Mullaney's Country Store to Almeida's Country Store, Inc. Attorney Peter A. Saulino, counsel for Theresa Almeida, President of Almeida's Country Store, Inc, presented the application to the Board stating that the store hours will remain as is. All appropriate paperwork was presented, reviewed and approved. Mr. Whalon opened the floor to the public for comment. No comments were made. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to grant the Transfer of License from Mullaney's Country Store to Almeida's Country Store, Inc.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Police Chief – Review/Act Vacation Carry Over Request

The Board received a request from Police Chief Robert MacDonald requesting to carry over 10 vacation days from FY2011 to FY2012. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the request of Police Chief Robert MacDonald to carry over 10 vacation days from FY2011 to FY2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Fire Chief – Review/Act Vacation Carry Over Request

The Board received a request from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr. requesting to carry over 10 vacation days from FY2011 to FY2012. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the request of Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr. to carry over 10 vacation days from FY2011 to FY2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act SRPEDD Commission & JTPG Representative Appointment

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Donna Kulpa as the Town of Dighton's SRPEDD Commission Representative.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Donna Kulpa as the Town of Dighton's JTPG Representative.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Planet Aid Request

The Board received a request for consideration from David Carmack to place a Planet Aid clothing collection bin at the Dighton Transfer Station. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the placement of a Planet Aid clothing collection bin at the Dighton Transfer Station.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

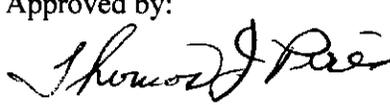
Veteran's Agent, Robert Woods, Jr., clarified that Danny Botelho was killed in Vietnam on June 20, 1969 (non-combative) and that his name is on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

 4/6/11