

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
APRIL 20, 2011**

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of April 13, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #042A-11 Payroll \$ 54,074.01

Warrant #042B-11 Vendor bills \$ 61,626.32

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from State Senator Marc R. Pacheco announcing the Fiscal Year 2012 Local Aid resolution adopted by the Massachusetts State Senate on April 14, 2011. It was noted that Senator Pacheco voted against the resolution as he believes there are additional options available to the legislature that would provide additional assistance to cities and towns. Dighton is marked to receive \$606,730.00 in unrestricted general government aid.

Announcements were read.

Dean V. Cronin announced that he would be available to the public holding office hours Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Review/Act – Ambulance Quotes

The Board received three quotes from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., to replace Ambulance @ which has failed its annual inspection and will be out of service. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to table the matter for two weeks.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Highway Department – Review/Act Part-Time Employee

The Board received a written recommendation of Gregory Olsen for the position of a part-time laborer for the Highway Department from Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the hire of Gregory Olsen as the Highway Department's part-time laborer for a rate of pay of \$12.72 per hour, as recommended by Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

D-R Regional School District – Review/Act Municipal Representative for Custodian Collective Bargaining

The Board received a notice from the D-R Regional School Committee that a meeting will be convening on April 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of selecting a municipal representative for custodian collective bargaining, as defined in CMR 41.04. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Dean V. Cronin as Dighton's representative for custodian collective bargaining.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Cable Committee – Review/Act Appointment

The Board received a request Ed Olney to appoint David Marvill as member of the Cable Committee. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint David D. Marvill as Member of the Cable Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Board of Selectmen – Update on Proposed New Police Station

E. Bud Whalon has been discussing the donation of land from the Dighton Power Plant with Mike Joyce and Attorney Marguerite Mitchell in the hopes of building a new police station. Deeds are being drafted and Mr. Whalon is looking to place a warrant article at annual town meeting requesting \$25,000.00 for the purpose of a grant writer. Mr. Whalon will update the residents as the project progresses.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Accounting – Review/Act Appointment of the Asst. Town Accountant

The Board received a written recommendation of Linda McCarron to be promoted to the position of Assistant Town Accountant from Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz. On July 1, 2010 Mrs. McCarron began working additional hours for training purposes and has become proficient in the recurring weekly tasks of the Town Accountant. The position was posted internally from April 11, 2011 through April 19, 2011 and Mrs. McCarron was the only applicant. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the promotion of Linda McCarron to Assistant Town Collector, as recommended by Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Council of Aging – Review/Act Appointment of the Asst. to the Asst. Manager

The Board received a written recommendation of Anabela Powell as Assistant to the Assistant Manager from Alice Souza, Executive Director of Council of Aging. The position was posted internally from April 11, 2011 through April 19, 2011 and Ms. Powell was the only applicant. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the appointment of Anabela Powell to Assistant to the Assistant Manager, as recommended by Alice Souza, Executive Director of Council of Aging.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

NONE

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) (8) at 7:47 PM to discuss a Clerical Union Grievance and legal services of Attorney Marguerite Mitchell.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to return to open session at 8:19 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 8:19 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

Thomas Pires 5/4/11
E Bud Whalon
Dean V. Cronin