

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
JUNE 1, 2011**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of May 25, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #048A-11	Payroll	\$	54,434.86
Warrant #048B-11	Vendor bills	\$	32,673.62
Warrant #048C-11	Vendor bills	\$	1,066,032.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS



Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

MassDEP awarded the North Dighton Fire District "The Public Water System Award" for dedicated service in maintaining a safe and abundant supply of clean water.

The D-R Regional School District voted for the Assessments and Operating Budget for both towns at the May 24, 2011 meeting.

Letter from the US Department of Commerce thanking the Town of Dighton for efforts to help make the 2010 Census a success.

The MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services announcing the Home Modification Loan Program is well funded and seeking applicants.

Fire Department – Region 5 Director Presentation

Frederick Fowler, Executive Director of the Regional EMS office recognized the official designation of the Town of Dighton as a HeartSafe Community. The HeartSafe Community Program is a cooperative initiative of the Commonwealth's Office of Emergency Medical Services, the Emergency Medical Care Advisory Board's Public Information and Education Resources committee in conjunction with the American Heart Association and the Southeastern Massachusetts EMS Council and the town of Dighton for the local efforts to provide a strong Chain of Survival for residents and visitors.

Announcements were read.

Discuss Funding for Grant Writer

E. Bud Whalon announced that the proposed warrant article for annual town meeting requesting \$25,000.00 for a grant writer will be tabled until Special Town Meeting as the request will put the Town over the levy limit. The Board will continue working with the grant writing in pursuing a Community Block Grant. It was noted that Barney Frank and State Representative Patricia Haddad will be visiting the police station.

Review/Act – Town Clerk Re-Precincting

Town Clerk, Susana Medeiros presented the proposed 2011 Re-Precincting Plan for the Town of Dighton. It was noted that it is required to create precincts when the population reaches 6,999, voting for both precincts will continue to take place at the Dighton Elementary School but will be split into two precincts. Mrs. Medeiros urged all residents to continue submitting their census as this determines how much money is received from the state. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to accept as presented by Susana Medeiros, town Clerk, the 2011 Re-Precincting Plan for the town of Dighton, including the enclosed map, legal description and block listings.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Conservation Commission Land Purchase

The Board received a request from the Conservation Commission requesting to purchase land using an established Conservation Fund. Said fund was established from monies collected as rollback, conveyance or forest product taxes pursuant to Chapter 61, 61A and 61B of the General Laws. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the Conservation Commission's request to purchase land listed on County Street, shown on assessors Map 24, Lot 47 containing 8.2 acres +/- and is owned by the Reddy Family in the amount of \$23,000.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Electrical Bids for Library Parking Lot

The Board received two proposals for the installation of parking lot lighting and the Dighton Public Library. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the proposal of New England Energy Concepts, Inc., North Dighton to install parking lot lighting for the Dighton Public Library in the amount of 1,800.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Printing Bids for Warrant Books

The Board received 5 proposals for the printing of Warrant Books for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to accept the proposal of Davol Printing, Taunton to print the Warrant Books in the amount of \$365.00 for 400 books.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Stephen Roderick, son of Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., requested an explanation why he was not able to ride in the fire truck during the Memorial Day Parade. The Board explained that under recently negotiated contracts with the Police Chief and Highway Superintendent, and currently negotiating a contract with the Fire Chief, it has been put in place that no unauthorized personnel will be allowed in town vehicles due to insurance liability purposes. It was noted in the future, a written request for permission to participate can be presented to the Board for consideration

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 8:14 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

