TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
AUGUST 10, 2011

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Rebecca A. Reese, wife of former selectman Edward D. Reese, Sr.

Approve Minutes
Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of July 27, 2011.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of July 27, 2011 – Executive Session.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Warrant #006A-11	Payroll	$	61,815.92
Warrant #006B-11	Vendor bills	$	314,453.19
Warrant #006C-11	Vendor bills	$	1,559.91
Warrant #006D-11	Vendor bills	$	282,487.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence
NONE

Announcements were read.

Review/Act – Proposed Amended Building Inspector Fees (2nd reading)
Building Inspector, James D. Aguiar, Jr., proposes to incorporate a special night time inspection fee for the plumbing, gas and electrical inspections that takes place after normal working hours under non-emergency circumstances. When a contractor requests an inspection in conjunction with valid permits, that contractor shall cover 75% of the costs for each special night time inspection. The inspection shall be billed to the town at four times the normal inspection rate. The matter will be read one more time.

Police Station
It was noted that the grant writer is currently exploring options for a federal loan that could be paid by a Community Block Grant. Once approved by the Board the matter will be brought to Town Meeting. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to pursue a USDA loan for the construction of a new police station.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

A meeting was held on August 9th with representatives of the Dighton Power Plant to discuss the donation of land located on Somerset Avenue. It was agreed that two parcels of land will be donated to the town in the amount of one dollar ($1.00) with the understanding that if no action on the property takes place after five (5) years the property will revert back to Dighton Power. A request to the Conservation Commission will be made to inspect the wetlands. It was noted that additional land could be donated if a new fire station is needed in the future. Donation of land received by Dighton Power does not affect their tax rate. It was determined that an alternate location for a new police station will be on the tennis courts next to the current police station.

Review/Act – Road Salt Bids

On July 18, 2011 bids were opened for road salt ice control. Results of the bids were read, as well as, the recommendation of Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to award the pick up of road salt ice control to American Rock Salt in the amount of sixty-five dollars ($65.00) per ton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to award the delivery of road salt ice control to International Salt Company, LLC in the amount of sixty-six dollars and fifty-three cents ($66.53) per ton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

A public meeting will take place on August 24, 2011 at 9:00AM to discuss a pedestrian light at the intersection of Main Street and Route 138.

Nancy Goulart offered to prepare an Annual Report on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to be presented at the next Town Meeting and the Board agreed.

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)(7) at 7:45PM to discuss pending legal matters.

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 8:35 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by: