

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was noted that Thomas J. Pires is attending a presentation at the Middle School on behalf of the Selectmen.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 7, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 7, 2011 Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #011A-11 Payroll \$ 58,109.99

Warrant #011B-11 Vendor bills \$ 70,561.60

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Tremont Street resident requested the Highway Department to remove a large branch hanging over a tree and into the street. It was noted that the tree must be trimmed by National Grid because of the proximity to the power lines.

Starting September 19, 2011 repairs for the culvert located on Main Street will commence. It should be noted that Main Street can be used but not as a through street. Detours for all traffic will be set up to bring traffic through Elm Street, Brook Street and Milk Street. Timothy Rhines, Main Street requested that traffic speed be enforced.

The Dighton Council on Aging accepts donations. For more information contact Alice Souza, Exec. Director of Dighton Council on Aging.

September 14, 2011

The Dighton Cultural Council has set an October 15th postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

On August 31, 2011 the MA Department of Public Health announced that the assessed risk for human infection with Triple E in the Town of Dighton has been raised to moderate. Protection precautions were read.

Announcements were read.

Community Preservation Committee Appointments

It was determined appointments of the Community Preservation Committee were incorrect according to the bylaws passed on November 23, 2010. The Board of Selectmen is required to appoint four out of nine members for staggered terms. Therefore, the Board must rescind the votes of September 7, 2011 and appoint as presented. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to rescind the appointments of the Community Preservation Committee made on September 7, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Ellen Bidlack to the Community Preservation Committee to complete her two year term that will expire on June 30, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Charlie Roderigues to the Community Preservation Committee to complete his three year term that will expire on June 30, 2014.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Karen Oconnor on June 30, 2012 to the Community Preservation Committee to complete her three year term that will expire on June 30, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act - Police Station Committee Appointments

Upon receiving thirteen applications for the Police Station Committee the Board elected to make the following appointments:

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Annette Tweedy to the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Robert MacDonald to the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Carl Stonstrom to the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Charles Roderigues to the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Joseph Pacheco to the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment Paul Joly to the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appointment James Howland to the Police Station Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Members will be requested to attend next weeks meeting so that a charge may be instituted. Timothy Rhines, Main Street challenged the number of applicants implored the Chairman to review last weeks meeting.

Review/Act – Equipment Rental

Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent advised the Board that upon excavation on Elm Street for drainage upgrades he encountered rock that will require a 18,000 lb machine that is equipped with a rock hammer. Mr. Ferry has elected to rent said equipment from Schmidt Equipment for one John Deere 80C 18,000 lb machine that is equipped with a rock hammer for \$800.00 per eight hours. It was noted that the quoted price includes delivery and pickup. Mr. Ferry anticipates that the excavation will not exceed one day, however, he requests permission for additional hours should more rock be encountered.

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve additional hours, if required, for one John Deere 80C 18,000 lb machine that is equipped with a rock hammer for \$800.00 per eight hours for the excavation of rock for drainage upgrade on Elm Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Equipment Disposal

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the equipment disposal of one (1) Northern Telecom Telephone Serial No. NT2N32AA13 as it no longer works.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Board received correspondence stating that Congressman Frank's office received an anonymous call asking the Congressman not to support any efforts requested by the Dighton Board of Selectmen to secure CDBG or any other federal funding source for a new police station because the Town did not want this. Although there appears to be some conflict regarding the construction of a police station, it was noted that one individual is not the voice for the whole town. The Board will continue to explore all options in obtaining a basic Police Station facility adequate for the current needs and with enough space for projected future needs. No equipment will be replaced until federal and/or state and/or foundation grants could be secured. The Board is asking the Town to approve at Special Town Meeting permission to secure a USDA loan to finance the new building and to access any available funding from grants to help pay for the preliminary expenses and to help offset the USDA loan. Congressman Frank agrees with the current plan in place and is equally confident that Dighton must have a new Police Station.

E. Bud Whalon wanted to clarify that the recently demolished building located on the corner of Center Street and Somerset Avenue/Route 138 was not a registered historical building and that, although not required, a hearing was scheduled and all abutters were notified.

Timothy Rhines, Main Street requested clarification regarding services rendered for architectural services. The Board explained that a request to submit preliminary monetary numbers be submitted as pro bono. Mr. Rhines believes that the application for a USDA loan should be made by the Town Treasurer.

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

