

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
OCTOBER 12, 2011**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Thomas J. Pires and Dean V. Cronin

Absent: E. Bud Whalon

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2011, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #015A-11	Payroll	\$	57,994.57
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Warrant #015B-11	Vendor bills	\$	58,311.71
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Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Geosyntec and the Barbara Gustafson Trust is providing notice that no imminent hazards currently exist at the site located at 2357 Winthrop Street.

Announcements were read.

The Dighton Lions will be hosting is annual Arts Festival on November 6, 2011 at Araujo's Farms, Williams Street.

Old Business

NONE

Patrick Menges, Dighton Water District

Patrick Menges, Water Commissioner appeared before the Board informing residents that a Special District Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011 at the Dighton Middle School, wherein, there will be a vote on the new map of the district that removed residents who are not lawfully part of the district. In anticipation of approval at the District Meeting, Mr. Menges presented two draft proposed warrant articles for the next

scheduled Special Town Meeting. One article is a petition to state legislature for the adoption of new map and the other is to petition to establish in the Dighton Water District a Water Resources Exploration, Acquisition, and Development Trust. Mr. Menges clarified that currently residents who pay taxes to the Water District is entitled to vote. Once district boundaries are approved it is anticipated that those who pay taxes will be kept on the voting list.

Review/Act – Historical Commission Appointment

A letter was read from the Dighton Historical Commission wishing to fill the vacant seat due to the resignation of Charles Mastrangelo. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, second: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Patricia Olsen to serve a member to the Dighton Historical Commission as recommended by Colette McKeon.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Timothy Rhines, Main Street asked if the Town has raised its awareness due to the Triple E threat. It was noted that the MADPH raised Dighton's awareness to moderate an estimated three weeks ago.

Mr. Rhines asked if any further information was found relative to the painted portraits of previous police chief's. The Board is continuing its inquiry.

It has come Mr. Rhines' attention that there were two residents that received the medal of honor during the civil war and believes they should be rememberd during the Tricentennial celebration. Mr. Rhines was referred to the Tricentennial Committee and the Historical Commission.

Mark Laroque, Taunton Reporter asked if the Board had recommendation for the town voters relative to the warrant articles presented for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 24, 2011. The Board just asked that the voters make an informed decision.

Timothy Rhines inquired to the Local Option Meals Tax that was approved at the last Annual Town Meeting. It was noted, that some restaurant receipts did not reflect the tax that was to take effect October 1st however, establishments will still be required to pay the tax.

Timothy Rhines stated that he spoke to the State and noted that monies received for the Community Preservation Act can be applied to the installation of the HVAC system in the Police Station.

Nancy Goulart, Finance Committee noted that there will be a meeting on October 19, 2011 at 6:00PM to review warrant articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Nancy Goulart has submitted a draft Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen/Health for review. Mrs. Goulart would like the report available for the upcoming Special Town Meeting

Nancy Goulart attended a meeting at the MMA, Boston wherein a presentation was made for a Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship. The Stewardship represents the voices of its members at the federal and state level on water issues of critical importance. Mrs. Goulart provided informational pamphlets for the Board's review.

Thomas Pires attended a meeting with Friends of the Dighton Animal Shelter and it was noted that the Friends is an all volunteer group and those interested can find more information on Facebook.

It was noted that MainLine Solar met with the Planning Board to discuss the proposed solar project as presented to the Board last week. The matter will be thoroughly researched by counsel.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:17 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

