

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve
meeting minutes of November 9, 2011-Employee Hearing.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve
meeting minutes of November 9, 2011 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #020A-12 Payroll \$ 72,006.26

Warrant #020B-12 Vendor bills \$ 60,753.87

Warrant #020C-12 Vendor bills \$ 41.99

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

The North Dighton Fire District advises the community that as a recipient of federal financial assistance through the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development the organization exists and is available on an equal opportunity basis. The North Dighton Fire District is a municipal district formed by Act of Legislature in the 1912 and provides water to the district for fire protection and domestic use and is located at 340 Forest Street, North Dighton.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue certifies that the amount of available funds or “free cash” as of July 1, 2011 for the Utilities District of Dighton Electric Light is \$161,696.00.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue certifies that the amount of available funds or "free cash" as of July 1, 2011 for the Utilities District of North Dighton Fire is \$222,863.00.

The Columbia Gas of Massachusetts is encouraging customers to contact them early on if they are having problems paying their bills as special payment arrangements can be made. Also, customers are encouraged to contact their local fuel assistance agencies.

The Animal Control Officer has a rat terrier dog available for adoption.

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act: Extending the Public Opening for Solar Photovoltaic System Installation/Energy Management Services

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to table the matter.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act – Dec. 1, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Board read the proposed Special Town Meeting Warrant. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to accept as written and read the Special Town Meeting Warrant for December 1, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act – Landfill Attendant Applications

Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent reviewed and interviewed five applications for the recently posted job as landfill attendant and recommends Timothy Rhines. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires to accept the recommendation as read from Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent to hire Timothy Rhines as the Landfill Attendant.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act – Board of Selectmen Annual Report

Nancy Goulart presented an Annual Report of behalf of the Board of Selectmen as requested. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to accept the Board of Selectmen 2010 Annual Report as presented by Nancy Goulart.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Master Plan

The Board discussed financing options for a Master Plan. Said plan should be completed in two to three years. More financing information is required.

Review/Discuss/Act – Internment and Pricing for Veterans Cemetery

The Board received and read the Cemetery Commission's recommendation for the Internment and Pricing for the Veterans Cemetery. The matter will be read two additional times before implementation.

Review/Discuss/Act – Various Selectmen Fees

The Board announced that all departments will be requested to review the current fee schedule and submit any price adjustments that may be required.

Review/Discuss/Act – Snow Removal Expenditure

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to authorize the over expenditure of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of snow removal.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

It was noted that no further contact has been made with the grant writer and that a loan application has been prepared and ready to be submitted to Boston for the purpose of a new police station.

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (2 & 6) at 8:05 PM. Mr. Whalon announced that the Board would not return to open session.

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

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to return to open session at 10:44 PM.

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

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires to adjourn at 10:44 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
