TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
JANUARY 4, 2012

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.

In celebration of the 300th year that the Town of Dighton was established as a township, the Board of Selectmen read a Proclamation and declared that May 30, 2012 as "Dighton Day."

Senator Marc Pacheco presented a Declaration from Governor Deval Patrick in celebration of the Town of Dighton upcoming Tri-centennial and Proclamation from State of Massachusetts Senate.

Representative Patricia Haddad presented a Declaration and a Citation to commemorate the start of Dighton's 300th Anniversary from the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

All residents are encouraged to attend the numerous activities planned throughout the year.

Approve Minutes
Matter tabled one week.

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

Warrant #027A-12	Payroll	$	58,095.40
Warrant #027B-12	Vendor bills	$	60,135.96
	Vote:	UNANIMOUS	

Correspondence
A letter from Senator Marc Pacheco regarding an announcement that the MA School Building Authority is accelerating the remaining FY12 Prior Grant payments. Therefore, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District will receive $396,073 during the month of December.

The West Dighton Christian Church is writing to express their appreciation for those responsible in the mowing and up keep of the cemetery behind the church located on Horton Street.

The Board read a letter of request for apology from Karen O'Connor relative to the matter of an alleged Summons delivered to her household. The Board verbally apologized for the misunderstanding.

Announcements were read.

Old Business
NONE

New Business
Review/Discuss/Act: Sewer Dept. Legal Services
The Board received a memo of request to obtain legal services from Atty. Marguerite Mitchell for the required easements for the installation of the sewer line at Bristol County Agricultural High School. The matter will be table one week, pending Town Counsel response. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to table the matter one week.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Community Innovation Challenge Grants for the Fire Department
The Board received applications for three Community Innovation Challenge Grants on behalf of the Fire Department. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve three Community Innovation Challenge Grants on behalf of the Fire Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Funding from the Planning Board Revolving Account for Map Geo
The Planning Board is seeking permission to expend monies from the Revolving account for the startup of a computer system called Map Geo. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the expenditure of monies from the Planning Board Revolving account for the startup of a computer system called Map Geo.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Act on Request for Executive Session Minutes of December 7, 2011
In response for a request of Executive Session Minutes of December 7, 2011 the Board has determined to deny the request as release of the publication may still defeat the lawful purpose for the executive session. The Board will continue to periodically review the minutes and will release them once the lawful purpose is no longer in existence.

Review/Discuss/Act: Karen O'Connor Public Records Request
Karen O'Connor appeared before the Board requesting that police logs for 911 be posted on Dighton.com. Director of 911 Communications, Paul Reed, stated that the information is already on the website. Mrs. O'Connor disagreed and the matter will be reviewed. Mr. Reed confirmed that the only names released on the logs are those who are arrested. Officer Cronin confirmed that no additional time would be required to

comply with Mrs. O'Connor's request. Timothy Rhines provided a copy of the police log located in the Taunton Gazette that confirmed specific information is not released.

Public Input

James Howland, Chair of the Police Building Committee announced that engineers have gathered appropriate information required to supply a needs assessment report relative to a new police station which should be available within a month.

The Tri-Centennial Committee will be hosting a Colonial Clothing presentation on January 15, 2012 at 2:00PM at the Friendship Hall.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:11 PM.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by: