

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
FEBRUARY 8, 2012**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 February 1, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

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| Warrant #032A-12 | Payroll      | \$ | 651,181.32   |
| Warrant #032B-12 | Vendor bills | \$ | 165,497.42   |
| Warrant #032C-12 | Vendor bills | \$ | 112.28       |
| Warrant #032D-12 | Vendor bills | \$ | 2,207,063.00 |

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

Notice from the MA DEP regarding noncompliance and return to compliance violation summary report for the Dighton Water District.

Notice from the MA DEP regarding approval to construct a satellite well at Dighton Water District's Cedar Street Well.

Letter from Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, requesting consideration that a letter be submitted to the State Highway Director of District Five to mow and trim the guard rails and sign and litter clean up in preparation of the Tri Centennial Celebration.

Letter from URS Corporation serving official notification that a Release Abatement Measure Plan for Soils has been filed with the MA DEP for the Former Princess House, Inc., 455-473 Somerset Avenue, Dighton.

Announcements were read.

Ellen Bidlack, Community Preservation Committee

Ellen Bidlack appeared before the Board presenting a letter seeking permission to expend from the Board's Professional and Technical account an estimated \$300.00 for the newspaper publication for the CPC's annual meeting. The CPC is required by law to

hold an annual public informational hearing which required newspaper publication two weeks preceding the hearing. The Board tabled the matter for one week.

Review/Discuss/Act – Cruise Night Request

Tabled matter for one week.

Review/Discuss/Act – Revised New Ambulance Bid Specifications

The Board noted that revised specifications have been presented by the Fire Chief for the New Ambulance. The Board's tentative timeline is as follows: approve reviewed draft proposal on February 29, 2012, submit for posting on March 7, 2012, release bid date: March 12, 2012, deadline for bids: March 26, 2012, open bids: 11:00AM, March 26, 2012. Bids will be awarded within 30 days. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Selectmen Dean V. Cronin to handle the initial review of the revised specifications for the town's new ambulance, with Chief Roderick and assist town counsel Marguerite Mitchell (for purposes of ensuring compliance with the Uniform Procurement Act).

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act – Resignation of Council of Aging Member

The Board of Selectmen received and read a letter of resignation as Council on Aging Member from Joseph Lawrence. The Board thanked Mr. Lawrence for his years of service and wishes him the best in his future endeavors. It was noted that anyone interested in the vacant position may submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the letter of resignation as Council on Aging Member from Joseph Lawrence.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Ex-Officio Member of Cemetery Commission

The Board would like to appoint Elaine Varley as a non voting member to the Cemetery Commission for the purpose to advise/consult current members of the Cemetery Commission. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Elaine Varley as an Ex-Officio member to the Cemetery Commission.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Weston & Sampson Contract

The Board of Health has received an FY13 Agreement for conducting landfill monitoring at the Tremont Street Road Landfill from Weston & Sampson. It was noted that fees have been reduced as a result of the MassDEP approval of reduced testing on August 25, 2010. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the FY13 Agreement for landfill monitoring from Weston & Sampson for \$15,000.00 for odd number fiscal years and \$17,500.00 for even numbered fiscal years.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Letter of Resolution re: Taunton State Hospital

The Board received a letter from State Senator Marc Pacheco seeking support in keeping the Taunton State Hospital facility open. It is the Patrick Administration's intent to close the Taunton State Hospital would could have a devastating effect on the Southeastern Massachusetts mental health system. The closing will have a devastating effect to the Southeastern Massachusetts (South Shore, Cape Cod and Islands region) mental health system. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to support Senator Marc Pacheco's initiative and adopt the letter and/or resolution in support of keeping the Taunton State Hospital facility open.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Lindsay Miranda appeared before the Board as a possible new resident and was seeking more information on kennel licensing. The Board referred her to the Animal Control Officer.

Timothy Rhines noted that burning permits are issued for the season and not for per burning incident.

Timothy Rhines noted that he will assist Patrick Menges in coordinating the Tricentennial Parade which is tentatively scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone interested in volunteering or has questions may contact Mr. Rhines at (508) 669-6424.

Executive Session (MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a))

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to enter into executive session at 7:55PM under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) for the purposes of pending legal matters (6).

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| 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 8:05 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:  
