

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

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 January 25, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of January 25, 2012 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #031A-12 Payroll \$ 57,313.31

Warrant #031B-12 Vendor bills \$ 82,774.11

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

Town Counsel submitted requested documents as requested by the Assistant Attorney General, Division of Open Government regarding a recent complaint received relative to the Police Station Building Committee meeting scheduled for November 30, 2011.

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act – Loaner Ambulance

The Board received a letter received from Attorney Joseph Corrigan, Posternak, Blankstein & Lund LLP representing Specialty Vehicles, Inc. exercising its right to terminate the lease agreement executed on December 14, 2011 due to nonpayment. Several attempts to contact Specialty Vehicles, Inc. went unanswered. Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., informed the Board that the vehicle has been adequately maintained. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve Personnel Officer Dean V. Cronin to visit Specialty Vehicles, Inc to assess why the payment amount of \$2,500.00 would not be accepted.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act – Lance Corporal John VanGyzen Hall, Inc Liquor License

Attorney Robert Fredericks and Richard Bleau appeared before the Board to present the required documents for the all alcohol liquor license application. Required documents consisted of revised Articles of Corporation, additional CORI forms, and three months of bank statements. Richard Bleau stated that payment arrangements have been made with the Water Department and the Building Inspector is scheduled to re-inspect the premises the following week. It was noted that a call has been placed to the ABCC regarding the name change. The Board further noted that all financial affairs need to be in order prior to the approval of the liquor license. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to table the matter until the next scheduled meeting for further review.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act – J. Teixeira Eagle Scout Project

Jason Teixeira presented to the Board before and after photographs of the renovation and restoration of the Mumford Briggs Cemetery located on Somerset Avenue, Dighton. Mr. Teixeira noted that the grounds crew for the Dighton Elementary School will maintain the landscape of the cemetery. The entire project demanded 269 hours of labor. The Board approved said project as presented.

Review/Discuss/Act: Increase Transfer Station Hours

Chairman of the Board Health, Thomas J. Pires, has received requests to extend the landfill hours. Mr. Pires proposed increasing the weekly hours by 3 hours during the months April through October. This increase would require an additional \$1,117.74 for the Landfill Attendant. Landfill Attendant, Timothy Rhines provided the average usage from the date of hire and felt it conducive to use said additional hours on Saturday. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to extend the landfill station hours effective April 30th through October 27th, Saturdays 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Fire Department Face Mask Purchase

The Board has received a request for approval to purchase six (6) Scott Face Mask with Optical Insert if needed as per the Fire Union Contract. Said purchase would total \$3,800.00. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the purchase of (6) Scott Face Mask with Optical Insert for the Fire Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: MA DCR Acquisition of Land

The Board received notification from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation that it has under consideration the acquisition of approximately 26.9+ acres of land located on the east side of Somerset Avenue. If acquired by the Commonwealth, the land shall be used as open space, and will be added to Sweets Knoll State Park. The DCR is asking that the Board agree to a reduction of the 120 day notice period. The Board noted that they would be opposed to the acquisition at this time due to the outstanding taxes owed on the property. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to table the matter until the Board speaks to Town Counsel.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Manheim 5K Foot Race

The Board has received a request for permission from Manheim New England to hold its annual 5k foot race on September 8, 2012 at 9AM on the streets of Dighton. Police Chief Robert MacDonald has no objections to the foot race and he will see that sufficient police coverage will be present to ensure the safety of the race. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the annual 5k foot race on September 8, 2012 hosted by Manheim New England.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Timothy Rhines would like to commend Jason Teixeira on a job well done on the Mumford Cemetery.

Robert Woods, Jr., announced that \$5.00 buttons are available for the Brothers of the Brush. It was noted three hundred years ago, men were ridiculed for not having facial hair. Joseph Pacheco is serving as the constable and judging will commence on Fathers Day.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:06 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

