TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MARCH 21, 2012

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 March 7, 2012 – Executive Session.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 12, 2012 – Executive Session.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 14, 2012.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 14, 2012 – Executive Session.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #038A-12	Payroll	$	59,758.97
Warrant #038B-12	Vendor bills	$	122,237.47

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Details: The Board has nothing to report at this time.

Correspondence

Patrick Menges, Clerk to the Dighton Water District Board of Commissioners has been informed that the MA Senate has passed the Water District Reform Bill and now goes to the hose of Representatives wherein upon approval, signed by the Governor the Bill will take effect immediately.

In celebration of Dighton's Tercentennial Year, a Colonial Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, march 24th at Friendship Hall on Elm Street and every weekday at 8AM, 4PM and 10PM on Saturdays and Sundays on local channel 9 you can view "Back in the Day – Conversation About Dighton."

On May 13, 2012 the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District held a public hearing on the FY13 proposed budget wherein the School Committee voted to reduce the operating budget at $35,625,223.00. Said reduced amount ($291,406.00) reflects Dighton's reduced assessment as a result of the circumstances surrounding the tuitions and transportation to Tri County Vocational Technical High School.

Announcements were read.

Report of the Personnel Officer
Settlements have been reached relative to grievances from the fire union and clerical union. Once Settlement Agreements are executed a full report will be disclosed.

Review/Discuss/Act: Amended Request for Proposal, Quote or Bid Policy
Upon discussions with Town Counsel, an amended policy for a proposal, quote or bid was prepared for the Town to consider adopting in place of the existing policy dated June 2, 2010. The proposed amended policy was read for the second time. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to replace the existing Request for Proposal, Quote or Bid Policy with the Amended Request for Proposal, Quote or Bid Policy that was just read publicly.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

It was further determined that the Board appoint a designee to report back to the Board at regular scheduled meetings after any approvals under the policy is made. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, E. Bud Whalon, as the Bid Policy Officer to address all issues and issue all approvals required by the Amended Request for Proposal, Quote or Bid Policy that was just adopted.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act – Soil Commission Appointments
It has been determined that prior to scheduling a soil removal hearing, four additional members must be appointed to the Soil Commission Board. It its anticipated that a Charlie Mello, Conservation Commission, Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent and Joseph Pacheco, Soil Evaluator will be appointed. One additional at-large member is needed. Anyone interested please submit a letter of interest with qualification to the Board of Selectmen no later than 9:00AM Tuesday, March 27th.

Review/Discuss/Act: Application for Mt. Hope Bay No Discharge Area
The Board of Selectmen is in receipt of a request from Ron Marino, Harbormaster for the Board to prepare a letter of support recognizing Dighton as one of the Mount Hope Bay municipality that is cooperating with MA Coastal Zone Management on the submittal of the No Discharge Area application to the US EPA. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the Harbormaster's request to submit a letter of support relative to the No Discharge Area application.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Copier Proposals

The Board is in receipt of four copier lease bids for the Town Hall. Said bids were opened and reviewed. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the 36 month copier lease proposal from Oce in the amount of $174.00 per month with a full monthly service agreement of $15.00, at $.0100 per black & white page.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Alfred Lima, Taunton River Watershed Alliance re: Rail Trail Proposal

It was noted that Mr. Alfred Lima did not appear before the Board. Members from SRPEDD appeared before the Board in support of a bike trail that would run through the Town of Dighton. The original proposal was brought before the Board in 1994. It is anticipated that Sweets Knolls State Park would serve as a "hub". Should the project receive approval funding would be provided by the DCR with a 10% local match. More information can be found through the SRPEDD.org website.

Public Input

Landfill Attendant, Timothy Rhines noted that anyone looking to have access to the Transfer Station must purchase a one year sticker in the amount of $5.00.

Executive Session (MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (1, 2, 3 &5))

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to enter into executive session at 8:02PM under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) for the purposes of Fire Chief (1) D-R Regional School District (5) and Resolution of Pending Clerical Union Grievance – Step 2 (2&3).

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 8:00 PM.

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

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires to adjourn at 9:35 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
Dean V. Cronin