

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
APRIL 4, 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 21, 2012 – Executive Session (Amended Version).

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 28, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #040A-12 Payroll \$ 58,953.46

Warrant #040B-12 Vendor bills \$ 47,490.99

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Correspondence

Screenings and registration for children who will be age 5 before September 1, 2012 will be held the week of May 7, 2012 for the 2012-2013 Kindergarten year.

Town of Dighton's Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal 2013 is provisionally based on the passage of the bond bill at \$288,402.00.

Report of the Personnel Officer

NONE.

Thomas J. Pires noted that he attended a meeting involving the Dighton-Rehoboth School District Superintendent, School Committee Member(s) and Nancy Goulart to discuss students attending an out-of-district vocational school. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss cost saving alternatives to attend an out-of-district vocational school. Currently, for students to attend Tri County Vocational in Franklin the tuition per student is estimated at \$20,000.00 (including transportation costs) per year. During the discussion it was realized that in 1967 Dighton had the option to enter into agreement with the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District. More research

is required to determine if Dighton is part of the agreement. If said agreement does exist then the total tuition cost estimate is \$5,800 - \$7,000 per year.

Review/Discuss/Act – CPC Appointment of Ron Smith

It was determined that the expiration of Ron Smith's appointment to the Community Preservation Committee should be June 30, 2012 not June 30, 2014 as previously appointed. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to rescind the December 7, 2011 appointment of Ron Smith as Member of the Community Preservation Commission.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Ron Smith as Member of the Community Preservation Commission which said term will expire on June 30, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Alfred Lima appeared before the Board to present 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 the "hub". Said project, if approved, would require a ten percent (10%) local match. More information can be found through the SRPEDD.org website. The Board thanked Mr. Lima for his presentation and wished him success.

Discuss Office Space

The Board wishes to meet with the Sewer Department to discuss office space.

Review/Discuss/Act: IT Committee Appointments

The Board determined to create an IT Committee to research and recommend on the current computers and server in place at Town Hall and any upgrades that may be required. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED unanimously to appoint Shawn Cronin, Jocelyn Tavares, Heidi Swist, Jennifer Luiz and Antone Roderick, Jr., as members of the IT Committee.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Review/Discuss/Act: Grange Hall Roof Repairs

The Board received three bids for roof repairs at Grange Hall. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED unanimously to award the Grange Hall Roof Repair bid to M. Ness, Inc., of Taunton in the amount of \$1,475.00.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Public Input

It was noted that the Soil Removal Hearing for property located near Council Oak has not been scheduled at this time.

Executive Session (MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (2, 5 &6))

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 discussing Fire Chief Contract Negotiation Strategy, D-R Regional School District and pending legal matters.

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 9:30 PM.

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

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

