

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
MAY 9, 2012**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: E. Bud Whalon, Dean V. Cronin and Thomas J. Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

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

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of May 2, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of May 2, 2012 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #045A-12	Payroll	\$	64,991.26
Warrant #045B-12	Vendor bills	\$	155,041.45
Warrant #045C-12	Vendor bills	\$	1,103,531.50

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Correspondence

The Dighton Tri Centennial Committee will be celebrating Founder's Day on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Dighton Tri Centennial Committee will hold the Colonial Encampment at Sweets Knoll State Park on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Dighton Water District will be flushing hydrants from May 7<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Town of Dighton is seeking bids for the Demolition of the Building located at 290 Main Street. More information may be obtained from the Building Inspector's office.

Announcements were read.

Report of the Personnel Officer

Student Government Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 8AM – 2PM. The Board needs to grant permission to have the Highway Superintendent, Fire Chief and Police Chief to transport the participants from their office to town hall during the lunch hour. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to grant permission to the Highway Superintendent, Fire Chief and Police Chief to transport the participants of Student Government Day on May 30<sup>th</sup> from their office to town hall during the lunch hour.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Graham – Continuation of Vicious Dog Hearing

The Board reopened the vicious dog hearing case of Robert Graham. The Board noted that the report of the animal behaviorist was received just before the meeting and is currently under review. It was noted that the owner of the animal was unable to attend tonight's meeting and that if any discussion involved the threat of a lawsuit, the hearing will be continued until town can obtain counsel.

Tammy L. Arcuri, attorney for the victim appeared before the Board along with the mother of the victim, Christine Ross, and presented an affidavit dated May 8, 2012 of Eric Badger, acting dog officer for the Town of Bridgewater, acknowledging that the dog involved in the attack may be residing in Bridgewater and, if so, is currently unregistered. Further, Mr. Badger requests that he be contacted immediately as to the location of the animal if it is residing in Bridgewater, as well as, children having access to the dog, near the general public and any other conditions and all situations surrounding the legal requirements related to the dog. Atty. Arcuri noted that the animal control officer is required by law to obtain the name, address of the new location of the animal and notify the appropriate party of the town of which it resides. It was noted that the mother of the victim seeks to have the animal put down.

The Board determined to continue the matter for further review, wherein, a continuation date will be scheduled, as well as, request the dog owner and the animal behaviorist attend said meeting. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to table the matter until location of dog is found and all appropriate parties are present.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Appointment Amendment of Veterans Agent

The Board discussed amending the appointment of Veterans Agent, Jack Taylor for training purposes. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to amend the appointment of Veterans Agent, Jack Taylor to May 8, 2012.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Appointment Amendment of Ball Committee and Additional Appointments

The Board received a request from the Ball Committee for additional appointments. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to appoint Elaine Varley and Terri Fredericks as members of the Ball Committee.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

The Board determined that an amendment to the name of the Ball Committee is required in order to receive donations recognizing the event is for Dighton's Tri Centennial year. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to amend the appointments of the Ball Committee to the Tri Centennial Ball and Special Events Committee.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Friends of the Library Taste of the Town Event

Friends of the Library appeared before requesting permission to waive all fees that would be involved for their Taste of the Town Event scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>. Said event is a fundraiser to support the library pass program Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to waive all appropriate fees relative to the Taste of Town Event on September 17, 2012.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Vacation Carry Over Requests

The Board received and read a vacation carry over request from Richard Leonard of the Highway Department. Said request to transfer up to one hundred and twenty (120) vacation hours from FY12 to FY13 is a special circumstance due to illness. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve Richard Leonard's request to carry over one hundred twenty (120) hours of vacation time from Fiscal Year 2012 into Fiscal Year 2013.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Tri Centennial Committee Permission to Park Request

The Board received and read a request from the Tri Centennial Committee to make a formal request of the Bristol County Agricultural School to use the field for parking during the Colonial Encampment and Battle Reenactment on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin: VOTED to approve the request of the Tri

Centennial Committee to make a formal request of the Bristol County Agricultural School to use the field for parking during the Colonial Encampment and Battle Reenactment on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Review/Discuss/Act: End of Year Budget Transfer Request

The Board received three requests to transfer funds from the Group Health Insurance, Fire Department and the Assessors Office totaling \$19,000.00 to the Veterans Benefits account. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded Thomas J. Pires: VOTED to approve the transfer of funds from the Group Health Insurance, Fire Department and the Assessors office totaling \$19,000.00 to the Veterans Benefits account.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Review/Discuss/Act: Request to use the Dighton Emergency Boat for Tri Centennial Event

The Board received and read a request from the Tri Centennial Committee. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED granting permission for the Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., to use the Dighton Emergency Boat for Tri Centennial Event scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Voted: UNANIMOUSLY

Public Input

Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry, reminded residents that with the warm weather approaching, hibernating animals are out and about (i.e., raccoons, skunks, coyotes, etc.). You may contact the Animal Control Officer if you are threatened by an animals unusual behavior. One raccoon has been tested positive for distemper.

The Board invited everyone to the Founders Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at the Dighton Ferry Landing (opposite 2308 Pleasant Street).

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

