

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
AUGUST 15, 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.

A moment of silence was held due to the passing of Highway Department Employee, Richard Leonard.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of August 1, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of August 1, 2012 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #007A-13	Payroll	\$	61,739.27
Warrant #007B-13	Vendor bills	\$	144,838.17
Warrant #007C-13	Vendor bills	\$	2,524.92
Warrant #007D-13	Vendor bills	\$	1,147,282.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

The Board has nothing to report at this time.

Correspondence

The MA Department of Public Health announced additional aerial spraying to reduce the risk of EEE in southeastern Massachusetts. Additional spraying will take place in Easton, Raynham, Taunton and West Bridgewater. Dighton remains at moderate risk and residents were advised to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves and others from mosquito bites.

Alex Cembalisty, Eagle Scout, BSA Troop 45 is seeking to have a Welcome to Dighton sign created, as well as, soliciting for donations.

MA DOT advised the Board that on Friday, July 27, 2012, Gov. Patrick signed the bill, H4235, which sets the terms for funding the FY13 Chapter 90 apportionment of \$200 million. This enables all cities and towns to proceed with Chapter 90 projects that depend on availability of FY13 Chapter 90 funds.

Green Seal Environmental, Inc. (GSE) has completed the subsurface investigation at the property located at 2011 County Street (Highway Garage) and concluded that the results of the petroleum impacted soil is limited to a depth between approximately 0-3 feet bgs to the east and south of the property building. There is no evidence of impacts to groundwater and that the source of the contamination is likely historical use of the property as a train depot, automobile repair facility, and gas station prior to the Town obtaining ownership. GSE estimates approximately 570 cubic yards or 855 tons of soil may be impacted and disposal at a MA landfill is estimated from \$15-\$20 per ton (not including excavation or transportation of the impacted material). The Board noted that costs to remove the impacted soil was significantly lower than the anticipated \$35,000.00.

Announcements were read.

Report of the Personnel Officer

The Board received and read correspondence from David and Annette Tweedy relative to the false allegations, slanderous remarks and the filing of an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Fire Department Employee, Thomas Medeiros.

The Board received and read correspondence from the Office of the Attorney General (AG) relative to the Open Meeting Complaint(s) dated November 16, 2011 from Thomas Medeiros against the Board of Selectmen and the Police Station Committee. In conclusion the AG found that neither the Board nor the Committee violated the Open Meeting Law on September 22, 2011 because neither body convened a meeting on that date, as defined by the Open Meeting Law. Also, the AG found no evidence that the Committee's September 28, 2011 meeting was held at a location that was not ADA compliant. It was noted that the matter is closed and that legal fees defending said complaint is an estimated \$860.00.

Harbormaster, Ron Marino re: Discussion of Various Grant Programs

Ron Marino, Harbormaster appeared before the Board discussing various grant opportunities to obtain a boat vessel for the Town of Dighton, Harbormaster. It was noted numerous opportunities are available to the Town.

Review/Discuss/Act: Obtain Dunn & Bradd Street DUNS Number for the Harbormaster

Ron Marino, Harbormaster appeared before the Board requesting the Board's support and permission in obtaining a DUNS number which is required to open grant applications. The Board noted that they support the Harbormaster in his efforts. Motion: Dean V.

Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED approve Ron Marino, Harbormaster in obtaining a DUNS number for the purpose of applying for grants for a boat application.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Award Spring Street Drainage Pipe Bid

The Board received and read bid quotes for the pipe needed for the upgrade in drainage on Spring Street. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the bid from Water Works Supply Corporation, Malden Massachusetts in the amount of \$3,430.00 for the Spring Street drainage upgrade.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Waiver of Electrical Permit Fees for Town Properties

The Board discussed waiving electrical permit fees for work performed on town properties. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to waive all electrical permit fees for work performed on town owned properties.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Appoint Emergency Preparedness Director

It was noted that the Town needs an Emergency Preparedness Director and Antone Roderick, Jr., Fire Chief has volunteered. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to appoint Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., as Dighton's Emergency Preparedness Director.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Michael Strazik, Eagle Scout Troop 45 appeared before the Board seeking suggestions for an Eagle Scout Community Service Project for the Town of Dighton. Mr. Strazik suggested landscaping at the library and the Board suggested creating a Welcome Sign as suggested by Alex Cembalisty.

Ronald Medeiros and Stephen O'Connell presented before the Board a proposal for a Solar Project. Said project includes a 2mw photovoltaic solar farm on a 16 acre parcel of land located at 766 Somerset Avenue that would produce 2,500,000 kilowatt hours of renewable electricity (equivalent to power 2000 homes) and would include a Pilot Program as well as a Power Purchase Agreement. The Board will review the various documents presented and will be advised when a meeting with the Planning Board is arranged.

The Board thanked all residents who came out on August 9<sup>th</sup> and casts their vote relative to the new Police Station building.

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

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to enter into executive session at 8:26PM under the provisions of MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(6) to discuss filing complaint with the Ethics Commission re: Fire Department Employee.

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

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to return to open session at 8:50 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:  
