

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
OCTOBER 10, 2012**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Dean V. Cronin and Thomas J. Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 3, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #015A-13	Payroll	\$	55,611.45
Warrant #015B-13	Vendor bills	\$	101,260.94
Warrant #015C-13	Vendor bills	\$	2,052.07

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Dighton Water District estimates costs of the electricity for emergency communication repeaters on the District's water tank to be \$500.00 per year. The Board anticipates installing and paying for the electricity in Fiscal Year 2014.

There is an Open House and Reception at the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School, Taunton on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 12 Noon until 3:00PM.

The Board read voluntary recalls from Kraft Foods and Harry & David, LLC.

Review/Discuss/Act: Violation Fines with Health Agent, Kevin Bernardo & Building Inspector, James D. Aguiar, Jr.

Health Agent, Kevin Bernardo presented his proposed procedure, as well as, an associated fine for food establishments that have critical repeat violations. It is Mr. Bernardo's recommendation to increase the Food Permit Fee to \$75.00, which will cover costs for two inspections per year and administration costs. Re-inspections conducted for a violation will be charged an additional \$50.00 per visit.

Mr. Bernardo also presented a \$50-\$100 per day (depending on severity) re-inspection fee for dwellings in violation of the Chapter II State Sanitary Code. Examples of the State Sanitary Code violation includes, but is not limited to, overgrown grass, unsecured buildings and

excessive trash. It was further noted that if property owners refuse to correct the violation(s) then the Board of Health has authority to enter the premises to correct said violations at the expense of the property owner.

Building Inspector, James D. Aguiar, Jr., also appeared before the Board to present a proposed procedure for dilapidated and/or vacant buildings that has been promulgated by a poor economy. It was noted that not all structures will be required to demolish, however, a determination is made by a survey team. Also, Mr. Aguiar is implementing a Certificate of Occupancy procedure for all vacant properties located in Dighton. Mr. Aguiar noted that he will be presenting an Article at Special Town Meeting seeking to establish and fund a dilapidated buildings account, wherein, funds expended for repair/restoration can be recouped by placing liens on the property.

Mr. Aguiar noted that he will also be presenting an Article at Special Town Meeting seeking additional monies for the demolition of the Red & White on Main Street. It was noted that costs associates with the demolition went over budget due to asbestos contained in the roof. The property owner of Red & White will have the opportunity to reimburse the Town for the demolition costs, however, if it is unpaid a lien will be placed on the property.

Review/Discuss/Act: Board of Selectmen/Health Fee Schedule

The Board made the 3rd and final reading of the proposed Fee Schedule issued by the Board of Selectmen/Health to take effect January 1, 2013. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adopt the Fee Schedule issued by the Board of Selectmen/Health as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Review Costs Incurred for the Contaminated Land at the Highway Garage

The Board expects to hear from Green Seal within the week and will report at the next scheduled meeting.

Review/Discuss/Act: Electrical Permit Fees for Town Owned Properties

The Board received a request from the Building Inspector, James D. Aguiar, Jr., seeking to amend the August 20th vote to waive all electrical fees for work performed on town owned properties to reflect a specific electrician. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to amend the electrical permit fee vote of August 20, 2012 to the following: to waive all electrical permit fees for work performed on town owned properties by the duly approved town electrician PRS Electric, Dighton, Massachusetts.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Establish Open Space Committee

The Board is seeking to re-establish the Open Space Committee so that the Open Space and Recreation Plan can be revised and updated as it expired in 2009. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee should send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen/Health.

Review/Discuss/Act: Letter of Resignation

The Board received a letter of resignation from a member of the Community Preservation Committee. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to accept the letter of resignation from Charles Roderigues as member of the Community Preservation Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Board of Health Sharps & Drug Prescription Disposal Presentation

The Board presented the Town's Sharps Disposal Program. Said program is instituted as a result of a new law that went into effect on July 1, 2012 banning the disposal of medical sharps in household waste. The Board has sharps disposal containers for sale at the office (\$3.00 Qt/\$6.00 Gal) and once full, they can be brought back to the Board of Health for proper disposal at no additional cost.

Also, residents were advised that disposing of medications in the trash, toilet and/or sink is not allowed as studies show that it is leaking into the groundwater. Residents are advised to place medication in a zip lock bag, crush with a rolling pin, then mix contents with kitty litter, hand sanitizer and/or coffee grounds and dispose in the trash.

Review/Discuss/Act: Use of Town Tractor for the 1st Annual Pumpkin Painting Party

The Board received a request to utilize the tractor from the Highway Department for an event taking place on October 20, 2012. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the use of the town owned tractor from the Highway Department to be used for hay rides during the Pumpkin Painting Party on Saturday, October 20th, 12 Noon at the Pavilion behind Town Hall.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

NONE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
