

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
JANUARY 30, 2013**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 January 23, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #031A-13	Payroll	\$	65,348.87
Warrant #031B-13	Vendor bills	\$	16,568.72
Warrant #031C-13	Vendor bills	\$	626.08

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

Food recalls from Whole Foods Market and Milos Kitchen.

Announcements were read.

Town Clerk, Susana Medeiros, announced the following:

In light of the resignation of Senator John Kerry, Special Elections will take place: Special State Primary will be held on April 30, 2013 from 7:00AM to 8:00PM at the Dighton Elementary School and the Special State Election will be held on June 25, 2013 from 7:00AM to 8:00PM at the Dighton Elementary School. It should be noted that the Special Elections will not interfere with the Town Elections scheduled in April.

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 140, Section 137 all dogs six months or older housed within the Town of Dighton must be registered. Dog licenses are now available at the Town Clerks Office. Fees are as follows: Female - \$10.00, Spayed Female - \$5.00, Male - \$5.00, Neutered Male - \$5.00. A copy of the rabies certificate

and proof of spaying/neutering is required. It was noted failure to register a dog will result in the following fines: after April 1st - \$5.00, after June 1st - \$15.00.

Massachusetts General Laws mandates that cities and towns conduct an annual census of residents as of January 1. Annual census forms were mailed out in the beginning of January. Residents are encouraged to return the census immediately to avoid additional costs in mailings as required by law. The local census is used not only to maintain voting and jury lists, but also to aid in school enrollment projections, public safety and senior citizens' needs and for certain privileges, such as certain veterans' benefits and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities. The census information **does not** register anyone to vote, but failure to answer may result in a voter's name being removed from the voter's list.

Review/Discuss/Act: Board of Health – Temporary Landfill Attendant

The Board announced they are currently accepting applications for a Temporary Fill-In Position as the Transfer Station Attendant due to the current attendant being out on medical leave. Said position is a non-union position and consists of five (5) hours per week (Tuesdays 9AM-11AM and Saturdays 9AM-12PM).

The Board wished the current Attendant, Timothy Rhines, a speedy recovery.

Review/Discuss/Act: Tentative Dates for Annual Town Meeting

The Board noted that in light of the upcoming Special Elections, the time frame to hold the Annual Town Meeting is limited. As a result, the Board noted that tentative dates for the Annual Town Meeting will be June 4th, 6th, 11th and/or 13th. The Board anticipates setting the date at the next regular meeting.

Review/Discuss/Act: Governmental Accountant Certification Stipend Request

The Board received a request from Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz to add a stipend budget line item for Certification as a Governmental Accountant. The Board noted that there are very few certified governmental accountants in Massachusetts and did not object to the request. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the Town Accountant stipend of \$1,000.00 for Certification as a Governmental Accountant.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: MA Certified Public Purchasing Official Program Attendance Request

The Board has requested Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz, to consider taking procurement courses in an effort to become certified as a Public Purchasing Official. Said request is being made in light of the upcoming Police Station project. Mrs. Luiz graciously accepted. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz, take procurement courses in an effort to become certified as a Public Purchasing Official.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Award Bid for the Town Hall A/C Coil and Condenser

The Board requested and received three proposals for the replacement of the A/C Coil and Condenser at the Town Hall. The three proposals were read as follows: Wilkins Plumbing in the amount of \$3,050.00, Goulart Oil Company in the amount of \$2,900.00 and Taylor Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., which was received one day late, in the amount \$3,450.00. It was noted that Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry reviewed the bids to confirm the scope of work is accurate. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to award the replacement of the A/C Coil and Condenser at the Town Hall to Goulart Oil Company in the amount of \$2,900.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Board noted that they expect to see the final cost for the contaminated clean-up at the Highway Garage next week. It was noted that contamination did not reach the ground water.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 7:56 PM.

Vote: Dean V. Cronin	AYE
Thomas J. Pires	AYE

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

Approved by:


02-06-13