

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

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 January 30, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #032A-13	Payroll	\$	60,814.79
Warrant #032B-13	Vendor bills	\$	139,700.84
Warrant #032C-13	Vendor bills	\$	1,147,281.50

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

Food recalls from San Jose Veal.

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has released a situational awareness statement that the National Weather Service has issued a major winter storm watch for all of Massachusetts anticipating heavy snow, high winds and minor to moderate coastal flooding on Friday and Saturday.

Announcements were read.

Review/Discuss/Act: Date(s) for Annual Town Meeting & Warrant Submission Due Date

After coordinating with the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, a date for the Annual Town Meeting has been scheduled. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to set Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 7:00 PM and Thursday, June 6, 2013, if required at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to set the Warrant submittal deadline for Monday, March 25, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Dighton Water District

In response to the Dighton Water District's (DWD) letter of January 2, 2013 seeking payment from the Town in the amount of \$1,750.00 for the costs of painting, greasing, mowing, snow shoveling, flushing, and repairing fire hydrants outside of the District, the Board requested a copy of the DVD of the meeting of October 9, 2012 approving said charge. In response, the DWD informed the Board that said DVD was erased, however, offered a copy of the audio tape of the meeting, wherein the Board agreed. On January 30, 2013 the Board received a letter and invoice from the DWD seeking \$49.94 (\$2.88 for 2 cassette tapes, \$1.08 for 2 batteries and \$45.98 for 2 hours of personnel time) for copying the audio recording of the meeting. At this time, the Board rejected said charge and advised the DWD that the Board will not be interested in the tapes and notes the complete disregard for professional courtesy and municipal department cooperation.

The Board anticipates researching the validity of the charge(s) further and will render a decision at another time.

Discuss: Brook Street Bridge Update

Meetings have taken place to discuss the replacement of the bridge on Brook Street, Dighton, over the Segregansett River. Said replacement construction will be a Geosynthetically Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System, the first in the state of Massachusetts and is a low cost system with a short construction time frame that meets current MassDOT safety standards and design specifications. Surveys of the land are currently underway in preparation of land taking, easements, rights of way, etc., as well as, preparation of monetary negotiating with the current land owners. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Review/Discuss/Act: Temporary Transfer Station Attendant

In response to the internal posting of the Temporary Fill-In Position as the Transfer Station Attendant due to the current attendant being out on medical leave, one application was received. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to assign Kenneth Rodriguez as the Temporary Fill-In Position as the Transfer Station Attendant.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss: Broad Cove Nature Trail

Broad Cove Nature Trail which runs along the railroad bed and parallel to Pleasant Street was created by an Eagle Scout. Recently, an incident took place involving individuals utilizing the trail with unleashed dogs that resulted in a confrontation with an abutting homeowner, child and dog. At this time, the Board requests anyone utilizing said Trail must keep their animals under control, even if it requires a leash, to avoid any potential confrontations, lawsuits and/or closure of the Trail.

Review/Discuss/Act: Fence Rental/Purchase

James D. Aguiar, Jr., Building Inspector, appeared before the Board to discuss purchasing a fence that is currently located at 420 Spring Street. The fence was originally rented for the demolition of the Red & White Building on Main Street, then placed at 420 Spring Street due to numerous vandals. Mr. Aguiar was contacted by the fencing company stating that the

rental agreement is due to expire and the cost of renewal is \$2,000.00. Said fence is expected to remain at 420 Spring Street for an estimated 2 years. Through discussion with Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, it was determined that the offer to purchase said fence in the amount of \$4,200.00 would be more cost effective. It was noted that once the fence is removed from Spring Street, it can be utilized for any future demolitions and/or clean up of deteriorated buildings/properties and, as such, the purchase can be made through the demolition and the deteriorated building accounts. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the purchase of the fence.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Discuss: Deteriorated Dwelling/Properties

James D. Aguiar, Jr., Building Inspector appeared before the Board to explain the process of the recently approved Deteriorated Dwelling/Properties account. Said account was created due to the current economic times and the numerous abandoned, dilapidated and/or vacant properties. Last spring, the Board of Health received numerous calls from various residents seeking relief from overgrown grass and unsecured buildings and it is anticipated that the calls will increase in the upcoming spring and summer months. Proper notification to property owners/banks ordering to clean up the property is made, however, often times no action occurs. As a result, the Board of Health has the authority in accordance with the Department of Public Health State Sanitary Code to hire contractors and/or landscapers to perform the required work wherein any costs incurred is placed as a lien on the property.

It was noted that the Demolition Account was not fully replenished at the Special Town Meeting due to funding requirements for the contaminated land at the Highway Department. Request to replenish the account will be made at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

Public Input

None.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 8:04 PM.

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

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

Approved by:

T.J. Pires 2/13/13