

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 February 30, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #033A-13	Payroll	\$	72,351.29
Warrant #033B-13	Vendor bills	\$	80,815.55
Warrant #033C-13	Vendor bills	\$	1,147,281.50
Warrant #033D-13	Vendor bills	\$	0.00
Warrant #033E-13	Vendor bills	\$	1,725.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

Food recalls from Nestle Prepared Foods and Gold Coast Salads.

Announcements were read.

Discuss February 8, 2013 Blizzard

On Friday, February 8, 2013 the Board of Selectmen called an emergency meeting, wherein it was declared that the Town of Dighton entered into a State of Emergency. By making the declaration the Town could potentially be eligible for federal financial assistance under a presidential disaster declaration through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The Board also met with Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., Police Chief Robert MacDonald and Highway Superintendent to review response protocol during the impending snow storm.

The Board commended the work of the Town's public safety departments for the phenomenal efforts in the coordination and cooperation portrayed before, during and after the blizzard event. In particular, the Board thanked Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry, all highway department employees and contractors hired to plow the streets for the exceptional work in clearing and sanding of the roads. The Board thanked Fire Chief Antone Roderick,

Jr., in serving as the Town's Emergency Management Director and serving as the liaison with National Grid, as well as, emergency personnel, full-time firefighters, EMT's and the on-call firefighters. The Board thanked Police Chief Robert MacDonald, full-time police officers, reserve officers and dispatchers. It was noted, that the acquisition and use of the military vehicles became invaluable in getting around town. The Board thanked Building Inspector James D. Aguiar, Jr. in evaluating various buildings for safety reasons and Electrical Inspector Peter Bleau in evaluating various downed lines.

The Board also thanked various individuals and/or businesses in Town who provided their services at all hours. Edward D. Reese, Sr./Reese's Gas Station for providing gas, Brian Stone/Alice's Last Stop and Dighton House of Pizza for providing nourishment.

All those involved should be congratulated in their efforts in keeping the residents of our Town safe.

Berkley-Dighton Bridge Update

Thomas Pires noted he met with MADOT and the anticipated completion date of the Berkley-Dighton Bridge is November 2014. It was noted that some restrictions are due to working in the water during the months of February through July due to the preservation of fish.

Discuss: Fire Department Grant Award Expenditure

The Board applauded Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., in obtaining a \$2,500.00 grant for the purchase of army cots, pillows and polar fleece blankets to be utilized at the shelter in the event of an emergency.

Public Input

None.

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 7:54 PM.

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

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

Approved by:

2/27/13