

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
September 16, 2009**

Nancy Goulart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Nancy Goulart, Edward D. Reese, Sr., and Thomas Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Nancy Goulart, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of August 19, 2009.

Vote:	Nancy Goulart	AYE
	Edward D. Reese, Sr.	AYE
	Thomas Pires	ABSTAINED

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #012A-09	Payroll	\$	51,883.79
Warrant #012B-09	Vendor bills	\$	122,062.21
Warrant #012C-09	Vendor bills	\$	29.00
	Vote:		UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

The Attorney General approved the zoning of 1300 Data Vault Road. A letter will be sent to Robert Leduc approving the plan for his septic system.

Letter from the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen requesting that Dighton select a municipal representative for Regional School District Collective Bargaining. Thomas Pires will serve as the board's representative.

United Nations Association of Greater Boston requesting Dighton to recognize October 24, 2009 as United Nations Day and issue a proclamation. UN Day celebration will be held at the State House in Boston, on Monday, October 19, 2009 from 12:00-2:00 P.M. The program is free and open to the public. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to issue a proclamation designating October 24, 2009 as United Nations Day.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Notice from the MA State Lottery Commission announcing that Fast Mart of 420 Somerset Avenue is qualified to apply for KENO To Go. Objections must be submitted in writing to Charles McIntyre, general Counsel, MA State Lottery commission, 60 Columbia Street, Braintree, MA 02184.

Scott Fournier, Highway Surveyor for the Town of Berkley, sent a letter stating that Berkley would not participate in co-hosting a Hazardous Waste Day with the Town of Dighton. The board will seek another proposal from Clean Harbors, Inc.

State Treasurer Tim Cahill announced The Money Conference: Rebounding from a Recession on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at The Sheraton Boston Hotel, from 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. For more information visit www.themoneyconference.com.

The MA Audubon Society is offering a series of two workshops discussing land use and development patterns on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 7:00-9:00 P.M. and Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:00-9:00 P.M. at the Dighton Town Hall.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read the announcements.

Eagle Scout Project

Cameron Foss presented to the board proposed changes to his Eagle Scout Project at Segreganset Park. Picnic tables and trash receptacles will not be placed on the site, a fence will be installed, birdhouses will be placed along the river, two granite benches will be installed along the property and a sign will be posted displaying park hours and that bikes and ATV's are not allowed. Mr. Foss is also requesting financial assistance. Further information may be obtained from town hall. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to accept Cameron Foss' proposed changes to the Eagle Scout Project located at Segreganset Park.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Town Owned Land

Collector/Treasurer, Mary Hathaway, announced 24 parcels will be foreclosed on. The properties will be brought to the Land Use Committee for consideration. Discussion of parcels on Somerset Avenue containing 1.2 acres and Williams Street containing 12 acres resulted in holding the parcels for now. Upon the recommendation of Atty. James Coppola, deeds of adjacent properties will be researched so that minimum bids may be determined.

Animal Control Officer

The board read letters of interest for the Animal Control Officer position. The matter will be taken under advisement pending interviews of potential candidates

Peter K. Torres

The board read the letter of retirement from Peter K. Torres, call firefighter and EMT dated July 22, 2009. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to accept the letter of retirement of Peter K. Torres dated July 22, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to send a letter to Peter K. Torres' in recognition of his retirement and thanks for over thirty-six years of dedicated service. Mr. Torres will be invited to attend a future board meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Class II Auto Dealer License

The board announced that a Class II Auto Dealer License is available. Judith Ann Costa of 665 Middle Street, is the next applicant to receive consideration. A letter requesting to appear before the board to discuss the intentions and a possible hearing date will be issued.

Wilson, 3140 Sharps Lot Road

Attempts have been made to inspect the premises of 3140 Sharps Lot Road for a possible illegal apartment and the rental of a camper. It was determined that if access continues to be denied, the board will refer the matter to town counsel. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to issue a letter to Clifford Wilson of 3140 Sharps Lot Road requesting access to the property for the Board of Health, Assessor and Health Agent, Joseph Pacheco, to inspect the premises.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Elm Street, Dighton

The board discussed recent activities located on the east side of Elm Street north of the Bluestone Development. It was determined that there may be a potential violation of the Stormwater Bylaw and Regulations. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to issue an immediate Cease and Desist Order to Spectrum of 231 Woodland Avenue, Seekonk for property located on Elm Street, Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

755 Main Street

Edward D. Reese, Sr., announced that various items are being removed from the farm located at 755 Main Street but the bread dough remains. Mr. Reese will attempt to contact Jose Vieira.

Recycling Program

Nancy Goulart read the latest numbers for FY09 bulky waste. It was determined that less trash was generated from FY08.

Bottle Bill

Nancy Goulart is awaiting a draft letter from MMA regarding the proposed bottle bill incorporating concerns of the size for containers and the exemption for dairy products.

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General Discussion

The board will meet with Atty. Albert Mason and representatives from the police union on September 25, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. to begin collective bargaining for a successor agreement.

Attempts to coordinate an appraisal at Aquaria are on-going. There has been no response to requests to set up an appointment. The board will send a letter to Aquaria to request a meeting to resolve this matter.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to adjourn at 8:42 P.M.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

Thomas J. Pires 9/23/09