

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
OCTOBER 8, 2009**

Nancy Goulart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM

Present: Nancy Goulart and Thomas Pires  
Absent: Edward D. Reese, Sr.  
Also Present: Carol Beauregard for Board of Assessors, Kevin Perry and William Copeland for Finance Committee

Those present discussed the latest appraisal of the "Dighton Power Plant" owned by BG regarding what is the best way to assess and tax the property over the next 3 years.

The plant was purchased 3 years ago by BG and was valued at that time for \$75 million. BG purchased the plant for \$90 million. The present appraisal completed by Glenn Walker values the property and buildings at \$45 million. BG's position is that its value is closer to \$36.6 million.

Those present discussed the pros and cons of holding firm with the town appraisal or attempting to negotiate with BG regarding a "middle ground" for assessment purposes. Consideration was given to the "green construction" credit of 17% given to BG by the state that it will begin receiving in FY2011 and each subsequent year.

It was calculated if assessed at \$45 million growth would be \$184,957.00 and the tax would be \$ 917,550.00. If assessed at \$36.6 million, growth would be \$165,159.00 and the tax would be \$ 746,274.00.

The consensus of those present was that the plant should be assessed at \$45 million. Carol Beauregard will present this information to the Board of Assessors for action.

Motion: Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart, VOTED to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Pro-tem Boards of Selectmen/Health  
Thomas Pires, Member

Approved by:

*Thomas J. Pires*  
*Edward D. Reese Sr.*