TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
APRIL 14, 2010

Edward D. Reese, Sr., Member, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Present: Edward D. Reese, Sr., Thomas Pires and E. Bud Whalon

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Organization of the Board
Thomas Pires declared all offices of the Board of Selectmen/Health vacant.

E. Bud Whalon nominated Edward D. Reese, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Edward D. Reese, Sr., accepted the nomination. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to appoint Edward D. Reese, Sr., as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

E. Bud Whalon nominated Thomas Pires, Chairman of the Board of Health. Thomas Pires accepted the nomination. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to appoint Thomas Pires as Chairman of the Board of Health.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The board extended their appreciation to former selectmen, Nancy Goulart, for her efforts during her three year term.

Approve Minutes
Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve meeting minutes of April 7, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants
Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #042A-10	Payroll	$	49,546.46
Warrant #042B-10	Vendor bills	$	132,487.94
Warrant #042C-10	Vendor bills	$	241.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence
The following correspondence was read:

Letter from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Timothy Murray, certifying the Town of Dighton's Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal 2011 is $220,376.00.

Letter from Attorney Robert D. Fredericks announcing Joseph Lawrence's intends to go no further with employee performance matters. The board accepted Atty. Fredericks letter.

Announcements were read.

402 Spring Street

Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, received three quotes for the removal and disposal of asbestos at 402 Spring Street. All work procedures will meet or exceed federal, state, and local regulation using the glovebag method. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to grant the removal and disposal of asbestos at 402 Spring Street to Environmental Response Services, Inc., of Dartmouth, in the amount of $680.00 as recommended by the highway superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Advanced Automotive Repairs, Inc.

Prior to issuing a Class II Dealers License to Advanced Automotive Repairs, Inc., a number of allowed vehicles must be established. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED grant a Class II Dealers License to Advanced Automotive Repairs, Inc., with the number of vehicles not to exceed twenty-five.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Fire Department

The board received a request from Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., to replace the water service at Station 1. Replacement is required due to a deteriorating iron pipe. Three bids were received. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to grant the replacement of water service at Station 1 to G. Lopes Construction in the amount of $6,000.00 as recommended by Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Solid Waste Disposal

Thomas J. Cipolla, Business Manager of SEMASS Partnership, W. Wareham appeared before the board to discuss their contract extension proposal for Dighton's solid waste disposal. SEMASS has been providing their services to the town of Dighton since 1995 and the terms of the existing contract ends on June 30, 2010. Concerns were raised by the board, highway superintendent and the town's hauler, Borges Brothers Trucking, regarding the minimum tonnage requirement. Mr. Cipolla provided Dighton's annual tonnage history which reflected that the town would likely meet its requirement. Mr. Cipolla added that SEMASS has been flexible on the requirement and can adjust the requirement to 25% on the base tonnage amount. Thomas Pires would like consideration for a 15 year contract at a lesser price, a 25% fluctuation in the minimum tonnage and a 3% cap on the annual CPI adjustment tied to the Boston CPI-U index. Mr. Cipolla feels that SEMASS will consider Mr. Pries' proposal and provide a draft contract extension within a few weeks to the board.

Labor Attorney

It was determined that the town counsel budget line has exceeded its budget. E. Bud Whalon has contract negotiation knowledge and Thomas Pires has labor negotiations therefore, it was determined that the town will release labor attorney, Albert Mason, Esquire, of his contract by May 15, 2010 saving an estimated $1,500.00. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to prepare a termination letter to Albert Mason, Esquire.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Lions will hold their annual auction on Saturday, April 17, 2010, Noon at the Highway Garage.

E. Bud Whalon thanked all department heads for the warm welcome.

Robert Woods announced the next Memorial Day Parade meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2010, 6:00 PM at the L/CPL John J. VanGyzen IV Hall, 495 School Street. It was noted that a wreath ceremony will take place prior to the parade.

Police Chief, Robert MacDonald, congratulated E. Bud Whalon for the recent election and is looking forward to working with the board. The recently purchased radar sign is now being put out as well as extra patrol in an attempt to control speeding. Anyone interested in having the radar placed in specific areas in town should contact the police department.

Town Clerk, Susanna Medeiros, stated that the gymnasium at the Elementary School was extremely cold during the annual election. Consideration was made to hold the next election at town hall. Susanna advised that a trial run should be performed and reminded the board that after the census results come back it may be determined that the town will be required to have two precincts.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., suggested placing a monument at the Lopes Field Complex in memory for Gary Lopes. The president of the baseball league will be contacted.

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30 section 23(B) at 8:26 PM. Mr. Reese announced that the Board will not return to open session.

Vote:	Edward D. Reese, Sr.	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE
	E. Bud Whalon	AYE

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to adjourn at 10:45 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
Edward D. Reese Sr.
E Bud Whalon
Thomas J. Pires