

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

Edward D. Reese, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of August 25, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of August 26, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #010A-11 Payroll \$ 53,524.59

Warrant #010B-11 Vendor bills \$ 54,879.20

Warrant #010C-11 Vendor bills \$ 767.01

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Public announcement from the MA Department of Transportation that with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 85, sub-section 35 the Highway Division has determined that there is no posting required. The bridge may safely carry the maximum load that the Horton Street Bridge/Segreganset River (bridge no. D-08-022).

FAQ on positive environmental and feed samples relative to the recent recalls of eggs.

Letter from the D-R Regional School District offering various surplus equipment on a first come first serve basis.

Notice from Comcast regarding upcoming channel changes.

Public notification that the Immediate Response Action Plan from Geosyntec for removal of drums located at 2357 Winthrop and 1952 Wheeler Streets has been submitted to the MA DEP).

Letter of resignation from Thomas Medeiros from the Dighton Public Safety Building Study Committee.

Invitation to the 50th year anniversary ceremony of the Charles A. Miller Memorial Field (a/k/a North Dighton Little League Field) on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at noon and the game will start at 1:00 PM.

Letter of request from the Dighton Water District for the Board's consideration to submit FY11 Commonwealth Capital Application with the State of Massachusetts.

Letter from SEMASS announcing that on July 15th the EPA and ERC signed a settlement agreement whereby EPA will propose a rule in the Federal Register to effect changes to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule.

Memorandum from Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, requesting that any and all work performed on town vehicles is arranged with the superintendent and that only authorized personal enter the garage.

Letter from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts notifying the fire department that plans to replace sections of gas main on Forest, Spring, Winter and Autumn Streets will begin within the next two months. Further, pipe replacement will take place on Somerset Avenue within the next two months.

No Selectmen's meeting will take place on September 15, 2010 as the Board will attend the MMA Regional Meeting for Selectmen in Bristol County at Francis Farm, Rehoboth.

Announcements were read.

Eagle Scout

Alex Cembalisty announced that he has completed his Eagle Scout project on Pleasant Street and named the new recreation area Osprey Landing. Alex thanked the Highway Department, Conservation Commission, Highway Department and the local businesses for their support, efforts and donations. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the completion of Alex Cembalisty's eagle scout project entitled Osprey Landing.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Grant Writer

The Board met with Kevin Flynn to discuss consultation services as a grant writer for the Town of Dighton. It was determined, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, that \$3,500.00 will be allocated for the services in the Board of Selectmen's Professional and Technical account. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the contract of Kevin Flynn of Phillipston, Massachusetts for consultations services as a grant writer for the Town of Dighton, subject to town counsel's approval.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dighton Water District – 527 Somerset Avenue

The Water District has set the lease amount for 527 Somerset Avenue at \$1,500.00 a month and the purchase price has been set at \$250,000.

Free Cash Certification Notification

The MA DOR has certified available funds (“free cash”) as of July 1, 2010 for the Town of Dighton as follows: General Fund: \$490,745 and Sewer Enterprise Fund: \$626,847. The certification is in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, section 23 as amended. The board would like to thank all departments in their efforts of keeping the costs down. The board would like to propose putting half of the monies in stabilization and use half to reduce taxes.

Highway Department – Receiving of Excess Equipment

The highway department would like to receive excess equipment from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept one table saw, model #34-466, serial #JB7773 from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School to the Dighton Highway Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept one Delta Drill Press, serial #99178423, model #86-720 from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School to the Dighton Highway Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept one pedestal grinder, serial #90616, model #101 from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School to the Dighton Highway Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept one disc grinder, model #86-4520, serial #70047-C from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School to the Dighton Highway Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept one slide compound mitre saw, model #C10FSB, serial #940068 from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School to the Dighton Highway Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Parks & Recreation Department – Mowing Services

Bids were presented to the Parks & Recreation Department for the care and maintenance of the Main, Palmer and School Streets playgrounds. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, Thomas Pires seconded: VOTED to accept the bid of Matthew Carr for the care and maintenance of the Main, Palmer and School Streets playgrounds as presented and recommended by the Parks & Recreation.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Edward D. Reese, Sr. has been informed that Troop 45 intends to clean up the Segregansette Park.

The board welcomed Alyssa Smith as the new Taunton Gazette Reporter.

Executive Session

Motion: E. Bud Whalon , seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 39 section 23B (3) at 8:24 PM. Mr. Whalon announced that the Board would not return to open session.

Vote: Thomas Pires AYE
E. Bud Whalon AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to return to open session at 9:42 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 9:42 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

Thomas J Pires
Edward D Reese Sr.