

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 September 2, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 8, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 14, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #012A-11	Payroll	\$	57,787.36
Warrant #012B-11	Vendor bills	\$	216,445.60
Warrant #012C-11	Vendor bills	\$	414.40

E. Bud Whalon

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

A letter of resignation from Nicholas Santore regarding his appointed positions on the Conservation Commission and Council on Aging. He will no longer continue to serve on each Board because of medical issues, however, he has enjoyed his years of service to the Town. E. Bud Whalon announced if anyone is interested in serving on either Board please submit a letter of intent before the end of October to the Board of Selectmen.

A letter from Attorney Gay dated September 15, 2010 regarding signing the deed for the land given to the Town from Zeneca on the east side of the Library. Attorney Gay feels the restrictions do not interfere with the proposed use of the property as a parking lot for the library.

Tom Pires discussed the water issue on the property owned by Mr. Wilson on 1640 Sharp Lots Road, Swansea. Robert Marquis, Swansea Selectmen has included a quote for a proposed stormwater analysis of the Anderson Drive area including a Topographical

Survey and a Hydrology Analysis. The Town of Swansea is asking the Town of Dighton to share the cost of work. It was noted Chapter 9 Funds cannot be used and after visiting the site the Board concluded the property was never graded correctly. Motion: Tom Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon not to invest in the expense of \$2,350.00 with the Town of Swansea since this house and land is located in Swansea.

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E. Bud Whalon read correspondence from Senior Whole Health dated September 1, 2010. Senator Marc Pacheco will have a briefing on Senior Whole Health on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 1:00PM at the Taunton Council of Aging.

Announcements were read. Tom Pires added that the Town will be hosting a Household Hazard Day in the late October or November. It was noted the Town has put away \$10,000 for this event.

Bruce Kingsley – Drainage Easement

Tom Pires discussed the Drainage Easement regarding the property on Elm Street owned by Bruce Kinsley. On August 24, 2010 Mr. Kingsley proposed a drainage easement for lot number 26, Elm Street and is requesting something in writing from the Selectmen stating the granting of the easement will not affect the current frontage should he decide to build a house on the property. He also requested consideration to waive all outstanding property taxes for his properties in Town and the property for the proposed easement. Attorney Gay was advised and concluded the proposed drainage easement will not affect the frontage of the property and if the Board considers the request to waive all outstanding property taxes for the drainage easement then an appraisal must be obtained for "land damage". It was noted that the appraisal would determine the monetary amount that could be considered to Mr. Kingsley. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to get two appraisals from surveyors as recommended from Attorney David Gay.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

D-R Regional School District – State Aid

Tom Pires discussed the Mass Municipal Meeting. It was noted State Revenue is down from 2 years ago and will be lower next year. E. Bud Whalon discussed State Aid for D-R Regional School District. Education Jobs Funding is a federal grant to supplement the loss of Chapter 70 funding for districts to meet their foundation budgets. Money can be used through the 1st quarter of FY13 and for FY11 E & D funding was used to supplement the amount cut from the state.

Discussion was made on Ballot Question 3. Residents were urged to vote no.

Finance Committee Vacancies

Edward D. Reese, Sr., discussed the need to appoint 2 members to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has scheduled a meeting on October 6, 2010 at 6:30PM at Town Hall to appoint 2 members and reorganize.

Public Input

It was recommended by Karen O'Connor to have each window that contains the meeting notices be labeled for each department.

Tom Pires advised the public the Town has just received a camera to be used for passports to bring in extra revenue to the Town.

Executive Session

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30C section 21 (8) at 8:15 PM. Mr. Whalon announced that the Board would not return to open session.

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

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to return to open session at 8:50 PM.

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

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to adjourn at 8:51 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,
Boards of Selectmen/Health
Nancy Pinto, Clerk

Approved by:
