

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 29, 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 26, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 17, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 22, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #013A-11	Payroll	\$	53,464.92
Warrant #013B-11	Vendor bills	\$	17,565.87
Warrant #013C-11	Vendor bills	\$	151,076.95
Warrant #013D-11	Vendor bills	\$	904.91

Vote: UNANIMOUS

E Bud Whalon

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Notification from Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., in conjunction with Charter environmental, Inc., and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin removal of buried containers and potentially impacted soil located at 2357 Winthrop and 1952 Wheeler Streets.

Invitation from the D-R School Superintendent to attend the School Committee meeting scheduled for September 28, 2010 wherein proposed plans to build a solar field to reduce utility costs will be presented.

Letter from the MA DEP approving the North Dighton Fire District's request to staff the public water system on a part-time basis.

Letter from Town Counsel announcing that a meeting is arranged for Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 6 PM with Lido Chaves of 950 Somerset Avenue to discuss a potential settlement.

Notice from MA DOR certifying the Dighton Electric Light District's free cash as of July 1, 2010 at \$144,919.00.

Letter from Sgt. Edward F. Dutra praising town mechanic, Jeffrey Gagnon, in maintaining the fleet of police cruisers and the Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, for being instrumental by allowing Mr. Gagnon to be meticulous relative to the repair and inspection of vehicles. The Board commended the town mechanic in all of his efforts and the taxpayers for approval of funding for the town mechanic.

Announcements were read. Taxpayers are urged to vote no on question 3: Sales and Use Tax Rates as the financial impact could be detrimental to Dighton. Thomas Pires added that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Dighton Historical Commission – Tri Centennial Plan Presentation

Elaine Varley, Colette McKeon and Gregory Ferreira appeared before the Board to discuss funding and plans for Dighton's Tri Centennial events which will take place in 2012. The Board advised the Commission to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss request for funding. The Historical Commission added that they have ambitious plans for the Tri Centennial and is always looking for volunteers.

D. Hines, Weston & Sampson – Landfill testing Reduction

The Board met with Duane Himes to discuss MA DEP's approval of Dighton's proposed revisions to the Environmental Monitoring Plan for the landfill located on Tremont Street. The DEP approved the following Post Closure Monitoring Plan as follows:

Groundwater Monitoring	Annually
Surface Water Monitoring	Semiannually
Landfill Soil-Gas	Semiannually

The approved testing reduction could result in cost savings at an estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000. Mr. Himes suggested to the board to contact him if the town would consider installing solar panels at the landfill site.

Hazardous Waste Day – Establish Day/Fees

The Board received proposals from Clean Venture Inc., and CleanHarbors Environmental Services to sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the proposal of Clean Venture, Inc., of Framingham as written.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to establish a \$10.00 fee per car load for the Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Planning Board – Library Parking Lot

The Board received a memo from the Planning Board requesting permission to hire Peter Williams of Vine Associates as an engineering consultant relative to the installation of the library parking lot. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the Planning Board's request to hire Peter Williams of Vine Associates as an engineering consultant relative to the installation of the library parking lot and that consultation services will be paid by the building fund.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Highway Department – Review/Act Foreman Applicants

Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, requested to review the applicants in executive session.

Executive Session

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A section 21 (8) at 8:31 PM.

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 8:37 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the recommendation of Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent and promote Dennis Hazel to Forman Class 1 at a rate of \$25.27/hour effective September 30, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dighton Garden Club – Town Hall Landscape Design Proposal

On September 29, 2010 the Board received a proposal from the Dighton Garden Club for the preparation of the 2012 Tri Centennial and to beautify the Town Hall to install a garden on the left side of the building. The garden will be maintained by the Club. The plans were reviewed and approved by Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the proposed plans as presented by the Dighton Garden Club to install a garden on the left side of the Town Hall.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Samuel Pine – Workman's Comp Insurance Waiver

The Board received a request from Samuel Pine to waive the workman's compensation insurance for the use of plowing snow for the town. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to grant a worker's compensation insurance waiver to Samuel D. Pine for the balance of FY2011 for the purpose of plowing snow for the town.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Robert Mullen of the Dighton Lions announced the Art Festival is scheduled for Sunday, November 7, 2010 from 10:00-4:00. Vendor tables are still available for those interested. For more information visit their website at www.dightonart.org.

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A section 21 (1, 6 and 3) at 8:50 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 10:12 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 10:12 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

