

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MARCH 9, 2011**

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 March 2, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #036A-11 Payroll \$ 54,121.88

Warrant #036B-11 Vendor bills \$ 81,300.61

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from the MA DOT announcing that it State Highway spring sweeping operations will take place on or about March 28, 2011, weather permitting.

Letter from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Com2, 2011 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of selecting a municipal representative for Custodians' SEIU 888 collective bargaining.

The MA DEP has submitted the Sanitary Survey report for a survey performed at the Dighton Water District on December 8, 2010.

Nancy Goulart thanked the Board for their continued support and reappointment to the MMA's President's Committee on Energy and the Environment. Mrs. Goulart attending a meeting at which topics included the new DEP commissioner, Stormwater Regulations, the bottle bill, siting of wind turbines, sustainable water management and waste water.

The Taunton Veterans Association is seeking permission to hold its annual summertime Cruise Nights behind town hall. The Board sees non objection and will act on the matter next week.

Announcements were read.

Prime Time – Review/Act on Roof Repair Bids

The Board received various roof repair bids for the Prime Time building on March 2, 2011. Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to award the bid for roof repairs to the Prime Time Building to Christopher Simmons, Black Lab Builders of North Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss Hosting of Candidates Night

It was determined that Candidates Night will take place Thursday, March 31, 2011, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, Lower Level. William McKeon will moderate the event and Collette McKeon will serve as time-keeper.

Pepsi PSST Program

The Board received an invitation to participate in the PSST Program. Town Counsel requests to review the agreement, if the Town is selected. Thomas Pires elected to submit an application for curbside clean up. There was no objection. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to submit an application to the Pepsi PSST Program for curbside clean-up.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Animal Control Officer

Stacy Ferry, Animal Control Officer has not received all bids for non-emergency care for animals and requested an extension. There was no objection to grant a one-week extension.

Nomination papers for Inspector of Animals appointment, which runs from may 1, 2011 until April 30, 2012, is due back to the MA Division of Animal Health by April 1, 2011. There was no objection to reappoint Stacy Ferry. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to re appoint Stacy Ferry of Williams Street as Inspector of Animals.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act R.E. Brown & Company Engagement Letter

The Board received an Engagement Letter from the auditors R.E. Brown & Company detailing the responsibilities and procedures to be applied in the performance of the audit of the Town of Dighton for Fiscal Year 2010. The Board tabled the matter for one week.

Planning Board – Review/Act Legal Services

The Board received a request from the Planning Board to obtain legal services from Lisa Mead, Esquire to assist in the potential Solar Incentive Program offered to the Town for all Town Buildings. Payment for said services will be paid by the Planning Board Revolving account for long or short term planning. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve the request of the Planning Board to obtain legal services from Lisa Mead, Esquire to assist in the potential Solar Incentive Program

offered to the Town for all Town Buildings. Payment for said services will be paid by the Planning Board Revolving account for long or short term planning.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Town Accountant – Review/Act Transfer of Vacation Time

The Board received a letter of request from Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz, to carry two weeks of vacation time into FY12. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires,

VOTED to approve the transfer of two weeks vacation into FY12 for Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss Scheduling Annual Town Meeting

The Board discussed dates for the Annual town Meeting. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to schedule the Town of Dighton's Annual Town Meeting for Tuesday, June 7, 2011 and Thursday, June 9, 2011, if required.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Liquor License Transfer Hearing – Lance Corporal John Vangyzen Hall

Thomas Pires read the Notice of Public Hearing for an Alcohol License Transfer from to Rapoza-Knot Consolidated Post #2094 to Lance Corporal John Vangyzen Hall. It was noted that the publication listed the property as 496 School Street, wherein, the Board announced the correct address as 495 School Street. Attorney Robert Fredericks, counsel for Richard A. Bleau, President of Lance Corporal John Vangyzen Hall presented the application and stated that this is the second attempt at the transfer as the original application was returned with no action by the ABCC. The Board had no objections to the transfer. Mr. Reese opened the floor to the public for comment. No comments made. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to grant the Transfer of License from Rapoza-Knot Consolidated Post #2094 to Lance Corporal John Vangyzen Hall.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The Board called for a recess at 8:00 PM and reconvened at 8:15 PM.

Liquor License Transfer Hearing – Mt. Hope Village Liquors, Inc.

Thomas Pires read the Notice of Public Hearing for an Alcohol License Transfer from Lomba Corporation d/b/a Johnny's Market to Mt. Hope Village Liquors, Inc. Attorney Robert Fredericks, counsel for Bruce A. Woodcock, President of Mt. Hope Village Liquors, Inc., presented the application to the Board stating that the store hours will remain as is and intends to incorporate his wife's barbershop, Classic Barbershop, into the store upon approval from the Building Department. Financing will be provided by Bank of Fall River. Mr. Reese opened the floor to the public for comment. No comments made. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to grant the Transfer of License from Lomba Corporation to Mt. Hope Village Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Johnny's Market.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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(a) (2) and (3) at 8:24 PM to discuss Union Contract Negotiations and Wage Study for the Clerical Union and Contract Negotiations for the Non-Union Department Heads.

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 2:30 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 8:35 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

J. J. Pires 3/23/11