

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
September 23, 2009**

Nancy Goulart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Nancy Goulart, Edward D. Reese, Sr., and Thomas Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve meeting minutes of August 25, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve meeting minutes of August 31, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 9, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 10, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 16, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #013A-10 Payroll \$ 51,405.19

Warrant #013B-10 Vendor bills \$ 88,307.53

Warrant #013C-10 Vendor bills \$ 490.25

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter to Antonio Silva of 2022 Somerset Avenue from building inspector, Joseph Lawrence, regarding work performance on building permit #4398. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to issue a Cease and Desist Order if Antonio Silva of 2022 Somerset Avenue does not comply with the building inspectors request within 7 days.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Letter from the Dighton Water District announcing elevated Trihalomethanes.

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In response to a complaint received from a Rehoboth resident who was concerned about unsanitary conditions at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, an inspection was performed by the Health Inspector on September 18, 2009. It was noted that conditions at the school did not pose a threat of the H1N1 to the students and/or faculty. A response dated September 23, 2009 from the principal, Gail Van Buren, was read. A re-inspection will be performed in 30 days.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read announcements.

Animal Control Officer

The board announced three letters of interest were received for the Animal Control Officer position. It was noted one applicant was disqualified because the letter was not received prior to the closing date. The board will ask Sheryl Gardner if she would serve as Assistant Animal Control Officer. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr.,
VOTED to appoint Stacy Ferry as the Animal Control Officer.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

H1N1 Flu Update

Nancy Goulart, Alice Souza, Superintendent, Krista Paynton, Principal, Stephen Dempsey and the school nurse from Bristol County Agricultural High School attended a Pandemic Flu Table-Top Exercise hosted by the Bristol County Sherriff's Office at the Taunton State Hospital on September 23, 2009. No new information was presented. Residents are reminded to maintain proper hand hygiene and cough etiquette, as well as, avoid touching of the eyes, nose and mouth. The annual flu clinic for the elderly has been postponed. Residents will be advised accordingly. The Dighton Power Plant has donated money to the Board of Health for hand sanitizers and face masks. A department head meeting took place on September 22, 2009 to go over precautionary measures within the Town Hall. Latest information may be found through the MA Department of Public Health (www.mass.gov/dph/swineflu) or the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov).

Manheim New England

Manheim New England requested permission to hold a 5k foot race on September 26, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. on the streets of Dighton. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr.,
VOTED to approve Manheim New England's request for a 5k foot race on September 26, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. on the streets of Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Class II Auto Dealer License

Judith Ann Costa appeared before the board requesting a hearing for a Class II Auto Dealer License. The board will contact Ms. Costa with a hearing date.

Highway Bids

On September 17, 2009 bids were opened for various highway materials. The board read the highway superintendent's recommendations. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr.,
VOTED to award highway supply bids as recommended by Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Special Town Meeting

The board discussed scheduling a date for a special town meeting. As special primary election for a senator from Massachusetts has been scheduled for December 8, 2009. Levy limits, free cash and the stabilization account was discussed. It was noted various Planning Board articles from the Annual Town Meeting were rejected by the Attorney General and must be voted on again due to not following the requirements for public hearings. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to schedule the Special Town Meeting for November 2, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Accept Gift

Nancy Goulart presented a painting of the Council Oak Tree (1984) by her son, John Goulart. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to accept the gift of the Council Oak Tree painting by John Goulart from Nancy Goulart.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Dighton Lions will be hosting the 5th Annual Arts Festival on November 1, 2009 at Araujo Farms. Admission is free and vendor tables are still available.

The Historical Commission has approved interior renovations to the Segreganset School House. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to authorize the Historical Commission to continue with interior de-leading of the Segreganset School House with available funds.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

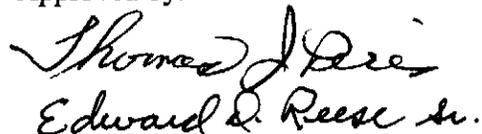
The MA Audubon Society hosted a workshop to discuss land use and development patterns in Dighton. Developments within the community have impacted endangered species and historical sites. Dighton's Open Space plan expired in August, 2008. It is the Audubon recommendation that the public get involved. The board will seek to reactivate the Open Space Committee. Volunteers for the committee are needed to update the Master Plan and create a map for future development. Anyone interested in serving on the Open Space Committee or Master Plan Committee should submit a letter of interest with background information to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:


Edward D. Reese Sr.

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