

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
September 9, 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 Warrants

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

Warrant #011A-09	Payroll	\$	49,214.86
Warrant #011B-09	Vendor bills	\$	24,809.33
Warrant #011C-09	Vendor bills	\$	487.90
	Vote:		UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services announcing the Home Modification Loan Program that provides loans to homeowners and qualified landlords seeking to make modifications to their homes through the MassMatch Program that promotes the use of assistive technology devices and services to enhance the independence of people with disabilities.

Comcast announced upcoming changes to the channel line-up in Dighton and multi-faceted Comcast Customer Guarantee.

MA Audubon is offering a series of two workshops discussing land use and development patterns in Dighton on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 from 7:00-9:00 P.M. and Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Southcoast Health System & Hospital Group outlined prevention and precautions during the flu season. It was also noted to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites due to the detection of EEE and West Nile virus in the Seekonk and New Bedford areas.

MA Department of Public Utilities announcing National Grid's filing of the 2008 Energy Efficiency Annual report on August 7, 2009. A public hearing will take place on September 24, 2009, at 2:30 P.M. in Boston, Massachusetts.

Nancy Goulart read a letter to the editor of the Taunton Gazette from Billy Starr, Founder and Executive Director of the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge thanking the Dighton Police, Highway Department and residents for help and support for the ride.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read the announcements.

Animal Complaint

Kwang-Cha and Karl Dodenhoff of 2111 Maple Street, North Dighton appeared before the board to address complaints received involving two dogs. In response, Mr. & Mrs. Dodenhoff stated that they have installed two tie-outs to restrain the dogs, as well as, installed a kennel large enough to house two dogs. The board appreciated the steps taken to remedy the problem and reminded the property owners that if the problem persists steps may be taken to remove the dogs.

Staples, 543 & 563 Center Street, Dighton

In response to the Cease and Desist issued to Mary Louise and Dean Staples on August 13, 2009, John W. DeLano, Civil Engineer, submitted a progress report on work completed regarding a Stormwater Management Plan. He requested a two week extension so that estimated costs may be determined. The board will take the matter under advisement.

Lin's Propane

Nancy Goulart presented pictures of the property. It was determined that a significant amount of grading had been performed that exceeded 5,000 square feet. As a result, a Stormwater plan must be filed and a permit must be obtained. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to send a letter to Andy Johnson of Lin's Propane regarding the Stormwater compliance procedure.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dighton Electric Light District

A letter to the commissioners of the Dighton Electric Light District was read regarding the board's support of the petition from residents of Segreganset Park requesting additional lighting on Karen Road.

Vieira, 755 Main Street

The Cease and Desist order issued to Joseph Vieira of 755 Main Street, Dighton was read. It was noted that the Cease and Desist was issued due to the unsanitary conditions of the area, lack of ventilation, pile of decomposing bread dough, and abuse and neglect of an injured calf. The board awaits the building inspector's report on the structural condition of the barn.

Local Option Meals/Hotel Tax

The board will take the local option of meals/hotel tax under advisement. It was noted that state aid will not be affected should the town not adopt the increase.

Verizon, FiOS Services

Richard B. Colon, Regional Director of Verizon submitted a letter responding to the town's inquiry to bring FiOS services to the town. Verizon does not have plans to bring the network to Dighton at this time. Contact may be made in January for an update on the 2010 capital plan.

Liquor License

The board announced that a restaurant liquor license is available. Anyone interested may pick up the appropriate application at the Board of Selectmen/Health office.

Local Arts Council

The Local Arts Council announced a vacancy. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest with background information to the Board of Selectmen.

Transfer Station, Tremont Street

On September 12, 2009 a highway employee will serve as the landfill attendant and brush will be accepted on that day.

Animal Control Officer

A vacancy for an Animal Control Officer was announced. It was noted that the position is paid on a per call basis. A list of duties and responsibilities may be obtained from the office of Board of Selectmen/Health. Anyone interested in serving as the town's Animal Control Officer should submit a letter of interest with background information to the Board of Selectmen/Health no later than September 15, 2009.

Proc, Class III Dealers License

Stephen Proc met with the board to request a 4-6 week extension so that the old mobile home could be dismantled. He asked the board to issue a temporary Class III license. The board was willing to take the matter under advisement so that abutters may be notified. Due to time constraints, Mr. Proc removed his request. It was noted that the board must inspect the premises prior to issuing the license.

Police Building Repairs

The board read Michael Mazetis' proposal for additional police building repairs. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to accept Michael Mazetis' proposal in the amount of \$4,200.00 for police building repairs.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

General Discussion

Nancy Goulart announced she attended the MMA meeting in Boston today. Topics of discussion included the proposed bottle bill and proposed changes to the Stormwater Management Act.

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 39 section 23B (3) at 9:20 PM. Mrs. Goulart announced that the Board would not return to open session.

Vote: Thomas Pires AYE
Nancy Goulart AYE
Edward D. Reese, Sr. AYE

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Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to return to open session at 9:45 PM.

Vote:	Thomas Pires	AYE
	Nancy Goulart	AYE
	Edward D. Reese, Sr.	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

