

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
OCTOBER 1, 2009**

Nancy Goulart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

Present: Nancy Goulart and Edward D. Reese, Sr.  
Absent: Thomas Pires  
Also Present: Carol Beauregard for Board of Assessors, William Copeland for Finance Committee, Martin Parizek, Michael Kirkwood, Michael Joyce for BG Americas & Global LNG and Glenn E. Walker (appraiser) for Sansoucy, PE

Those present discussed the latest appraisal of the "Dighton Power Plant" owned by BG regarding what is the best way to assess and tax the property over the next 3 years.

The town estimates the assessed valuation at \$45.5 million. Dighton Power says it's \$38 million (numbers are approximate). Both numbers are BEFORE the 17% exclusion given to D Power by the state. With the exclusion, the D Power number is closer to \$32 million.

FY10 would reflect an assessed valuation WITHOUT the 17% exclusion. FY11 & 12 would reflect the 17% exclusion. Dighton is looking at a three-year period because the plant would be re-evaluated in three years. The final decision on how much to value the plant for and the ensuing taxes is to be made by the assessors.

There was consensus that determining the total taxes for 3 yrs and then dividing by 3 would be a beneficial route to take because it would provide for stable taxes when Dighton considers the two tax rates currently in effect. Managing the tax rate during the next 3 yrs, looking at the potential levy limit and growth over the same time period, and planning for any additional tax money needs to be looked at closely. Dighton does not want to see tax rates going up and down nor does Dighton want to see large swings between residential and commercial rates.

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Nancy Goulart, VOTED to adjourn at 11:57 A.M.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Pro-tem Boards of Selectmen/Health  
Thomas Pires, Member

Approved by:

*Edward D. Reese Sr.*