

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of October 1, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of October 21, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #019A-10	Payroll	\$	51,292.02
Warrant #019B-10	Vendor bills	\$	249,204.74
Warrant #019C-10	Vendor bills	\$	1,579.31

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School Committee announcing the approved budget increase to the Dighton K-8 and the Dighton-Rehoboth District K-12 operating budgets that will neither increase nor decrease the assessment to the town.

Letter from Comcast announcing as of December 1, 2009, WWDP (ShopNBC) on basic service channel 96 will require a digital QAM tuner TC, Cable CARD or digital cable box in order to view.

Letter from MMA announcing the MMA's statewide 6th grade essay contest.

Nancy Goulart announced she submitted several photographs, including the cow chip festival, to the MMA for consideration in the annual calendar

Letter from the DEP regarding the former landfill located off Somerset Avenue (County Street) and recommended follow-up actions. The board will notify the building, highway and conservation departments.

Thomas Pires read announcements.

Veteran of the Year Award

Robert Woods announced David Marvell as Dighton's Veteran of the Year. Mr. Marvell serves as the Graves Officer and honors all veterans by placing a flag on each individual grave site on Veteran's Day. Mr. Marvell added that maintenance of the graves has been difficult due to budget cuts but feels it is important to make the flags shine for all who have served. Mr. Marvell also extended his appreciation to Eagle Scouts who have elected to clean up the cemeteries for their projects.

Transfer Station Fees

The board read the following schedule of trailer fees for the transfer station as recommended by Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry:

8 foot or less	\$20.00	8 - 10 foot	\$30.00
10 - 14.5 foot	\$40.00	15 foot trailer (max size)	\$50.00

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to adopt the trailer fees for the transfer station as recommended by Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Special Town Meeting

Nancy Goulart announced that out of the 26 articles presented at special town meeting on November 2, 2009, 21 passed, one containing the local option of meals tax was defeated and four articles were tabled. The warrant for the special town meeting scheduled for November 24, 2009, 7:00 P.M. in the lower level of town hall was read. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to approve and sign the warrant for the special town meeting on November 24, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Chapter 40B - Planned Production Plan

An engagement letter from Edith M. Netter Associates, PC, assisting in the request to the Department of Housing and Community Development for reconsideration of Dighton's Planned Production Plan certification was read by Thomas Pires. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to engage the services of Edith M. Netter Associates, PC at a cost up to \$2,500.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

H1N1 Update

Town nurse, Denise Wilkins, presented a report to Dighton residents regarding the latest information concerning H1N1 flu and vaccinations. School nurse, Rosemary Borden extended her appreciation to Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., for his assistance.

Board of Sewer Commissioners

The Sewer Department announced upgrading security systems at five pump stations maintained by the department and submitted a request to the board to waive all fees. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to grant the Sewer Department's request to waive fees for access to the fire protection box and other permit fees, including electrical.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Trash Collection and Recycle

Nancy Goulart read the latest report listing tons and costs for trash and recycled items.

Local Arts Council

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to appoint Alison Makuch of 2104 Elm Street, Dighton to the Dighton Cultural Council as recommended by Kristen Kearns, Chairperson of Dighton Cultural Council.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 39 section 23B (3) at 8:32 PM. Mrs. Goulart announced that the Board would not return to open session.

Vote:	Nancy Goulart	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to return to open session at 9:37 PM.

Vote:	Nancy Goulart	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy Goulart VOTED to adjourn at 9:37 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:



