

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
December 16, 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: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to approve meeting minutes of December 9, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #025A-10	Payroll	\$	49,806.00
Warrant #025B-10	Vendor bills	\$	103,247.47
Warrant #025C-10	Vendor bills	\$	483.41
Warrant #025D-10	Vendor bills	\$	67.91

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from Department of Housing & Community Development announcing its right of first refusal will expire on March 7, 2010 with respect to the purchase of 1020 Somerset Avenue, Unit 16, Dighton.

Letter from Department of Energy Resources announcing Seth Pickering as the Green Communities Regional Coordinator for Southeast Massachusetts.

Letter from Town Nurse, Denise Wilkins, and Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., recommending the Town of Dighton step down from the Greater Taunton Medical Reserve Corps. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to step down from the Greater Taunton Medical Reserve Corps and to maintain active participation in the Bristol County Task Force.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read announcements. Additional announcements included illegal ATV use on the Broad Cove Nature Trail and illegal parking on the Pleasant Street bridge.

Certificate of Recognition

A certificate of recognition was presented to Officer Douglas Roy for his 21+ years of service as a police officer for the Town of Dighton. Mr. Roy stated that it was an honor serving the Town of Dighton and thanked the townspeople for their support.

Community Preservation Act

Ellen Bidlack, 1227 Main Street, presented a brief review of the Community Preservation Act. This act provides new funding sources which can be used for the preservation of open space, the creation and support of affordable housing, and the acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes. An informational meeting has been scheduled on January 25, 2009 from 7:00-9:00 P.M. at the Bristol Agricultural High School library.

402 Spring Street

The board read a letter from the town treasurer and collector, Mary Hathaway, announcing that on October 22, 2009 the town became the owner of the property located at 402 Spring Street, shown on Assessors' Map 4, Plot 158. This property was acquired through tax title. Ms. Hathaway advised the board that the property should be insured. The board along with the health agent, zoning enforcement officer and the highway superintendent will inspect the property to determine its condition. Greg Olsen stated that the sewer department would be interested in the property should the board decide to sell. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to insure the property located at 402 Spring Street, North Dighton for \$179,000.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Pole Hearing

Joanne Robideau, representative of Verizon, appeared before the board requesting the relocation of one pole on Elm Street to correct a safety issue. The notice was read by Thomas Pires. No objections were expressed. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to approve the relocation of a pole on Elm Street as requested.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Library

Jocelyn Tavares, director of the library, requested removal of surplus equipment that is no longer in use due to disrepair or age. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to allow Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendant, to remove the equipment from the library and to store it until the town has its next sale of surplus property.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District

After reviewing various documents and researching the school's budget, it was determined that a request for a reduction in Dighton's FY10 assessment is reasonable. It was further noted that had the board been aware of the availability of the assessment reduction, the money could have been used to reduce the town's appropriation at one of the town meetings, purchase and new cruiser, and/or replace manpower in the highway department. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED

to request Dighton a reduction in Dighton's FY10 regional assessment in the amount of \$80,000.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Stormwater Bylaw Violations

The board read the legal opinion from town counsel regarding fines for stormwater bylaw violations. Stormwater permit and inspection fees become part of the town's estimated receipts when collected. Attorney Gay recommended that the town amend the stormwater bylaw to incorporate fines the board will work on this for the next town meeting.

Public Input

Robert Woods announced that a special election has been schedule for the North Dighton Fire District on December 21, 2009, 2:45 P.M. at 340 Forest Street, North Dighton.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Calderia and building inspector, Joseph Lawrence, appeared before the board to discuss the building permit application for the property located at 621 Gray Terrace. A revised plan was submitted and approved by the building inspector. The board explained to the homeowner that original plans submitted required a hearing through the Zoning Board of Appeals. Since Mr. Lawrence had no questions about the third plan as revised, he said he could issue the permit.

The board discussed alternatives to printing the annual town reports. A request for recommendation will be made to the town clerk

The board advised townspeople that requests for permits will be denied if there is an outstanding balance owed to the town for landfill fees, stickers, parking tickets or any other fee owed to the town.

It was noted that 2010 Census Questionnaires will be mailed to all households in the town of Dighton commencing February 2010 through March 2010. Households that do not return census information will be visited by federal census workers.

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

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

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

Thomas J. Pires
Edward D. Reese Sr.