

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
December 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 December 16, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #026A-10	Payroll	\$	50,012.14
Warrant #026B-10	Vendor bills	\$	432,912.52

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from Bay State Gas announcing a full time Municipal Program Manager to assist cities and towns with energy efficiency initiative in the Dighton community.

Letter from Massachusetts Municipal Association thanking the town for submitting photographs for consideration for this year's municipal calendar. Unfortunately, none of the submissions were selected.

Letter from Massachusetts Municipal Association announcing the Annual Business Meeting and Annual Meeting and Trade Show scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2010, at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston.

Letter from Michael McDonald requesting a waiver of requirement for worker's compensation insurance for plowing snow for the town. Motion: Thomas Pires seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to waive worker's compensation insurance requirement for Michael McDonald for the purpose of snow plowing for the remainder of FY10.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Letter from Frederick D. Wilbur, Jr., requesting a waiver of requirement for worker's compensation insurance for plowing snow for the town. Motion: Thomas Pires

seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to waive worker's compensation insurance requirement for Frederick D. Wilbur, Jr., for the purpose of snow plowing for the remainder of FY10.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Letter from Tyler Conrad, Justin Pavao and Matthew St. George inviting the board of selectmen to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center in North Dighton at 6:30 P.M. Certificates of Recognition were signed by the board for the following: Tyler Conrad for his Eagle Scout project consisting of beautifying the outdoor property of Prime Time at the Dighton Town Hall; Matthew St. George for his Eagle Scout project consisting of building a meditation garden at his church, St. Nicholas of Myra; and Justin Pavao for his Eagle Scout project consisting of planning, organizing and carrying out a landscape project around an historical tulip tree at the community church on Elm Street. The board will attend the presentation.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read announcements.

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District

The D-R School Committee has referred the board's request for a reduction in Dighton's FY10 assessment to the next school committee meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

402 Spring Street

The board received information from its insurance agent that the building located at 402 Spring Street only assessed at \$40,400.00. The balance of the valuation was for land. Due to a high deductible and high insurance rates for a vacant building, the board will hold off on building insurance until the property inspection is completed. The interior and exterior of the property will be inspected by the zoning enforcement officer, health agent, highway superintendent, fire chief, board of selectmen and the sewer department. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to purchase liability insurance for 402 Spring Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Cemetery Fees

The Cemetery Commission held a public hearing on December 16, 2009 to discuss proposed new rates for cemetery lots in town-owned cemeteries. The proposed fees were read. Mr. Reese requested that Dighton veterans be given free lots in the town's new veteran's cemetery. The matter will be referred to town counsel and more information will be requested from the cemetery commission.

Request from Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors requested that the selectmen vote to accept the provisions of Ch. 183 of the Acts of 2009. Motion: Thomas Pires seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr.,

VOTED that the town of Dighton accept Chapter 183 of the Acts of 2009 to extend the time for mailing the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2010 until January 30, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

*Thomas J. Pires*  
*Edward D. Reese Sr.*

