

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
December 30, 2009**

Nancy Goulart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence for Lena Bleu, Dighton's oldest resident, was observed.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to approve meeting minutes of December 23, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #027A-10	Payroll	\$	58,765.82
Warrant #027B-10	Vendor bills	\$	21,790.43
Warrant #027C-10	Vendor bills	\$	109,113.85
Warrant #027D-10	Vendor bills	\$	656.25
Warrant #027E-10	Vendor bills	\$	226.04

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Town clerk, Susana Medeiros, announced upcoming state elections.

Town clerk, Susana Medeiros, advised that the board should elect a municipal liaison. The board will request a recommendation from Mrs. Medeiros.

Notice from Kristen Kearns recommending a new member to be appointed to the local arts committee.

Notice from the Department of Public Health amending 105 CMR 590.000, State Sanitary Code, Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments that will implement allergen awareness.

Notice from Comcast announcing reductions in various one-time charges that will be adjusted beginning on February 1, 2010.

Letter from Nancy Durfee of SRPEDD requesting an opportunity to present the South Coast Rail Corridor plan and update the community on the local, regional and state priorities that have evolved over time. A date will be scheduled in February.

Notice from National Grid announcing a rate increase effective January 1, 2010, for streetlight tariffs. The matter will be referred to the Electric Light District.

Letter from Craig Engler thanking the board for its patience and understanding. That the trailer located at 198 Williams Street has been vacated and is scheduled to be disassembled on the inside to be used for automotive parts storage.

Notice from Air Quality Experts, Inc. of an asbestos abatement project scheduled to take place on December 31, 2009 – January 8, 2010 at Taurus Management, 620 Spring Street, North Dighton.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read announcements.

Animal Control Officer

The board discussed the Animal Control Officer's rate for attending meetings. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to set the Animal Control Officer's rate at \$25.00 for each attended meeting/workshop.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review of Dealers License Books

The board reviewed sales books, obtained copies of current insurance certificates and collected payment and licenses were granted for Class I, II and III Dealer's Licenses for the following: Manheim New England, Reese's Auto Sales and Bristol County Auto.

Class III Hearing

The board inspected the premises located 2387 Winthrop Street, North Dighton. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve the Class III License for Stephen Proc, 2387 Winthrop Street, North Dighton d/b/a Bristol County Auto Sales, Inc., with conditions that include landscaping and additional cleanup to take place in the spring.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Cemetery Fees

The board met with the Cemetery Commission to discuss waiving veteran cemetery plot fees for Dighton veterans. The commission will research the matter further but it was noted that costs are incurred for a burial (i.e., excavation). It was further noted by Veteran's Agent, Robert Woods, that burial benefits are available up to \$3,000.00 for veterans. Also, there are two state veteran's cemeteries in Massachusetts along with the National Cemetery in Bourne. The board advised the commission that guidelines will

need to be established should the commission approve waiving or reducing veteran cemetery fees. It was further advised that the matter will be presented to a town meeting or placed on the ballot for a decision because there is a conflict of interest with Board of Selectmen. The board read the following schedule of cemetery fees as recommended by the Cemetery Commission for the second time:

Town Cemetery Lots	\$900.00 per grave
Establish the burial agent rate at	\$25.00 per hour

The board will read the rate one more time and then take action on them.

Chapter 40B – Planned Production Plan

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has completed a comprehensive review of Dighton's request for reconsideration of the Planned Production Plan certification and found that the Town of Dighton has not met the burden of proof for asserting that a denial or approval with conditions would be consistent with local needs on the grounds that it has met one of the "safe harbor" standards set out at 760 CMR 56.03(1). The matter has been referred to Attorney Mitchell.

D-R Regional School District

The board read correspondence from town counsel agreeing with the position of the board that Dighton's request to reduce FY10 assessment by \$80,000.00 is reasonable. It was further noted that the governor rescinded the cuts announced to state aid for regional transportation. A public meeting with the board of selectmen and the finance committee has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

Dog Complaint

The board has received a complaint from the animal control officer regarding a dog on Pine Street. A hearing will be scheduled.

Transfer Station

The board has received proposals from Weston & Sampson for additional landfill gas sampling services and for preparing an environmental monitoring schedule reduction proposal. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve the Weston & Sampson contract for additional landfill gas sampling services for FY10 in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pries, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$5,000.00 contract for submitting a proposal to the DEP to reduce the schedule for landfill testing and monitoring.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Nancy Goulart commended employees and residents for accomplishments made during difficult financial times in 2009. Other events mentioned were the two bridge projects, Cruise Night, Cow Chip Festival, Arts Festival and the joint Memorial Day parade with Rehoboth.

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 8:54 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 9:50 PM.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

J. J. Pires 01/06/10