

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
January 6, 2010**

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 the meeting minutes of December 30, 2009.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #028A-10	Payroll	\$	54,587.23
Warrant #028B-10	Vendor bills	\$	66,534.74
Warrant #028C-10	Vendor bills	\$	894.46
Warrant #028D-10	Vendor bills	\$	723.77

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: Lin's Propane Trucks, Corp., V&R Servicenter, Dighton Auto Sales, CDE Auto Sales, Inc., No. Dighton Garage, Inc., L&L Used Car Parts, Manuel Borges, Jr., and V&R Servicenter. Gardner Tire will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss their intentions for their Class II license.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read announcements. It was requested that all Dighton residents complete the census as the information gathered is used in a number of important ways. A burning permit fee of \$10.00 has been instituted and it was further explained that anyone burning without a permit may face fines starting at \$100.00.

Dog Hearing

Janet Coelho of 1230 Pine Street, Dighton appeared before the board to address a dog complaint. Rabies vaccination records and proof of a dog license was produced. Mrs. Coelho stated that the dog is in the basement and has a "doggie door" that allows the animal in and out and an electronic fence has been installed. It was noted that the dog leaves the property to chase feral cats in the neighborhood. Ernest Silva of 1204 Pine Street, Dighton stated that the problem has been ongoing for years. Mr. Silva claimed

that the dog has continuously charged and/or knocked him down and further claims that a friend was charged and knocked down causing injury and the tearing of a sweatshirt (which was provided). Mr. Silva stated that he did not have a problem with the dog, however, he is concerned that he or someone else is going to get seriously injured if the problem persists. Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry, reported that she has been to the home on two incidences and has not witnessed the dog loose, nor has she seen feral cats, however, she will look into the matter. Mr. Silva stated that Joy Bannister, the former dog officer, also went to Ms. Coelho's home twice regarding the same dog. A copy of the animal constraint bylaw that was approved at the annual town meeting on June 1, 2009 was provided to Janet Coelho. The board strongly advised Mrs. Coelho to properly restrain the dog. Failure to comply will result in a fine and/or the animal will be permanently removed from the Town. The board noted that the Animal Control Officer not only deals with problem animals but is also a resource for animal owners.

Joseph Wood, 340 Main Street

Joseph Wood of 340 Main Street, Dighton, appeared before the board to discuss repairs to his septic system. Thomas Pires recused himself from the matter due to a conflict of interest. Health Agent, Joseph Pacheco, clarified events that took place during the repair of a septic system and it was determined that the installer did not dig deep enough as instructed by the engineering plans. Mr. Wood will discuss the matter with the installer and engineer and will contact the board if more questions arise.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Town clerk, Susana Medeiros, announced the following fees for dog licenses and kennels:

<u>Dog License Fees</u>		<u>Kennel License Fees</u>	
Spayed Females	\$5.00	4 dogs or less	\$20.00
Neutered Males	\$5.00	10 dogs or less	\$35.00
Males	\$5.00	More than 10 dogs	\$65.00
Females	\$10.00		

It was noted that kennel licenses require animal control officer and Board of Health approval prior to issuance.

Department of Health and Human Services has designated January 10 through 16, 2010 as National Influenza Vaccination Week. The town nurse and the fire chief are coordinating the H1N1 vaccination program for Dighton children under the age of 18 years.

Cemetery Fees

Mr. Reese read the following schedule of cemetery fees as recommended by the Cemetery Commission for the third time:

Town Cemetery Lots \$900.00 per grave

Establish the burial agent rate at \$25.00 per hour

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to set the cemetery fees as recommended by the Cemetery Commission.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Municipal Liaison Appointment

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to appoint Susana Medeiros as Dighton's municipal liaison to the Ethics Commission.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Affordable Housing Committee

Thomas Pires announced that there are two vacancies on the Affordable Housing Committee. Anyone interested in volunteering should submit a letter of interest to the board. It was noted that the committee meets one to two times a month. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to appoint Heidi Swist to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the town hall.

Police Department

The board discussed establishing a cruiser fee for police details. The need for a cruiser at a detail will be determined by the chief. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to establish a cruiser detail fee of \$15.00 per hour.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

D-R Regional School District

The board met the finance committee on Tuesday, January 5, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. No recommendation was made on Dighton's request to D-R to reduce the FY10 assessment by \$80,000.00. The board will request a meeting with the Dighton-Rehoboth School Committee.

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 9:15 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 9:37 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 9:37 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

Thomas J. Pires
Edward D. Reese