

TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
January 20, 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 Warrants

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

Warrant #030A-10	Payroll	\$	48,209.94
Warrant #030B-10	Vendor bills	\$	106,688.95
Warrant #030C-10	Vendor bills	\$	45,145.00
Warrant #030D-10	Vendor bills	\$	662.32
Warrant #030E-10	Vendor bills	\$	7.30

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from Rehoboth Public Access Corp. Inc. (RePAC) to Brendan O'Connell responding to the demand that RePAC broadcast anti-abortion recordings. Because the information could be objectionable to some viewers, RePAC offered an alternative means of transmitting the recordings over the internet. In light of Mr. O'Connell's claim of censorship, a request has been made to forward all information and materials that would support the allegation.

Letter from Rehoboth Public Access Corp. Inc. (RePAC) to Kathleen Montagno, Superintendent of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District requesting consideration that Brendan O'Connell's anti-abortion recordings be considered as educational materials and worthy of academic consideration.

Letter from Jeanne Hopkins, WGBH Community & Government Relations announcing the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School has been chosen to compete on the new television program High School Quiz Show inviting the board to attend the taping on January 31, 2010.

Letter from Marilyn Edge, South Coast Tobacco Control Collaborative, informing the board that two noncriminal citations have been issued to tobacco sales permit holders for sales of tobacco products to minors.

Letter from MA Emergency Management Agency requesting that Dighton share with the Regional Office any information about assistance efforts being developed on the local level in response to the horrific disaster that has occurred in Haiti.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read the announcements.

Special Senatorial Election

Nancy Goulart announced the following results for the special senatorial election held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010:

Total Dighton Population	7,525
Total Registered Voters	4,574
Total Ballots Cast	2,624 (58%)
Senator in Congress	
Scott P. Brown	1,770
Martha Coakley	829
Joseph L. Kennedy	24
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	1

Fees for Dog Licenses and Kennels

Thomas Pires read the following schedule of dog and kennel license fees as recommended by the Town Clerk for the third time:

<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 approval from the animal control officer and the Board of Health prior to issuance. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to accept the proposed dog and kennel license fees as recommended by the Town Clerk, Susana Medeiros.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Cruiser Fee for Details

Edward D. Reese, Sr., read a cruiser detail fee of \$15.00 per hour for the third time. It was agreed that town projects will be exempt from the cruiser fee charge and that cruiser details will be determined by the police chief. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to establish a cruiser detail fee of \$15.00 per hour, cruiser details will be determined by the police chief and all town projects will be exempt.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to recommend to the police chief that all details have a cruiser present.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Boarding and Transportation Fees

The board agreed that the shelter fee should remain at a daily rate for dogs in custody at \$25.00 per day. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to amend the previous motion that set the daily rate at \$15.00 per day after ten days to \$25.00 per day per dog until the animal is picked up or transferred.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to establish a transfer fee for dogs of \$20.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The board will read the fee one more time and then adopt it.

Animal Control Officer Rate

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to establish the Animal Control Officer's rate at \$25.00 per call.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Watson, 1030 Oak Street

Thomas Pires announced that two pitbulls are in custody at the shelter and the animal control officer is monitoring the situation. Once the quarantine period is over ALL dogs belonging to Shawn Watson must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian in the presence of the animal control officer, be properly licensed in the Town of Dighton, and a kennel license obtained. It was noted that if conditions are not met, all five pitbulls will be transferred out of town.

Audit Services

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to extend the completion date for audit services by R.E. Brown & Co., to June 30, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Electrical Permits

The board has been notified by the electrical inspector that Debra Robbins of Professional Fire & Security, Inc, in Assonet has not been following Dighton's procedure

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for obtaining electrical permits. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to notify Debra Robbins, Professional Fire & Security, Inc., of Assonet that electrical permit applications will be denied until all problems are resolved.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Electrical Inspector, Peter Bleau, issued a cease and desist for two classrooms at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School for violations. Mr. Bleau and Chief Roderick will return to D-R on January 21st to complete their inspection and to make sure all corrections are made.

Hearing Officer

Town counsel, Attorney David Gay, attended the Municipal Hearing Officer's Training session held at the State Fire Marshall's office in Stow on Thursday, January 14. In order for Attorney Gay to receive the ticket booklets and allow the process to be effective for the Town of Dighton, a C304 Ticket Booklet Application must be signed with a letter indicating that the facts set forth in the form are accurate. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to authorize Nancy Goulart to sign the C304 Ticket Booklet Application and to prepare a letter.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Impound Fee

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to establish an impound fee of \$10.00 per vehicle.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The board will read the rate two more times and then adopt the fee.

Public Input

Edward D. Reese, Sr., wished Jerry Coelho, a reserve police officer, and his family the best of luck during his tour of duty as a member of the National Guard.

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 8:19 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 9:20 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 9:20 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:



