

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
January 27, 2010**

Nancy Goulart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 January 13, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of January 20, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #031A-10	Payroll	\$	50,642.06
Warrant #031B-10	Vendor bills	\$	11,002.43
Warrant #031C-10	Vendor bills	\$	59,880.39
Warrant #031D-10	Vendor bills	\$	95,178.89

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from SRPEDD responding to the board's request to investigate the intersection of County Road (Route 138) and Main Street for the installation of a traffic signal. SRPEDD's analysis found that the intersection did not meet warrants for signalization, however, several safety issues were identified and solutions were recommended. The board will arrange a meeting with Highway, Police and Fire Departments next week.

Announcement from town clerk, Susana Medeiros, that the 2010 Census Questionnaires will be mailed to all households in the Town of Dighton commencing in March 2010. It was noted that census takers will visit households that do not return their questionnaires in April and July 2010.

Letter from Rehoboth Public Access Corp. Inc. (RePAC) regarding the posting of emergency instructions on Government Access Channel 9 Bulletin Board. It was noted that RePAC will continue to be available via telephone after working hours, weekends, and on holidays to ensure emergency notices are broadcasted.

Letter from MA Department of Environmental Protection announcing that it has determined that there were no violations applicable to the installation, operation, and maintenance of the remedial alternative at 2160 County Street. Therefore, no additional actions are necessary.

The board announced that town counsel attended a hearing at the Bristol County Superior Court relating to the contempt proceedings of Susan Enfeld and the request for reimbursement of legal fees. Results of the hearing will be announced once received.

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

Dighton Water District

Thomas Pires announced that the Dighton Water District has nearly completed its rebates. Anyone with questions should contact the Water District directly.

Impound Fee

Edward Reese, Sr., read the following impound fee of \$10.00 per vehicle for the second time. The board will read the rate one more time and then take action.

Boarding and Transportation Fees

Thomas Pires read the shelter fee for dogs in custody at \$25.00 per day for the second time. The board will read the rate one more time and then take action.

Thomas Pires read the transfer fee for the third time. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to adopt a transfer fee for dogs of \$20.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Animal Control Officer

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to amend the Animal Control Officer's rate at \$25.00 per call on January 20, 2010 to \$25.00 per response.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve travel reimbursement for the Animal Control Officer at the rate set by the IRS.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The board discussed the possibility of paying the Animal Control Officer an hourly rate for paperwork and administrative duties. Stacy estimated that she spends 2½ hours per month on this type of work. The board took the matter under advisement.

Watson, 1030 Oak Street

Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry, announced that two pitbulls have been vaccinated, licensed, fees have been paid and are now in custody of Shawn Watson. A kennel license will be obtained once the renovations for the pens are complete. Until such time, the pitbulls will remain indoors.

Eagle Scout Project

Cameron Foss presented the report on his completed Eagle Scout Project in Segreganset Park. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED approve Cameron Foss' completed Eagle Scout Project located in Segreganset Park

Vote: UNANIMOUS

It was noted that Nancy Goulart and Thomas Pires, as well as, Senator Marc Pacheco and Representative Patricia Haddad, attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday for Tyler Conrad, Justin Pavao and Matthew St. George.

Special Town Meeting

The board discussed setting a date for a Special Town Meeting. Articles include hiring a highway department employee, purchase of a police cruiser, pay prior year bills, fund the police union contract, fund the Historical Commission tri-centennial account and set money aside in the case short term borrowing is needed.

Appointment

Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED appoint Susana Medeiros as the alternate for the Insurance Advisory Committee as recommended by Mary Hathaway.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Robert Perry, 1531 Stanzione Drive, requested the board's attention to address road repairs to Stanzione Drive. Several pictures were produced, as well as, a signed petition from Stanzione Drive residents. The board will meet with the Highway Superintendent next week.

Nancy Goulart announced that the Federal Census is planning to hire temporary employees. Informational packets may be obtained at the town clerk's office.

Nancy Goulart announced that Representative Patricia Haddad would be interested in participating as a judge at the Cow Chip Festival this year.

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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 8:45 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 9:18 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 9:18 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

