

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

Nancy J. Goulart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of January 27, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #031A-10	Payroll	\$	53,592.35
Warrant #031B-10	Vendor bills	\$	53,132.33
Warrant #031C-10	Vendor bills	\$	403.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from town counsel announcing the Superior Court's Order on Plaintiff's, Susan Enfeld, Motion for Assessment of Attorney's Fees. Judge Maguire denied the order and further concluded that that the court will make no further order regarding the removal of the ducks. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to take the matter under advisement.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Robert Perry, 1531 Stanzione Drive, appeared before the board regarding road repairs to Stanzione Drive. The board discussed the project with highway superintendent, Thomas Ferry, and repairs should take place in the spring. Mr. Perry thanked the board and the highway department on behalf of the residents on Stanzione Drive for their quick response to the request. The board also spoke to Thomas Ferry regarding the drainage upgrades on Hart Street. It was determined more research on existing conditions is required. The board will wait for Mr. Perry's recommendation.

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 Kathleen A. Montagano, Superintendent of Schools respectfully declining Rehoboth Public Access Corp. Inc. (RePAC) request to consider 'Life Matters' programming.

Letter from Comcast providing a copy of Form 500 for 2009 and the announcement of the new triple play bundles.

Letter from the Somerset Water and Sewer Commissioners requesting they be contacted with any petitions that would impact the Somerset water supply system.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to take agenda item 8a out of order.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

SRPEDD – SCR Corridor Plan

Greg Guimond, Eric Hove and Don Sullivan of SRPEDD and Robert Mitchell of Housing and Economic Development presented the South Coast Rail Economic Development and Land Use Corridor Plan. The Plan is the culmination of planning at the local, regional and state levels for the future of 31 cities and towns of the South Coast Rail Corridor through 2030.

Thomas Pires read announcements.

Impound Fee

Thomas Pires, read the following impound fee of \$10.00 per vehicle for the third time. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to adopt an impound fee of \$10.00 per vehicle.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Boarding and Transportation Fees

Thomas Pires read the shelter fee for dogs in custody at \$25.00 per day for the third time. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to adopt the shelter fee for dogs at \$25.00 per day.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Animal Control Officer

The board discussed paying the Animal Control Officer an hourly rate for paperwork and administrative duties. Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry, estimated that she spends 4-5 hours per week for administrative duties and receives 10-12 calls per week requesting information. The paperwork required is part of the overall position. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to set the Animal Control Officer's administrative rate at \$25.00 per hour.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Watson, 1030 Oak Street

Shawn Watson informed the board that all five dogs have been vaccinated and will receive an additional vaccination in 9-12 months. Renovations to the kennels are underway and once completed the Animal Control Officer will inspect the premises prior to issuing a kennel license.

Outstanding Class II Licenses

It was determined that the board will not release Mr. Rasmussen's Class II Dealer's License until the board can review the books. It was also determined that the board will ask Mr. Gardner to appear before the board on Wednesday, February 17th at 8:00 P.M. to discuss his intentions regarding renewing his Class II Dealers License.

Special Town Meeting

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart VOTED to set the Special Town Meeting on March 8, 2010, at Town Hall, lower level, 979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton at 7:00 P.M.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart VOTED to lift the hiring freeze effective February 3, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

FY09 Auditor

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart VOTED to extend the auditor's contract for completion of the FY09 audit with R.E. Brown & Company to June 30, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The board has received R.E. Brown & Company's proposal for the FY10 audit. The board will take the matter under advisement.

February 3, 2010

Police Department

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart VOTED to terminate Mark Wheeler as a reserve police officer for failure to meet the town's service requirements as recommended by Chief MacDonald.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Fire Department

Letter from Mark Ready announcing his retirement from the Fire Department. The board thanked Mr. Ready for his 21+ years of service. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart VOTED accept Mark Ready's retirement letter.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 39 section 23B (3) at 9:02 PM. Mrs. Goulart announced that the Board would not return to open session.

Vote: Nancy Goulart AYE
Thomas Pires AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to return to open session at 9:30 PM.

Vote: Nancy Goulart AYE
Thomas Pires AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Nancy J. Goulart, VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

Thomas J Pires 2/12/10