

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MARCH 10, 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: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of March 3, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #037A-10	Payroll	\$	51,085.86
Warrant #037B-10	Vendor bills	\$	76,673.30
Warrant #037C-10	Vendor bills	\$	407.06
Warrant #037D-10	Vendor bills	\$	1,575.10
Warrant #037E-10	Vendor bills	\$	5,500.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Petition of Bay State Gas Company requesting an increase in its 2009 Energy Efficiency Budget.

Letter from the US Department of Agriculture's notification of its need for general purpose 1,624 square feet rentable office space in Assonet, Berkley, Dighton Somerset or Taunton.

Letter from town counsel announcing that the animal control officer will be entering 2530 Elm Street on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 2:00 PM for the purpose of removing the remaining ducks.

Letter from town counsel approving the deed from Zeneca to the Dighton library. It was noted that the environmental restrictions do not interfere with the proposed use as a parking lot and that the outstanding Orders of Condition issued by the Conservation Commission deal with areas of the property that are not part of the parcel being deeded to the town.

Letter from town counsel approving the Briggs Cemetery Lot deed transfer from Elaine B. Varley to the Town of Dighton. The deed gives the town the authority to maintain the cemetery property. The town will be asked to accept the cemetery at the next town meeting.

MEGA members can attend a free National Safety Council's 4-Hour Defensive Driver Course on April 28, 2010 in Wakefield. The purpose of the course is to provide the drivers an opportunity to review their attitudes and techniques towards driving on today's challenging road.

Letter from the Friends of the Dighton-Rehoboth Marching Band to the Dighton Power Charitable Fund announcing the Dighton-Rehoboth Marching Band has been offered the opportunity to participate in the Disney World Main Street USA parade in the summer of 2010 and is looking for various donations.

Letter from James D. Aguiar, Jr., Zoning Enforcement Officer, stating that the structure located at 402 Spring Street is in a severe state of disrepair and recommends demolishing the structure.

Letter from Peter Bleau, Electrical Inspector, stating that the existing wiring located at 402 Spring Street can not be used because it is unsafe.

Letter from James D. Aguiar, Jr., Zoning Enforcement Officer stating that the structure located at 2040 County Street is in a severe state of disrepair and recommends demolishing the structure.

Announcements were read.

Stoney Ridge Estates

A hearing is scheduled with Stoney Ridge Estates for Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. to review the application for a variance from the Board of Health regulation entitled "Stormwater Detention/Retention Structure."

Dog Hearing

A hearing is scheduled for Janet Walsh of 264 Williams Street for Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. to address complaints against her barking dog.

Conference Requests

The board received a request from health agent, Kevin Bernardo, to attend a Certified Pool/Spa Operator Course. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve health agent, Kevin Bernardo's request to attend a Certified Pool/Spa Operator Course scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2010 in Fall River at a cost of \$275.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The board received a request from animal control officer, Stacy Ferry, to attend a Chemical Immobilization Workshop at Franklin Park Zoo. The board will discuss the matter with Mrs. Ferry next week.

Solid Waste Meeting

Nancy Goulart and Thomas Ferry attended the MassRecycle Southeast Municipal Recycling Council Meeting in Wrentham. Discussions included how municipalities and regional groups can effectively coordinate events, outreach, and programs that encourage reuse of used (but still good) items from residents, businesses, and other institutions. Programs included Cradles to Crayons, Mass Material Trader and Building Materials Resource Center.

SEMASS

The board is waiting for a proposal from SEMASS regarding solid waste disposal. The town's contract expires at the end of FY10. In addition, Mrs. Goulart was contacted by the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, Virginia Vallela, Executive Director, indicated that she would like to offer solid waste disposal services to the town. The board will discuss solid waste disposal at a future meeting.

State 911 Study

The board received an email from R. Perry of Dartmouth asking if the town plans to participate in the SRPEDD requesting participation in the state grant program for a 911 Feasibility Study. There are no ongoing obligations and is only an exploration of options, not an indication of operational or policy changes by participants. The study is an exploration of options for public safety, improvement of operational efficiencies and to reduce overall costs. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to the invitation to participate in the 911 Feasibility Study.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Highway Department

Funding for the additional highway employee was approved at special town meeting on March 8, 2010. The ad will be published in the Taunton Gazette on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Police Department

The board will review and comment on the employee application. Patrolman vacancy will be posted at date determined by the police chief.

Public Input

Ed Reese requested posting signs prohibiting littering providing for fines due to the increased amount of litter seen throughout the town. The board will address the matter with the highway superintendent.

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Nancy Goulart announced she will be attending a public hearing regarding Stormwater in Boston on March 18th.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to adjourn at 9:03 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

T. J. Pires 3/17