

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MARCH 17, 2010**

Nancy Goulart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 meeting minutes of March 10, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #038A-10	Payroll	\$	50,474.61
Warrant #038B-10	Vendor bills	\$	98,020.31
Warrant #038C-10	Vendor bills	\$	371.97

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from Chris Moulding of Manheim New England requesting permission to hold a 5k foot race on September 11, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in Dighton. Motion: Edward D. Reese, Sr., seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED upon the recommendation of Police Chief Robert MacDonald to grant permission to Chris Moulding of Manheim New England to hold a 5k foot race on September 11, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in Dighton.

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Letter from Veteran's Agent, Robert Woods, inviting the board to march in the Memorial Day Parade.

Letter from William Frenette, Chairman of the Conservation Commission regarding the gift of land from Zeneca to the Town of Dighton. Upon review the Conservation Commission determined that the outstanding Orders of Condition deal with areas of the property that are not part of the parcel being deeded to the town. Town counsel will be notified.

Town counsel provided a revised deed to the Briggs Cemetery Lot reflecting a thorough legal description of the land. Once the deed is executed by the property owner a warrant article will be placed for town acceptance of the cemetery at the next town meeting. Following favorable action at the town meeting, the board will act on the matter.

Announcements were read.

1740 Milk Street Drainage Problems

Alan Ferraza of 1740 Milk Street appeared before the board regarding water runoff that allegedly comes from abutting property 841 Brook Street. Mr. Ferraza claimed that since extensive land clearing was performed approximately one year ago by property owner, Keith Bankert, the lowest area of his front lawn where the leaching field is located fills with water then spills out onto Milk Street causing flooding. A drawing of the problem was provided to the board. Nancy Goulart presented pictures taken during her inspection on March 16th. Pictures indicated no water present on Mr. Ferraza's property. It was determined that issue is a civil matter. Thomas Ferry, Superintendent of Streets, inspected the area on March 16 also. No flooding was noted on Milk or Brook Streets. The drainage ditch south of Mr. Ferrazza's property was flowing freely and the water level in the ditch was less than one foot deep. Mrs. Goulart's photos did show a large amount of water in the depressed area on Mr. Bankert's adjacent to Mr. Ferrazza's property. Mr. Ferrazza was advised that this is a civil matter and he should try to resolve it with Mr. Bankert. He was also advised to consider having his property surveyed to make sure where his boundaries are located. Thomas Pires will inspect the premises periodically to ensure that the water does not create a hazardous situation.

No Littering Signs

The board will contact town counsel regarding requirements for posting No Littering signs along with fines.

Enfeld, 2530 Elm Street

Town counsel attended a hearing upon Susan Enfeld's Motion for Reconsideration on March 15, 2010. Judge Maguire instructed the parties that Ms. Enfeld has one week to construct an enclosure on her property for the remaining ducks. Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry, reported that an enclosure is being created next to the barn and stated that the premises should be regularly inspected to ensure proper handling of the ducks.

Dog Hearing

A hearing scheduled for Janet Walsh of 264 Williams Street to address complaints against her barking dog was postponed to Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

Watson, 1030 Oak Street

Animal Control Officer, Stacy Ferry, performed an inspection at 1030 Oak Street and determined that five adult dogs and eleven puppies reside on the premises. Shawn Watson claimed that the puppies belong to a friend. However, Mrs. Ferry stated that upon examination, it was clear that one adult dog recently had a litter of puppies. Mrs. Ferry informed Mr. Watson that periodic inspections will be made and to provide a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of all individuals adopting the puppies.

SEM ASS

The board received proposals from SEM ASS and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District regarding solid waste disposal. The town's contract with SEM ASS expires at the end of FY10. Copies of the proposals and the current SEM ASS contract will

be reviewed by the board. Comments will be requested by the board from the highway superintendent and Borges Brothers Trucking, Co.

Public Input

A letter was sent to the Bristol County Sheriff's office requesting assistance in the clean up of litter in various locations in town. Assistance was also requested in obtaining a vehicle for the Animal Control Officer.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., will contact Manheim Auto Auction regarding the status of a vehicle for the Animal Control Officer.

Nancy Goulart announced she will be attending a public hearing with Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, regarding the new stormwater regulations in Boston on March 18th.

Thomas Pires announced that all appropriate inspections have been performed and that an order will be issued to property owners of 2040 County Street regarding the dilapidated buildings.

Thomas Pires announced that the Water District had completed abatements resulting in the rollback of the District's last expansion. Mr. Pires will prepare correspondence to the Water District requesting a timeline for future plans. Several residents from Chestnut Street contacted the board to see what can be done to get the District to further rollback its boundaries. These residents live within 2,000 feet of a fire hydrant.

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 9:23 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 adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:



