

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
MAY 5, 2010**

Edward D. Reese, Sr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Edward D. Reese, Sr., Thomas Pires and E. Bud Whalon

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to approve meeting minutes of April 28, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #045A-10	Payroll	\$	50,768.40
Warrant #045B-10	Vendor bills	\$	185,353.46
Warrant #045C-10	Vendor bills	\$	6,448.57

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Community Cleanup Committee proposal from Deb Titus and Kellyann Kowalski in an effort to clean up and preserve the environment, wetlands, woods and streets of Dighton from litter. The board will review the matter and advises townspeople to submit letters of interest to the Board of Selectmen/Health.

Annual Meeting of SRPEDD invite to the Board of Selectmen.

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, Elections Division, that the Governor signed the Supplemental Budget (Chapter 86 of the Acts of 200) which will allow reimbursement to municipalities for costs associated with the statewide election to fill the US Senate seat on January 19, 2010.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to take agenda item 8c out of order.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Laine, Pleasant Street – Fire Department

A portable radio, belonging to the Dighton Fire Dept, issued to Keith Laine for use as a call firefighter was stolen from his vehicle in August 2009. Mr. Laine presented a check from his insurance company in the amount of \$375.00 to Fire Chief Antone Roderick, wherein, he was told that he must replace the radio. Upon trying to replace it, no used ones could be found therefore it could only be replaced by a brand new model at the cost of \$849.00. Mr. Laine does not feel it is his responsibility to bear the cost of the replacement radio, or directly purchase this radio for the town. A letter was received from Chief Roderick informing Mr. Laine of legal action that will be taken. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to take the matter under advisement and review the matter with Chief Roderick during the next scheduled meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Recycle Bins

The board announced an increase in the amount of recycle bins. The increase will be announced one more time.

No Littering Signs

The board announced that fines relative to littering will be established at \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 for Conservation/Recreation areas. Fines will be read one more time.

Maple Swamp Road – Drainage Easement

The board read a letter from town counsel presenting a plan highlighting the proposed easement area. Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, reviewed the plans with the property owner and confirmed it complies with drainage needs. The board will advise town counsel. Consideration in the amount of \$1.00 will be made to the property owner.

Emergency Expenditure – May 2010 Flooding

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the provisions of Section 31 of Chapter 44, requests the written approval of the Director of Accounts to make emergency expenditures of \$25,000 with appropriation for the March 2010 flooding.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Pole Hearing – Elm Street

Joann Robideau, representative from Verizon, presented a petition proposing to relocate facilities P3/278 on Elm Street. No objections were made. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the relocation of police facilities P3/278 on Elm Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

David Kennedy – Briggs Street

David Kennedy requesting consideration be made to replacing the steel barriers lost during the May flooding with a soft barrier to improve the aesthetics of the bridge itself. The bridge was closed by the state an estimated 20 years ago and is no longer required to

have state inspections. Highway Superintendent, Thoams Ferry, requests smaller barriers and install additional signs. The board advises that safety is the utmost concern. Thomas Ferry and David Kennedy will report back to the board.

Cemetery Commission – Cemetery Maintenance

The board received proposals to provide lawn maintenance and other duties for all town cemeteries. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the bid proposal from Dreambuilders of Dighton at the rate of \$950.00 a month for lawn maintenance and \$25.00 an hour for assigned work as requested by the Cemetery Commission for all town cemeteries as requested my Cemetery Commissioner, Thomas Ferry.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Budget Transfer Request

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the budget transfer request in the amount of \$1,460.00 so that the Zoning Enforcement Officer/Assistant Building Inspector invoice can be paid.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Disabled American Veterans – Operation Let Freedom Ring

The board read a letter from Francis Ardita asking all cities in towns to participate in “Operation Let Freedom Ring”. The ceremony may entail simply the striking of as many bells, as possible, in Dighton on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 at two (2) PM, with a toll of thirteen rings, signifying the freedom of the original 13 colonies.

CORI Officer(s)

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to appoint Kerrie Easterday as the CORI Officer.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to appoint Nancy Pinto as the Alternate CORI Officer.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Vacation Buyback

The board received a request from the Police Chief Robert MacDonald’s and Fire Chief Antone Roderick on April 13, 2010 requesting the opportunity to buyback vacation as stated under the union contract. The board estimated the cost at \$12,000.00 - \$15,000.00 and confirmed by town counsel that all departments were properly notified. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to deny Police Chief Robert MacDonald’s and Fire Chief Antone Roderick request dated April 13, 2010

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Announcements were read. E. Bud Whalon announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacancy. Letter of interest stating experience should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The board reviewed special articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting. Proposed Article 23 we submitted by petition with no recommendation. Proposed Article 24 was not submitted by the Public Safety Building Committee. Proposed Article 27 will benefit senior citizens. An informational meeting has been set for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM at town hall. It was advised to put the meals tax as a special article

Public Input

Jeff Gagnon proposes charging for brush at the transfer station. The board will seek Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry's recommendation.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

*Edward O Reese Sr.*  
*E Bud Whalon*