

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
MAY 12, 2010**

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to approve meeting minutes of May 5, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #046A-10	Payroll	\$	54,075.71
Warrant #046B-10	Vendor bills	\$	281,037.95
Warrant #046C-10	Vendor bills	\$	490.00
Warrant #046D-10		\$	2,059,914.00
Warrant #046E-10		\$	1,461.64

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will begin the adulticiding program, to control nuisance and/or disease carrying adult mosquitoes. The adulticide being used will be Anvil 10+10 (Sumithrin, EPA Reg. #1021-1688-8329) applied in ultra low volume sprayers at a rate of 0.0036 LBS A.I./Acre or less. The following number: 1-508-747-8726 is furnished, on a 24 hr basis from May 10 through October 31, to allow residents access to schedules and locations of adulticiding a day in advance of the applications. It is emphasized that this number will not be used to request spraying.

Fundraising Spaghetti Supper tickets (\$10.00 each) to assist Brendan Ferreira, a soldier from Assonet who was hit by a suicide bomber while serving in Afghanistan. The supper will be served on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Freetown VFW.

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.

Recycle Bins

The board announced the price increase of recycle bins. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to approve the increase of 18 gallon recycle containers to \$8.00 each effective May 12, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to approve no littering signs reflecting fines in the amount of \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 for Conservation/Recreation areas.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Community Preservation Committee

Letters of interests were read for the Community Preservation Committee. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to appoint Karen Oconnor of Old Somerset Avenue to the Community Preservation Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to appoint Charles A. Roderigues of Millers Lane to the Community Preservation Committee.

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. Chief Roderick stated that he has been trying to work with Mr. Laine and did not realize that he had approached the board. Past practice was discussed. It was determined that board will accept Mr. Laine's insurance settlement check and the matter will be closed. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to accept Keith Laine's insurance settlement check in the amount of \$375.00 for the replacement of a portable radio.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Della Hathaway – Hart Street

Della Hathaway requested assistance in controlling water run off on her property located at 463 Hart Street. Due to the clearing of land for new housing and recent rain storms her property has accumulated water. Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, stated that the town is in the process of negotiating water easements to rectify the situation. As requested by the board, the highway department will address current concerns Mrs. Hathaway has and the town will keep her apprised as the project moves forward.

Dighton Lions - Fireworks

The Dighton Lyons is requesting a waiver of the \$100.00 for the firework permit for the Cow Chip Festival scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to waive the \$100.00 for the firework permit for the Dighton Lions Cow Chip Festival scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry, Town Accountant Jennifer Luiz and Administrative Assistant Kerrie Easterday attended an informational meeting with FEMA/MEMA to discuss emergency expenditures due to the March 2010 flooding.

Fire Chief Antone Roderick informed the board that car 4 has been taken out of service. Edward D. Reese, Sr., stated that he performed a thorough inspection and recommends that the vehicle poses no safety hazard, therefore, may return to service.

Police Chief Robert MacDonald informed the board that police logs have been released to the Taunton Gazette. Requests for detailed information must be made to Chief MacDonald.

Police Chief MacDonald announced temporary no parking signs will be posted along Route 138 for the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and the Cow Chip Festival.

Police Chief and Fire Chief discussed upgrades to the communications center.

Thomas Medeiros requested the boards attendance to the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 13, 2010 to discuss the Public Safety Building Study Committee's petition for annual town meeting for \$20,000.00.

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

*E Bud Whalon*  
*Edward D Reese*

