

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MAY 19, 2010**

Edward D. Reese, Sr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve meeting minutes of May 12, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #047A-10	Payroll	\$	51,897.75
Warrant #046B-10	Vendor bills	\$	176,196.72
Warrant #046C-10	Vendor bills	\$	1,380.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from Bay State Gas announcing the Residential Arrearage Forgiveness Program enabling eligible low-income customers to take action to manage their overdue account, and avoid disconnection of their gas service by offering customers a one-time opportunity for to earn forgiveness credits toward their past-due balance.

Public notice from the MA DOT announcing a series of public hearings to present and discuss the Capital Investment Plan.

Letter from Jeffrey and Robin Cook of Oak Street requesting that pest spraying be halted at and between 954 and 970 Oak Street.

Announcements were read. Thomas Pires was informed that numerous complaints concerning the Dighton Water District has been received by the Assessors office. Mr. Pires explained that the water district is a separate entity and that any matters concerning Dighton Water should contact the water department directly. It was also announced that the Dighton Water District will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 27th, 7:00 PM at the Dighton Middle School.

Police Department – New Hire

Police Chief Robert MacDonald announced that applications have been received for a patrolman. Chief MacDonald requests that the Board and sergeants review the applications

and submit a recommendation. It was determined that costs for a patrolman to attend the academy will cost an estimated \$2,500.00 which is being offered in Plymouth in the fall.

SEMASS Contract Amendment/Extension

The board received the 2010 Amendment to Service Agreement, for disposal of Dighton's solid waste at the SEMASS facility in Rochester. The contract is for a 15-year extension at the terms outlined at the April 14, 2010 meeting. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the SEMASS Contract Amendment/Extension as submitted.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Elm and Hart Streets Drainage Upgrade

Memo from Highway Superintendent requesting proposals to prepare an easement plan for lot #26 Elm Street for water drainage upgrades.

Cedar Street Tree Removal

Due to poor visibility at the intersection of Purchase Street and Cedar Street the Highway Superintendent recommends removing three town owned trees and brush removed. The matter will be announced again next week. Further information may call (508) 669-5461.

Council of Aging Yearly Appointments

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Joseph Lawrence as member of the Dighton Council on Aging for a term of three (3) years.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Joan Woods as member of the Dighton Council on Aging for a term of three (3) years.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Thomas Ferry as member of the Dighton Council on Aging for a term of three (3) years.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Gloria Johnson as member of the Dighton Council on Aging for a term of three (3) years.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Annual Town Meeting – Public Informational Meeting

The board set the public informational meeting for 6:30 PM, June 2, 2010, Lower Level Town Hall to review warrant articles being presented at Annual Town Meeting scheduled in June.

Equipment Transfer Request

Highway Superintendent is requesting to transfer an old wheel horse mower tractor that is obsolete to the Sewer Department. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to transfer the an mower tractor model #C-101, Serial # 91-10k801-04134 to the Sewer Department as recommended by the Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Meeting Attendance Request

Kerrie Easterday, Administrative Assistant of the Board of Selectmen/Health requests attending a meeting of Municipal Licensing Group which topics include recently revised retail license application for the ABCC and the MA Registry of Motor Vehicles to review Used Car Dealers Class I, II & III. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the request of Kerrie Easterday to attend a Meeting of the Municipal Licensing Group on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 with a fee of \$20.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Veterans Agent, Robert Woods, thanked participants in the preparation of the Memorial Day Parade. Classic cars are welcomed. Mr. Woods also thanked the Bristol County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in the clean up of the veteran's graves.

It was noted that police reports are being published in the Taunton Gazette.

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 39 section 23B (3) at 8:53 PM. Mr. Reese announced that the Board would not return to open session.

Vote: Edward D. Reese, Sr. AYE
Thomas Pires AYE
E. Bud Whalon AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to return to open session at 9:29 PM.

Vote: Edward D. Reese, Sr. AYE
Thomas Pires AYE
E. Bud Whalon AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 9:29 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:



