

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MAY 26, 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 Warrants

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

Warrant #048A-10	Payroll	\$	52,700.58
Warrant #048B-10	Vendor bills	\$	13,712.44
Warrant #048C-10	Vendor bills	\$	53,919.14
Warrant #048D-10	Vendor bills	\$	1,517.74
Warrant #048E-10	Vendor bills	\$	3,313.68

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Thomas Pires requested agenda item 8a Seth Dawber, Clean Harbors be taken out of order.

Seth Dawber, Clean Harbors

Seth Dawber appeared before the board to discuss cost estimates for a Household Hazardous Waste Day. The last time this event took place was in 2000. The board is looking to scheduling the event in the fall. Minimum cost including set up fee to host the event is \$4,800.00 (average cost per household is \$48.00). Mr. Dawber provided informational packets to the board. It was determined that the location of the event should be at the Transfer Station on Tremont Street. Typical hours of operation would be 3-4 hours. The standard rate for surrounding communities would be \$10.00 to \$20.00 per car load. Items collected would be paints, oil and pesticides. Items not collected are ammuniton, smoke detectors, syringes and fireworks. Some cost savings suggestions was advertising latex paint is a non-hazardous waste material. The board determined that it could budget ~~\$5,000.00~~ ^{\$10,000.00} for the event. Edward Reese wanted to know what would happens if they reached the maximum. Various forms would be available during the event to address the problem or the town could charge the resident the full disposal fee. It was advised to have a board member at the site to make financial decisions if needed.

Appointment of Special Police Officer

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Manual DaRosa of the Taunton Police Department as a Special Police Officer for the Town of Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from Keith Crepeau from the David M. Moraes Music Foundation thanking the Police Department for their escort on Sunday, May 9th during their bike run.

Letter from Occupational Health Service announcing the institution of a \$35.00 observation fee for the collections of drug tests. Copies will be provided to the appropriate departments.

Letter from Gregory Logan expressing interest in the vacancy of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Letter from Robert J. Woods requesting that the floating docs stored on town property on Pleasant Street be removed. Town counsel will be contacted.

A request to create a clean up committee was submitted. It was proposed a town wide effort to clean up the litter in the community in the months of September and October. Those interested should contact the board. This is the first reading.

A follow up to Highway Superintendent will be made as to the status of the no littering signs.

Notification to abutters under the MA Wetlands Protection Act was submitted by Apex Group, 100 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI on behalf of Arborcrest Estates. The address of the property where the activity is proposed is Map 4 – Lots 377, 54A and 55. Anyone wishing to review the Notice of Intent may be examined at the office of Apex Group. The date, time and place of the public hearing will be published at least five (5) day in advance in the Taunton Daily Gazette.

Announcements were read.

Cedar Street Tree Removal

Due to poor visibility at the intersection of Purchase Street and Cedar Street, Highway Superintendent recommends removing three town owned trees and brush removed. Further information may contact (508) 669-5461.

Main Street & Route 138 Intersection

The MA Department of Public Works is studying the intersection of Main Street and Route 138. It was determined that repairs must be made to widen the street. An alternative may be to install a pedestrian signal.

Library Trustees

The Library Trustees appeared before the board seeking support regarding the \$2.3 million grant vs. renovating the St. Joseph's Hall for a new library. The Library is waiting for the building inspectors report regarding the inspection of the St. Joseph's Hall. Should the Library Trustees move forward with the new library, they would need to file an extension for the grant and will require roughly \$1 million from the taxpayers. The board advised the Trustees to contact the church, as well as, file for an extension to the grant.

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 8:35 PM. Mr. Reese announced that the Board will 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 8:56 PM. .

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

Aquaria – Accept Gift

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept a gift in the amount of \$34,730.00 from Aquaria for the purchase a new police cruiser.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Appointment of Special Police Officer

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to appoint Roger Duarte as Special Police Officer.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Set Summer Meeting Schedule

The board set the summer meeting schedule as follows: Wednesdays, June 2nd, 16th, 30th, July 14th, 28th, August 11th, 25th at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. Regular session will resume on September 8th.

Public Input

David Araujo, Chairman of the Planning Board appeared before the board to discuss the payment of legal services to Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC for legal services provided to the Planning Board during the months of March and April 2010. Mr. Araujo advises the board that the law firm has been paid for in the past, therefore, precedent has been set. Further, an article submitted by the Planning Board for annual town meeting was reviewed which requests to re-establish a revolving fund to pay attorney's fees. E. Bud Whalon suggests speaking to town counsel regarding the matter and render a decision in one week. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr., VOTED to approve the payment to Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC.

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

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve and submit letter written by Attorney Marguerite Mitchell to the Department of Housing and Community Development requesting certification of municipal compliance with Housing Production Plan by the Town of Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Annual Town Meeting

The board read the Annual Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for Tuesday, 7:00 PM, June 8, 2010 at the Dighton Rehoboth High School, 2700 Regional Road, North Dighton.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the warrant as read.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

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 9:50 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 10:10 PM.

Vote: Edward D. Reese, Sr. (excused in executive session at 9:59)
Thomas Pires AYE
E. Bud Whalon AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 10:10 PM.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

