

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
JUNE 30, 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: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of June 16, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #053A-10 Payroll \$ 54,457.14

Warrant #053B-10 Vendor bills \$ 10,386.08

Warrant #053C-10 Vendor bills \$ 32,834.56

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from the Diocese of Fall River to the Director of the Dighton Public Library suggesting that if the town is interested in purchasing the parish hall for a new library they should contact Mr. Nelson Matos of RE/MAX Welcome Home in Taunton.

Letter from the Department of Housing certifying that the Town of Dighton is in compliance with its Affordable Housing Plan effective for a one year period beginning on May 3, 2010 to May 2, 2011.

Letter from D-R Regional School District announcing the D-R Regional School Committee vote for the operating budgets for FY11.

Letter from DEP, Drinking Water Program reporting INIMA USA's (Aquaria) notice of noncompliance and return to compliance violation summary report.

Results from the MassDOT regarding various Underwater Storm Damage Inspection Reports of town bridges in Dighton.

Announcements were read.

Police Detail Work – Town of Somerset

The Board received a request from the Town Accountant to pay police detail for worked performed in the Town of Somerset in August of 2009. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve a one time payment of Off-Duty Detail work performed in Somerset in August 2009 to Officer Shawn Cronin and Officer Roger Duarte.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Bristol County Sheriff's Office - Presentation

Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson of Bristol County Sheriff's Office, Taunton presented a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Dighton Police Department derived from seizures of assets enacted by members of the South Coast Anti-Crime Team (SCAT). SCAT a multi-jurisdictional, anti-crime unit that shares intelligence and collaborates on criminal investigations between 11 city and town police departments.

Cable Contract

Upon review and discussion the Cable Committee has accepted amendments and recommends the approval of the 2010 Cable Renewal License Contract. Other items to note are: town hall will become a live cablecast origination site, a onetime capital payment of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) will be made to Dighton Access TV in order to cover equipment and building/studio needs, the ten year license will provide over seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) per year in operating funds to Dighton Access and Comcast and the Cable Committee were able to accomplish this without any major negative impact on the rates Dighton customers pay. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept Comcast's 2010 Renewal of Cable Television License as presented and recommended by the Cable Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Annual Appointments

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to rescind the June 16, 2010 appointment of Reserve Officer Mark Wheeler.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Animal Inspector Appointment & Temporary Appointment

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Stacy Ferry as Animal Inspector.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Upon town counsel's recommendation, the board is required to post the animal inspector position. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to amend the appointment of Thomas Ferry as Animal Inspector to Temporary Animal Inspector.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Town of Rehoboth Laptop Computer Gift

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to accept from the Chief of Police for the Town of Rehoboth, a gift of two surplus Panasonic laptop computers for the Dighton Police Department.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Police Department – Zero Tolerance Policy for Safety Belt Violations

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to adopt a zero tolerance policy for safety belt violations as recommended by Police Chief Robert MacDonald.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Application for Solid Waste Management Facility Modification

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the application of gas testing modification for the Solid Waste Management Facility located on Tremont Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Taunton Yacht Club – No Wake Zones

Scott Geblien of the Taunton Yacht Club is seeking assistance from the board regarding numerous no-wake zones in the Town of Somerset along the Taunton River. It is the Club's consensus, as well as, Shaw's Boat Yard, that new property owners have built individual docks and subsequently requested and received no wake zones. The effect of slowing river traffic down is now impacting the Dighton boat yard businesses. The Town of Somerset seeks to make all town waters no wake, thus making the 6 mile stretch add over an hour to an already long cruise to open waters. While the board empathizes with the business owners, the Harbormaster states that the Taunton River is inland waters, therefore, the 72 COLREGS implemented by the federal government is to preserve the safety of public waterways. Further, the board has no jurisdiction over the Town of Somerset's waterways. The board advised Mr. Geblien to contact the Town of Somerset, Representative Patricia Haddad and/or Senator Marc Pacheco. Robert Woods also advised Mr. Geblien to contact the Taunton River Stewardship Committee.

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee

The board received a letter of resignation from Janice Terry as D-R Regional School Committee member. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the letter of resignation from Janice Terry as D-R Regional School Committee member.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The board thanked Mrs. Terry for her 20+ years of service and wishes her well. The board, which is required to appoint a new member within 30 days, will accept letters of interest and resumes for consideration to fulfill the vacancy.

Public Safety Building Study Committee

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to appoint Robert Woods as member of the Public Safety Building Study Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Disclosure of Financial Interest

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve Robert Woods' Disclosure of Financial Interest by Special Municipal Employee regarding tennis instructor, Brent Woodward.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Grant Writer Interviews

The board interviewed applicants to serve as Grant Writer for the Town of Dighton.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., Chairman called for a recess at 9:00 PM.

Edward D. Reese, Sr., Chairman resumed the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Prime Time Gift

Alice Souza, Council of Aging purchased, with grant monies, a generator as part of Prime Time property. This generator, which is valued at \$16,000.00, will provide the entire Prime Time building with electricity should there be a power outage. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to accept the generator as part of the Prime Time property.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Highway Bid Results

Bids for materials for the highway department were opened on June 17, 2010. The board read Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, recommendations. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept bids for materials for the highway department as read and recommended by Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Animal Control Officer Vehicle Donation

On June 22, 2010 Manheim New England secured a 2004 Chevy Astro van for the Animal Control Officer for the Town of Dighton. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to accept the 2004 Chevy Astro van for the Animal Control Officer for the Town of Dighton

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The board thanked Edward Dutra, Thomas Ferry and Manheim New England for their efforts in obtaining the vehicle.

Borges Bros., Trucking, Inc. – Waste Hauler FY11 Contract

The board reviewed Borges Bros., Trucking, Inc., proposed curbside trash and recycling collection for FY11 which reflected the same prices as FY10. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept Borges Bros., Trucking, Inc. curbside trash and recycling collection proposal for FY11.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dreambuilder's – FY11 Contract for Cemetery Commission

The board reviewed Dreambuilder's proposed care and maintenance of cemetery grounds for the Cemetery Commission. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to Dreambuilder's care and maintenance of cemetery grounds for the Cemetery Commission proposal for FY11.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Timesheet Procedure Policy

During the annual audit, it was noted that employee payroll documentation only noted the total hours worked for the week not the actual hours worked each day as required by Federal and State regulations. In order to comply with the requirements of Federal Department of Labor, Federal and State labor laws, timesheets must indicate the hours worked on a daily basis. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adopt effective immediately a timesheet policy denoting the exact hours worked, including starting time, departure time, and any breaks in service for unpaid time periods during the day.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Non-Union Employee Benefits Contract

Thomas Pires requested that the matter be tabled until said contract can be reviewed by the board and further noted that the current contract will remain in place.

Disclosure of Financial Interest

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded Thomas Pires: VOTED to approve Joseph Pacheco's Disclosure of Financial Interest by Municipal employee regarding The Pines, Puddingstone Estates and Stoney Ridge Estates.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Executive Session

Motion: E. Bud Whalon , seconded: Thomas Pires 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: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to return to open session at 10:00 PM.

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

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to adjourn at 10:00 PM.

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Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
