

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
JULY 14, 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 June 30, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve the following warrants with the exception of the Fire Chief's holiday pay for July 4, 2010.

Warrant #002A-11	Payroll	\$	53,743.57
Warrant #002B-11	Vendor bills	\$	14,050.00
Warrant #002C-11	Vendor bills	\$	36,861.52
Warrant #002D-11	Vendor bills	\$	29.00
Warrant #055A-10	Vendor bills	\$	1,938.89
Warrant #055B-10	Vendor bills	\$	35,953.83
Warrant #055C-10	Vendor bills	\$	3,760.57
Warrant #055D-10	Vendor bills	\$	599.21
Warrant #055E-10	Vendor bills	\$	24,903.36

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Due to lack of response relative to the vacancy of D-R Regional District School Committee Member, Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to extend the deadline date to Thursday, July 28, 2010 at 1:00 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Notice from the Dighton Water District declaring a state of water emergency which will take effect immediately. Houses with odd numbers can water on odd numbered days and houses with even numbers can water on even numbered days. Anyone who violates this ban will be subject to penalties and fines and or termination of water service.

Letter from the D-R Regional School District announcing meeting dates for contract negotiations.

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The Town of Seekonk in conjunction with the Town of Rehoboth, inviting the Town of Dighton to a workshop on the new changes in the Open Meeting Law on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Those interested should contact Ann Rogers of Seekonk at 508-336-2910 or [arogers@seekonk-ma.gov](mailto:arogers@seekonk-ma.gov).

The 31<sup>st</sup> year of Pan-Mass Challenge takes place the first weekend in August. D-R Regional High School field will provide a rest stop, food, first aid, bike repairs and support from volunteers. Nancy Goulart recognized Dighton's contribution shown on a mailer that names Dighton which runs from the school down Horton St. to Williams St. to Center St. and over the bridge to Berkley. Riders will be on our streets on Saturday, August 7 from approximately 11:00AM-1:30PM, and participants encourage townspeople to stand along the route and cheer them on. For information visit [www.pmc.org/profile/EH0007](http://www.pmc.org/profile/EH0007).

Announcement from Comcast regarding channel changes.

Announcements were read.

Animal Control Officer

The recently received donated vehicle did not pass inspection due to the vehicle sitting for a long period of time. The animal control officer was advised to run the vehicle several times a day to clean out any sediment accumulated. Further she was advised to bring the vehicle to Mr. Reese should the check engine light come on.

Upon the recommendation of town counsel the board will revise the animal control officer's job description to incorporate animal inspector. This revision is made so that the animal control officer can perform stable inspections. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to amend the animal control officer's job description to incorporate animal inspector.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Library Trustees

The Library Trustees are requesting permission to place a debt exclusion question for the new library construction on the November statewide ballot. It was noted that a list of known issues with the St. Peter's Parish Hall will be submitted to the board. The current listing price for the hall is \$230,000.00. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to table the request until the board receives a recommendation from the Finance Committee

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Bastis, 1401 Center Street

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Robert and Pamela Bastis appeared before the board requesting the board to rescind the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals relative to a variance granted to Theodore and Janice Boucher for property located at lot number 77, Williams Street, Dighton granted on July 19, 2007. Mr. Bastis claims that he did not receive proper notification and that the signed certified receipt is not his signature. Further he states that the assessor has not properly taxed the property and that the board has granted numerous extensions over three consecutive years (documents submitted are attached hereto and show as Exhibit A). Mr. Bastis approached the current owner to purchase the property but both parties cannot agree to a purchase price. Ronald and Dayle Augustine of 1239 Williams Street also requested that the matter be rescinded because it is their consensus that the hardship was created by the property owner. The board advised Mr. Bastis that they have no autonomy over the Zoning Board of Appeals and that the only recourse would be through the Superior Court. Mr. Bastis requested that town counsel be advised of the matter and report back at the next scheduled meeting. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to table the request of Robert and Pamela Bastis so that a legal opinion can be obtained from town counsel.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Steven Wilson, Sharps Lot Road, Swansea

Mr. Wilson requested that the Swansea highway superintendent and the water superintendent be present at the meeting (TBD) to discuss the water drainage.

Liquor Licensing – Sunday Sales

Effective July 1, 2010 a new law was approved that gives each qualifying local liquor licensing authority the permission to choose whether to allow any of all section 12 license holders to start selling alcoholic beverages as early as 10AM on Sundays. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to leave the sale of alcoholic beverages as is.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Stacy Ferry, Animal Control Officer announced that she has kittens up for adoption.

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 8:31 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 9:15 PM.

Vote:	Edward D. Reese, Sr.	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE

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E. Bud Whalon

AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,

Boards of Selectmen/Health

Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

*E Bud Whalon*  
*Thomas J. Pires*  
*Edward D. Reese Sr.*