

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
JULY 28, 2010**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Thomas Pires, E. Bud Whalon, Nancy Goulart, William Copeland, Kevin Perry and Paul Pacheco
Absent: Edward D. Reese, Sr.

Grant Writer

The board requested to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss funding for a grant writer. The town has never received a Community Block Grant which, once granted, could apply 20% of the proceeds towards administrative costs of future grant writing. The board wishes to hire a consultant to obtain a community block grant. It was noted that few grants are written on a contingency. The Finance Committee agreed with the Board to further explore the possibility of utilizing a grant writer. It was estimated and agreed a minimum consulting cost of \$2500.00 could come from the Professional & Technical line of the current budget.

Library Debt Exclusion

The board informed the Finance Committee that the library has submitted a request that a ballot question be placed on the State Election ballot held on November 2, 2010. The ballot question, if approved, would read as follows "Shall the Town of Dighton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition town and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the design, construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new public library facility, including all costs incidental and related thereto?" It was noted that the matter should be brought forward on a local level but that due to the deadline it must be placed on the State level. Further, funding has not been discussed. The Finance Committee can not give its recommendation because it has not received any funding information since the last vote. A request will be made to provide documentation of monies donated.

Finance Committee Vacancies

The Finance Committee received a copy of Karen O'Connor's letter which inquires to the current vacancies of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee requests that current vacancies be announced. The board will make said announcement.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 7:10 PM.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
