

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
AUGUST 11, 2010**

E. Bud Whalon 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 July 28, 2010 (meeting with Finance Committee).

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of June 28, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of August 3, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #006A-11 Payroll \$ 52,341.93

Warrant #006B-11 Vendor bills \$ 346,849.78

Warrant #006C-11 Vendor bills \$ 2,425.91

Warrant #006D-11 Vendor bills \$ 664.83

Warrant #006E-11 Vendor bills \$ 249,487.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

The Library Trustees respectfully request that discussions concerning the new library be rescheduled to August 25th as many members will be away on vacation.

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission released an advisory effective August 26, 2010, applicants for on-premises alcoholic beverages licenses (including applicants to transfer licenses) must have mandatory liquor liability insurance coverage. Existing licensees are required to demonstrate they have also obtained the same mandatory insurance coverage in order to renew their licenses.

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MA Department of Conservation and Recreation concluded the Forest Futures visioning Process which envisions a long-term strategy for managing the 308,000 acres of land within DCR's State and Urban Parks system. The final report may be viewed on the DCR website www.mass.gov/dcr. A short survey to seek input from towns regarding zoning 60% of DCR State and Urban Parks lands as Reserves or Parklands and 40% as Woodlands which could affect how land is managed in towns. The survey will be forwarded to Robert Woods, Parks and Recreation.

Letter from town counsel to Broad Cove Realty Trust concerning The Reserve Subdivision/Installation of water mains and hydrants.

Announcement from Morton Hospital and Medical Center, Inc. will close the Occupational Health Service program effective in 60-90 days.

MA Public employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) announced that the local option early reitrmnt incentive finally became law. It was contained in the Municipal Relief Act (Ch. 188) that was signed by the governor on July 27th. As such, municipality's must submit its ERI plan to PERAC for approval.

Announcement from Comcast regarding channel changes and service updates.

Letter from Kathy Swist of Rebecca Road requesting that the barrels placed on Susan Road and Rebecca Road be removed due to limited space. The barrels have been removed.

Announcements were read.

Accept/Sign State Primary Warrant

Thomas Pires read the warrant for the State Primary scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to accept the warrant as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Ambulance

The board discussed privatizing the ambulance service. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to establish a Ambulance Study Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Account Receivable Procedure

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It was recommended by the auditor's that the Town work with billing vendors so that the Town receives on a monthly basis the necessary information to record receivable commitments, cash receipts, abatements due to insurance agreements and write off of uncollectible accounts. As such, it was also recommended that the Board of Selectmen approve any and all debt being written off in the Town. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to establish a policy that the Board of Selectmen approve any and all debt being written off as uncollectible debts.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Clothing Donation Bin

The board received a request from the Epilepsy Foundation New England Donation Center to sponsor a clothing donation bin behind town hall. Mr. Pires is concerned that it may attract additional garbage, but feels that if it will be under supervision if it is located behind Town Hall next to the GotBooks donation box. The board will notify Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to sponsor a clothing donation bin behind town hall on behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation New England Donation Center.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Robert Woods, Park & Recreation, stated that the installation of new equipment is complete at Lanefield Playground, a commemoration should take place for the Jennings Memorial, there is illegal dumping of grass clippings at the Chase Street playground and lastly, the park located on Rebecca Road needs attention. The board will contact the Eagle Scouts to see if they will assist in the clean up.

E. Bud Whalon thanked the Dighton Garden Club for the recent landscaping in front of Town Hall.

Robert Woods will speak to the Peter Roache regarding placing a plaque in memory of Gary Lopes at the Lopes Baseball Complex.

Stacy Ferry, Animal Control Officer reported that the van is up and running and that she assisted Rehoboth over the weekend. Currently she has cats and 2 beagles up for adoption.

Thomas Pires announced that camera equipment has been ordered for passport photos.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 8:17 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

