TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Present: Thomas Pires, Police Chief Robert MacDonald, Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry, Conservation Commission James Digits, Thomas Hatzopoulos, Laura Simkins, Russel Aber, Andrew Jones, Joseph Lurgio, Ed Price and Mike Kurce

This meeting was arranged to discuss the project overview and general information concerning the removal of suspected buried drums from the property at 2357 Winthrop and 1952 Wheeler Streets. The project is regulated by both the EPA and MA DEP.

Barbara Gustafson, Trustee to the Gustafson Trust, contacted the EPA to report that drums and other containers of potentially hazardous waste was buried at the site during the 1970s. EPA performed a preliminary investigation of the 90 acre wooded site and it is believed that the drums contain volatile organic compounds, heavy metals and polycholorinated biphenyls. Zeneca Inc., Waste Management Services and the Barbara Gustafson Trust have agreed to pay an estimated $2 million to complete the waste removal.

Proper permitting with the EPA is expected to be filed next week and the project is expected to start late October/early November. Police detail will not be required, however, if it should become necessary appropriate arrangements and payment will be made by the Trust. A meeting to walk the premises with the police and fire departments will be made prior to the start of the project. The Dighton Library is currently servings as the filed repository for the administrative record file and a hotline will be created for the public wanting information.

During the removal of the containers and contaminated soil proper observation, documentation and sampling will be made, as well as, monitoring for migration of dust and/or volatile compounds. Shipment of the contamination items will be disposed at the appropriate facilities and the site will be restored. Once the project is completed proper reports will be filed with the EPA which is estimated to be mid January or February.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

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

Approved by:

Thomas J Pires
Edward D. Rieck
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