

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
OCTOBER 13, 2010**

Edward D. Reese, Sr. 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 October 6, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #015A-11	Payroll	\$	53,442.69
Warrant #015B-11	Vendor bills	\$	85,525.08
Warrant #015C-11	Vendor bills	\$	493.30

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Notification from Bristol County Mosquito Control Project announcing an informational public meeting to discuss the district's preliminary proposed budget for FY2012.

Letter from MA Department of Mental Health, Taunton/Attleboro Site Office announcing the retirement of Margaret Shea and her replacement, Daniel Fisher.

Letter from the MA Historical Commission approving the proposed sewer extension for the Bristol County Agricultural School.

Announcements were read. Thomas Pires summarized the 2010 ballot questions for the upcoming state elections scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Neil Souza commented on the proposed new library. Hazardous Waste Day will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2010. MMA is currently running a statewide 6<sup>th</sup> grade essay contest. The Board has received the passport camera and can now issue passport pictures.

Kingsley - Drainage Easement

Town counsel advised that two appraisals be obtained for the Elm Street property. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the land appraisal proposal for property located on Elm Street from Tosti Real Estate, Inc., of Taunton in the amount of \$100.00.

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Ellen Bidlack – Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC)

Ellen Bidlack updated the Board of recent discussions during the TRSC meetings. The Coast Guard will be contacted relative to the excessive “no wake” zones along the Taunton River and the recent research of salt marshes will be submitted to the state. Ellen requested the health department to review and comment on a letter from the TRSC relative to the Title V provision to regulate the placement of septic systems in the floodplain where there is no “mapped regulatory floodway” or “velocity zone” per FEMA maps. Ellen asked to reactivate the Open Space Plan Committee.

Municipal Right of Way

The board tabled the matter to next week.

Public Input

No plans are proposed for the Sweets Knoll State Park due to lack of funding.

Karen O’Connor asked if a salary was set for the animal control officer. Thomas Pires stated that the Board recently negotiated a salary with Stacy Ferry and that the matter will be proposed to residents during special town meeting. It was determined that the town has seen a significant savings since replacing the animal control officer (\$40,000 vs. \$15,000.00) and that she does a tremendous job for the town.

Thomas J. Pires reminded residents that all dogs must be licensed.

Residents are reminded that No Littering Signs have fines attached and will be enforced.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 8:24 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

