

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
NOVEMBER 3, 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 27, 2010 – Meeting with Library and Town Accountant.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #011A-11	Payroll	\$	54,140.43
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Warrant #011B-11	Vendor bills	\$	65,970.04
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Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

The Dighton Council Oak Tree Ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 10:00AM.

MA Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network is hosting a leadership committee pm December 2 and 9, 2010.

MA Emergency Management Agency requesting various documents be executed and returned for the release of funds resulting in the March 2009 flooding.

Announcements were read. Thomas Pires announced results of Special State Elections held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. It was noted that the ballot question relative to the Library new construction grant was reported incorrectly in the Taunton Gazette and should read as follows: 1,011 voted yes and 1,629 voted no.

Main Street & Somerset Avenue (Rte. 138) Intersection Crossing Light

Attempts to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street and Somerset Avenue have been ongoing for an estimated 6 months. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Edward D. Reese, Sr. VOTED to appoint Edward D. Reese, Sr. as point person to the project.

Vote:	Edward D. Reese, Sr.	AYE
	Thomas Pires	NO
	E. Bud Whalon	AYE

Nancy Goulart, ADA Coordinator, asked why she wasn't notified of the upcoming action and requested clarification of her role after the project was referred to her on October 20, 2010. Mrs. Goulart reported that she was seeking a crossing light after receiving a request from a disable resident in the area. After further research it was determined that four additional individuals would benefit from the crossing light. Mrs. Goulart met with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Highway Superintendent and contacted the ADA Commission for assistance. Once all information is received a written report will be submitted to the Board. Edward D. Reese, Sr., requested two weeks to submit his report on the matter. Thomas Pires requested the report be submitted within one week and would like to see all parties work together. Further, Mr. Pires concludes that the project should be approached from the state highway department and from the ADA standpoint.

Robert Woods added that he was offended that no notice has been received from the Board of Selectmen relative to the dissolving of the Public Safety Building Study Committee.

Watson – Outstanding Violations re: dogs

Shawn Watson appeared at the request of the Board to address outstanding violations determined at the vicious dog hearing held on January 13, 2010. In particular, Mr. Watson has not properly licensed all dogs, upgraded the kennel facilities nor obtained a kennel license or provide a list of names and numbers of all individuals who have received a puppy from Mr. Watson. Mr. Watson provided three rabies certificates and stated that he has been addressing board of health matters in the home, therefore, has been unable to complete kennels. The Animal Control Officer reported to the home in March and noted there was one litter of puppies and since then, has not been contacted by Mr. Watson. Thomas Pires stated that the Animal Control Officer will inspect the premises within seven (7) days and if the matter is brought to compliance, the animals will be removed from the town immediately.

Karen O'Connor Request

The Board of Selectmen/Health received a request from Karen O'Connor that copies of the meeting minutes and the weekly agenda be emailed to her for posting on Dighton.com. Town counsel provided a legal opinion suggesting that establishing this practice would create an unusual precedent which could lead to problems in the future, therefore the request should be denied.

Read/Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant & Set Informational Meeting Date

The Board read the Special Town Meeting Warrant as presented. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the Special Town Meeting Warrant as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The Board set an Informational Meeting for Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Nancy Goulart, Finance Committee Member, announced that a meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 6:30PM to review the warrant articles. It is the Finance Committee's intent to leave money in free cash. Any unused monies will be applied to the following year free cash.

Public Input

Robert Woods announced that Veteran of the Year will be announced at the next meeting. Free meals from participating restaurants are being offered to all service men/women. Battleship Cove will be open and offers free admission on Veteran's Day.

Executive Session

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A section 21(a) (2) at 8:45 PM. Mr. Whalon 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 9:17 PM.

Vote:	Edward D. Reese, Sr.	AYE
	Thomas Pires	AYE
	E. Bud Whalon	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 9:42 PM.

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

Approved by:

