TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
OCTOBER 27, 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.

A Moment of Silence was held for the passing of Harold Gracia. The Board thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and the Highway Department for their contribution to the funeral arrangements.

Approve Minutes
Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve meeting minutes of October 20, 2010.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Warrant #017A-11	Payroll	$	52,718.11
Warrant #017B-11	Vendor bills	$	11,785.49
Warrant #017C-11	Vendor bills	$	53,758.42
Warrant #017D-11	Vendor bills	$	889.24

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence
The following correspondence was read:
Notice of Compliance from the MA DEP relative to INIMA USA (Aquaria).

Covanta SEMASS and the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) inviting the Board to attend a workshop about mercury recovery and recycling on November 9, 2010.

Letter from Ellen Bidlack concerning various parcels of town owned land being considered for the auction of land.

Announcements were read. The ballot questions were summarized for the upcoming state elections scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Hazardous Waste Day will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2010. Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Dighton Middle School

Presentation: Dighton Public Library – New Construction Grant
Members of the Dighton Library announced that the last informational meeting will take place on October 30th at 1:00PM at the Dighton Library. Should the library ballot

question pass at the November election, a 2/3 vote will be required at Special Town Meeting to borrow up to $2.3 million for the construction of a new library. If the library question is defeated at the November election, then the town will lose the State Grant monies for the new library. A revised estimate relative to the construction costs came in at $4.9 million (.21¢ per $1,000 for a 21 year term and .15¢ per $1,000.00 for a 40 year term). It was noted that the Board has received criticism for the proposed new library, however, the moral of the Board and the members of library has been to leave the decision to the townspeople. It was noted that in-kind services (estimated at $600,000) was withdrawn due to financial difficulty. Neil Souza of Forest Street objected to the previous meeting that took place between the Library, Board and Town Accountant. The meeting format was explained by town counsel. Mr. Souza further objected to the proposed new library stating that libraries are no longer used, townspeople cannot afford an increase in taxes and that the matter has been brought to the people three times and it has been voted down. Robert Woods clarified that the townspeople approved the new library at the last election but denied the funding at town meeting. Several attendees voiced their objection to the new library stating that a new police station should take precedence. Detailed information relative to the new construction grant can be found at the library's website www.dightonlibrary.org.

Library Trustees

Nancy Goulart in conjunction with the Town Accountant requested factual detailed information relative to the MEG/LIG monies and an accounting of donations received. It was stressed that the library is a town building, therefore, all monies received should be held by the Town and not by the Friends of Library. Members of the Library noted that all work performed by the Friends of the Library was in good faith. It was determined that a meeting will be arranged with members of the Library, Town Accountant and a member of the Selectmen to review past accounting.

Grant Writer Applicant

A meeting will be arranged with the grant writer, Kevin Flynn, to discuss an appropriate contract.

Bid Opening for Surplus Equipment

Town counsel found no objection to receiving bids from town employees as a legal notice for the disposal of surplus equipment was published in the Taunton Gazette. Three sealed bids were received. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to award the bid for the 1983 GMC 7000 Dump Truck in the amount of $50.00 to William Mendoza.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to award the bid for the 1989 Chevy C-7 Dump Truck in the amount of $100.00 to William Mendoza.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Snow Plow Contractor Rate

The board received a recommendation from Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, adding a rate to be paid for trucks (up to 25,000 pounds gvw) with at least a 10 foot plow for $75.00/per hour. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to accept the recommendation from Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, adding a rate to be paid for snow plow trucks (up to 25,000 pounds gvw) with at least a 10 foot plow for $75.00/per hour.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Snow Plow – Worker's Compensation Waiver

A request to waive worker's compensation for snow plowing for the Town of Dighton was received from Frederick D. Wilbur, Jr. of Wilbur's Landscaping. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve Frederick D. Wilbur, Jr.'s request to waive worker's compensation for snow plowing for the Town of Dighton for FY11.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Council on Aging – PT Office Assistant

Council of Aging voted on November 14th to extend the Prime Time Part Time Office Assistant, Sharon Rapozas scheduled hours from 19 to 19 ½ hours per week starting November 6, 2010. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the extension of Sharon Raposas hours from 19 to 19 ½ per week effective November 6, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Ron O'Connor made note that parents teach their kids to show respectful communication in regards to emails and that adults and municipalities should be held in the same regard, if not, a higher standard.

Kenny Araujo and Chris Killenberg of Solbridge Energy, a solar development company, appeared before the Board to discuss the possibility of building a solar farm on the Araujo's property.

Leon Gilbert of 3101 Millers Lane appeared before the Board, at the request of the tree warden, offering to donate 8 to 10 arborvitae trees to the Town. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to accept the donation of 8 to 10 arborvitae trees to the Town from Leon Gilbert of 3101 Millers Lane.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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 (1 and 6) at 9:30 PM.

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

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to return to open session at 10:22 PM.

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

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to adjourn at 10:22 PM.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
E Bud Whalon