

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
NOVEMBER 10, 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.

Veteran of the Year Presentation

Veterans Agent, Robert Woods, appeared before the Board to present the Veteran-of-the-Year. It was noted that Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a US legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. Often, Veteran's Day and Memorial Day are mistakenly thought to be the same, however, Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle and Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military.

This year's Veteran-of-the-Year Award goes to Frank G. Costa, who served as a US Marine and a Korean War Veteran. Mr. Costa has raised a loving family, worked full time, and served 20 years as a member of the Board of Selectmen, a past Commander of the Repoza-Knott VFW 2094 and an advocate for veterans and the residents of the Town of Dighton.

Approve Minutes

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

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #019A-11 Payroll \$ 60,134.10

Warrant #019B-11 Vendor bills \$ 241,478.48

Warrant #019C-11 Vendor bills \$ 2,132,063.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District invited E. Bud Whalon to an Executive Session meeting regarding teacher contract negotiations on November 9, 2010.

✓ The John VanGyzen Hall requested permission to install an announcement board in front of the Town Hall. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to table the request one week pending the Highway Superintendent's recommendation.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

On Tuesday, November 16th from 7:00-9:00PM at the Bristol County Agricultural Technical High School the Trustees of Reservations and the Trust for Public Land will host a discussion of land conservation tools and options available to both communities and landowners.

Announcements were read. Thomas Pires encouraged residents to properly dispose latex/water based paints instead of bringing them to the Hazardous Waste Day event held on Saturday, November 13, 2010.

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

Edward D. Reese, Sr., reported that it was determined through conversations with the Boston MA DOT, at signal light will not be installed at the intersection of Main Street and Somerset Avenue. Nancy Goulart presented a letter to the Board requesting copies of minutes, correspondence, notes, plans and any other material that could be deemed public records regarding the request for a crossing signal at the intersection of Main and County Streets in Dighton. Motion: Thomas Pires; second: None to instruct the ADA Coordinator to request for a crossing light at the intersection.

Nancy Goulart further noted to the Board that members do not have the right to appoint themselves to committees.

Antonio Silva- Outstanding Board of Health & Building Code Violations

Due to medical reasons the matter was tabled one week.

Watson – Outstanding Violations re: dogs

The Animal Control Officer reported that on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 a kennel license for 5 dogs was granted to Shawn Watson. The Animal Control Officer announced that period checks throughout the year will be conducted. Mr. Watson still needs to produce names and numbers of recipients of puppies.

Michael Roderick, Asphalt Paving re: Workers Compensation Waiver Request

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approved the Workers Compensation Waiver Request for Michael Roderick of Asphalt Paving for the purposes of snow plowing.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Planning Board request of Counsel & Engineer re: Solar Farm & Wind Turbine Bylaws

The Board read the Special Town Meeting Warrant as presented. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the request from Planning Board to utilize legal counsel of Lisa Mead of Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC and Peter Williams of Vine Associates for the purpose of creating Solar Farm and Wind Turbine Bylaws.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

New Balance Reach the Beach Relay Request

The Board received a letter from Paul Dionne of New Balance requesting permission to allow the Reach the Beach Relay participants run through Dighton between the hours of 3:30AM through 8:45AM on May 21st. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to table the matter upon recommendation from the Police Chief.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Justin Cadima observed the meeting in an effort to obtain a Boy Scout Badge.

Paul Hoffshire requested more information relative to the efforts in obtaining a new police station.

Robert Woods announced that the Public Safety Building Study Committee has not been dissolved, therefore, the Committee is still in force and in effect. Notice should be given to members instructing a new charge or the dissolving of the Committee.

Taunton Gazette reporter, Alyssa Smith requested further information relative to the Paul Demoura case.

Executive Session

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to go into executive session under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30A section 21(a) (3) at 8:35 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: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to return to open session at 9:04 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 9:04 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
