

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 10, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #020A-11	Payroll	\$	51,033.78
Warrant #020B-11	Vendor bills	\$	3,400.80
Warrant #020C-11	Vendor bills	\$	137,911.09
Warrant #020D-11	Vendor bills	\$	359.99
Warrant #020E-11	Vendor bills	\$	3,432.12

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Letter from the Department of Environmental Protection announcing the Notice of Noncompliance and Return to Compliance of the Dighton Water District.

Advisory from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission announcing an initiation of evaluation of alcohol beverage products in Massachusetts that are commonly referred to as "alcohol energy drinks" (AED).

Columbia Gas of Massachusetts (f/k/a Bay State Gas) reminds customers to take steps today to secure payment assistance, if necessary.

Announcements were read. Susana Medeiros, Town Clerk who donated her time to assist in the Hazardous Waste Day event held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 thanked the Highway Department and Clean Harbors for a successful, busy event. Thomas Pires, Chairman of the Board of Health announced that the event ran over-budget by an estimated \$2,000.00 due to acceptance of latex paint and suggest to run the event again in three to five years.

Call Firefighters re: Rate of Pay

E. Bud Whalon discussed the rate of pay for call firefighters with Antone Roderick, Jr., Fire Chief. The current rate is \$13.25. It was determined that the rate would apply to the

EMT's also. Motion: E. Bud Whalon; second: Thomas Pires to increase the Call Wage Rate to \$15.00 per hour effectively immediately.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Dissolve Public Safety Building Study Committee

E. Bud Whalon believes that no activity has been made with the Public Safety Building Study Committee and believes should be dissolved. Further, Mr. Whalon states that the town currently needs a police station and should move forward with that project. Edward D. Reese, Sr. stated that the Committee meetings did not produce the appropriate information, therefore, he resigned. Thomas J. Pires objected stating that it was created in 2006 in good faith and should remain in effect for future planning. Further, Mr. Pires believes that the Committee should be formally issued a new charge or asked if the Committee should be dissolved. Motion: E. Bud Whalon; second: Edward D. Reese, Sr. to dissolve the Public Safety Building Study Committee.

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

Review/Act electrical Bids for Cable Committee

The Cable Committee received four bids for electrical work needed in the cable room. The board read Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent's recommendation. Motion: Thomas Pires; second: E. Bud Whalon accept the bid of Mark Rousseau of Wired One Corp., Rehoboth as recommended by the Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Antonio Silva- Outstanding Board of Health & Building Code Violations

Thomas J. Pires announced that Mr. Silva was required to attend the meeting at 8:00 PM to discuss various violations and that he did not show. It was noted that there are two campers on the property that currently have occupants and that one camper is illegally discharging black water into the septic tank, reports have been received that people are living in the shed, the property owner has not fulfilled the building permit and has had three illegal dogs that have been neglected and euthanized. Motion: Thomas Pires; second: E. Bud Whalon to refer the matter to town counsel for notice of eviction and order trailers to be removed from the property.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Robert Woods announced his dissatisfaction of the dissolving of the Public Safety Building Study Committee and requests proper notice be given to members. Further, he objects to one person heading a project for the police station and feels full disclosure should be given to the taxpayers of the project.

Karen O'Connor wanted to know if the Finance Committee recommended the ATV request from the Police Station for the Special Town Meeting.

Various warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting was discussed.

E. Bud Whalon encouraged taxpayers to attend the Special Town Meeting on November 23, 2010.

Robert Woods added that various gift baskets and gift cards have been donated for Veteran's and their families for those in need.

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to adjourn at 8:45 PM.
Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

