

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
DECEMBER 1, 2010**

Edward D. Reese, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 17, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve executive session meeting minutes of November 10, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #022A-11	Payroll	\$	53,837.40
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Warrant #022B-11	Vendor bills	\$	49,620.67
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Warrant #022C-11	Vendor bills	\$	666.38
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Warrant #022D-11	Vendor bills	\$	163,000.00
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Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is using its emergency scheduling authority to temporarily control chemicals (JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, CP-47, 497, and cannabicyclohexanol) used to make "fake-pot" products. After no fewer than 30 days, the DEA will publish in the Federal Register a Final Rule to Temporarily Control these chemicals for at least 12 months with the possibility of a six-month extension.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> the Alcoholic Control Commission promulgated an emergency regulation that took effect immediately that BANS for sale in Massachusetts any alcoholic beverages that contain CAFFINE as an added ingredient. The following products in Massachusetts are to be subject to the ban: 1. 808; 2. FOUR LOKO; 3. JOOSE; 4. MOONSHOT a/k/a MOONSHOT 69. The product list will be updated as further determinations are made.

The Board received a request for information relative to wells from the Dighton Water District, however, further information is required and will be requested.

Announcements were read.

Marine Corp. Sign Request

At the request of the Board, Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, submitted his recommendation relative to the Marine Corp. sign request on Town Hall Property. Concerns should be directed to visual obstruction and esthetics, and its capability of being easily transported. It was determined that the Marine Corp. will utilize the Lyons Club sign.

Dighton.com – Posting Request

Karen O'Connor of Dighton.com requested to be placed on the regular session agenda last week after learning the topic of discussion a previously scheduled in executive session last week. It was clarified that the Board intended to discuss clarification of town counsel's opinion relative to posting of town information on privately owned Dighton.com. It was further explained that the matter was stricken as a disclaimer on the website posted.

Watson – Outstanding Violations re: dogs

The Animal Control Officer received two dog complaints at 1030 Oak Street and upon investigation, it was determined that 6 dogs have been abandon by Shawn Watson who is now living in Fall River. It was determined that Mr. Watson is in violation for the following reasons: 1) current kennel license is for no more than five dogs; 2) Mr. Watson no longer resides at 1030 Oak Street; 3) the dogs have been abandoned as the Animal Control Officer made several trips over the weekend to feed all dogs. The matter has been referred to the MSPCA. Once contact is made to Mr. Watson the Board will order the removal of all dogs from the town of Dighton. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to order all dogs be removed from 1030 Oak Street, North Dighton within 7 days.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires to immediately revoke the kennel license of Shawn Watson of 1030 Oak Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Bruce Kingsley – Chapter 61A Land

The Board received a request for release from Chapter 61A Land. The Board will request a recommendation from Assessors Department.

Girl Scout – Request to sell cookie's at various locations through town

The Board received a request for permission to sell Girl Scout Cookies at various locations in town (i.e., Transfer Station) from Reba Mederios, Berkley/Dighton Cookie Coordinator. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to approve the sale of Girl Scout Cookies in the town of Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Police Dept. – Vehicle Transfer to Highway Department

The Board received a request from the Police Department to transfer a 1998 Ford Taurus to the Dighton Highway Department. The matter will be tabled one week pending the Highway Department's recommendation.

Police Dept. – Rate Increase for Reserve Police Officers

The Board received a request for rate increase for all reserve police officers. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to approve the rate increase of all reserve police officers from \$13.02 to \$15.00 as recommended by Robert MacDonald, Chief of Police.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Council on Aging – Vacant Board Member Position

The Board received a recommendation from Alice Souza, Council on Aging to appoint Julie Sprague of Buck Plain Road to the vacant Council on Aging Committee Member. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires to appoint Julie Sprague of Buck Plain Road as Member to the Council on Aging Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Kevin Bernardo, Health Agent – Title V System Inspector Certification Request

The Board received a request for consideration from Kevin Bernardo, Health Agent, to attend the Spring 2011 Title V System Inspector Certification. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires to table the matter until more information is received.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Cemetery Commission

The Board received a request to reconsider proposed prices for burial lots at the Dighton Veteran Cemetery off of Main Street. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires to table the item until more information is received from the Cemetery Commission.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Board of Selectmen/Health – Review/Act Multifunction Printer

The board received two quotes from Oce and Koncia Minolta for the lease of a Multifunction Printer for the Board of Selectmen/Health and Zoning Board of Appeals offices. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires to accept the quote from Oce for one CX2100/Color/B&W Desktop Multifunction Printer to lease for 60 months at \$49.00/month with a \$16.00/month maintenance fee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Set Special Town Meeting Date

A Special Town Meeting needs to be scheduled to finalize the recently negotiated Police Union Contract. It was noted, that the only articles considered will be for the purpose of the Police Union Contract. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires to set the Special Town Meeting on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:00PM at Town Hall, Lower Level, 979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

December 1, 2010

Read/Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Board read the warrant for Special Town Meeting scheduled for December 20, 2010.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to accept the Warrant as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

E. Bud Whalon thanked the Lyons Club and Susana Medeiros for the Lights On Ceremony held this past weekend.

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) (5) at 8:35 PM to discuss outstanding legal issues and 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 9:06 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 9:06 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

