

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
DECEMBER 15, 2010**

Edward D. Reese, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:42 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 December 8, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve executive session meeting minutes of December 8, 2010.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #024A-11 Payroll \$ 56,562.38

Warrant #024B-11 Vendor bills \$ 282,399.77

Warrant #024C-11 Vendor bills \$ 7,506.15

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Announcement from the MA Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) of available funds through the Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant Program to municipalities within the MA coastal watershed for the assessment and remediation of stormwater pollution from paved surfaces. In addition, funds may be used for the design, installation and upgrade of boat waste pumpout facilities.

Letter of thanks to the police and fire departments from Paul Chiocca, President of Black Diamond Limo, Inc., for their response to a traffic accident involving an employee on December 4th.

Announcements were read.

Police Dept. – Vehicle Transfer to Highway Department

The Board received a request from the Police Department to transfer one 1998 Ford Taurus Sedan to the Highway Department. The Board asked if any other departments could utilize the same vehicle. Only one response was received from Joseph Pacheco, objecting to the vehicle transfer as use of a personal vehicle would be more beneficial to town employees. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the transfer of a 1998 Ford Taurus Sedan from the Police Department to the Highway Department for a trial period of six months.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Ambulance Study Committee Review/Act on Findings & Dissolve Committee

The Board received and read the Ambulance Study Committee's findings submitted on December 6, 2010. E. Bud Whalon thanked the Committee for their time and consideration. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to dissolved the Ambulance Study Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Highway Department – Review/Act Two Way Radio Bids

The Board received and read the bids presented to the Highway Department for the Two-Way Radio's. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to accept the proposal for two-way radio's from LG Communication of Swansea in the amount of \$14,566.50 as recommended by Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Building Department – Review/Act Electrical Reimbursement

The Board received a request from Electric by Design, LLC for reimbursement of electrical permits totaling \$600.00 for anticipated work at the Dighton Elementary and Dighton Middle Schools. It has been confirmed by the D-R Regional School District Business Office that the work performed was done by another company and not Electric by Design, LLC. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to approve the reimbursement to Electric by Design, LLC for Electrical Permit No. 99-10 in the amount of \$210.00 and for Electrical Permit No. 98-10 in the amount of \$390.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Animal Control Officer – Review/Act Animal Adoption

The Board received a request for consideration for reimbursement from a resident for heartworm treatment on a dog that was adopted from the shelter. It was noted that the resident has served as the animal's "foster owner" since July, has paid for all anticipated vaccinations and that the veterinarian determined that the heartworm was a preexisting condition. The Board will request that any further animals adopted out of the shelter must be tested. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$699.92 for heartworm treatment to an animal adopted out of the animal shelter.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Ed Olney, Cable Committee, announced that the Cable Contract has been negotiated through 2020. A new cable studio is underway and should be completed in January 2011, wherein, and appropriate equipment has been ordered. Classes on how to work the equipment will be offered to those interested. This new cable studio will be able to offer showing the Selectmen's meetings live on Channel 9.

It was noted that the Cable Committee will not replay the Selectmen's meeting on December 24th or December 31st.

The Board wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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) (3) at 8:11 PM to discuss a Union Grievance filed by the Fire Department.

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 9:01 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 9:01 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:
