

**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH  
JANUARY 26, 2011**

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 January 19, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded E. Bud Whalon: VOTED to approve executive session meeting minutes of January 19, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

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

Warrant #030A-11	Payroll	\$	62,683.35
Warrant #030B-11	Vendor bills	\$	21,896.99
Warrant #030C-11	Vendor bills	\$	226,473.07
Warrant #030D-11	Vendor bills	\$	4,127.33

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to take Agenda Item 6. Announcements out of order.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Announcements

Announcements were read

Town Clerk, Susana Medeiros, requested to make the following announcements to clarify the following information:

Annual Town Election is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Last day to obtain nomination papers is 5:00 PM, Thursday, February 17, 2011 and the last day to submit the nomination papers is 5:00 PM, Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Election is from 8:00 AM-8:00 PM, Monday, March 21, 2011.

In accordance with the provisions of MGL, ch. 140, sec. 137 all dogs six months or older housed in the Town of Dighton must be registered.

Karen O'Connor inquired as to what dates were incorrectly published. Mrs. Medeiros read the incorrect postings. Mrs. O'Connor requested to comment. The Board denied debate.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Thomas Pires received a letter dated January 20<sup>th</sup> and received on January 24<sup>th</sup> regarding a meeting scheduled for clerical negotiations on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the D-R Regional High School. Thomas Pires will request more advanced notice in the future.

DCS Energy Town/Nor for Profit Program will be hosting an informational meeting in Holliston on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at either 10 am or 2 pm on each day. Attendance is mandatory in order to participate in the Solar Incentive portion of the Federal Stimulus Program. Eligible Towns may receive Solar Electric (PV) Systems supplied and installed at no cost to the Town. E. Bud Whalon opted to attend the meeting.

Venture Crew 1005 of Norton is requesting to have a car wash at the Dighton Town Hall on May 21, 2011 from 8 am to 1 pm. Venture Crew 1005 is a co-ed group of young adults that are part of the Boy Scouts of American and is out of the Marine Corp League. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to approve the car wash at the Dighton Town Hall on May 21, 2011 from 8 am to 1 pm.

E. Bud Whalon attended the Water District Meeting. It was discovered that Station 1 has been charged a fee for water when filling the tanker trucks. It was determined that a shut off valve would be installed. Also, meter corrections will be taken place at the Bristol Agricultural High School.

Highway Department – Review/Act on Hired Driver & Equipment Policies

Revisions to the original policy, adopted in January 2009, regarding the use of Hired Labor and Equipment was read. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to accept the Policy Regarding the Use of Hired Driver/Labor as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to accept the Policy Regarding the Use of Hired Equipment as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

It was noted that seven hired trucks are currently out of service, therefore, patience is requested with the upcoming storm.

Library/Council on Aging/Primetime – January 21, 2011 Snow Day

The Board determined that no delay will be granted for the January 21, 2011 snow storm. Further, it was clarified that the Trustees of the Library has no authority to make such a

decision. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to deny the request for a delayed opening on January 21, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

E. Bud Whalon has been receiving complaints from residents regarding the town hall being closed. It was explained that some of the closings was due to the holiday and that the remaining days were due to the weather.

Review/Act – Disclosure of Financial Interest

The Board received a Disclosure of Financial Interest from Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz. Mrs. Luiz is notifying the town that her husband will be working as a part-time employee snow plowing for the Highway Department. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to approve the exemption of Town Accountant, Jennifer Luiz, dated January 24, 2011 as read.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Worker’s Compensation Waiver

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the Worker’s Compensation Waiver request from John W. Burrell, Jr., of Dighton.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Act – Annual Report Bids

The Board received six bids for the printing of the 2010 Dighton Annual Report. Each bid was opened and read. Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon to accept the bid for the 2010 Dighton Annual Report from Select Print Solutions of North Brookfield in the amount of \$1,041.00.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Highway Department – Review/Act Screened Sand Bids

Original winning bidder, Kingstown Corp., was unable to fulfill Dighton’s request for sand. Therefore during the height of the snow storm on December 26, 2011, Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, contacted G. Lopes Construction to deliver sand. It was noted that G. Lopes Construction was the second lowest bidder. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve the payment to G. Lopes Construction in the amount of \$4,055.29 for the delivery of sand.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Council of Aging – Review/Act Temporary Position

The Board received a request from Alice Souza to temporarily hire Kathleen McCullough of Swansea for the position of Breakfast Cook and Exercise Instructor. Said temporary position is due to a medical leave of a senior aid and shall commence on January 25, 2011 and would be for a period of approximately eight weeks. It was further noted that the position is paid by the FY11 Formula Grant/Allocation and has been approved by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Motion: E. Bud Whalon, seconded: Thomas Pires, VOTED to approve temporarily hire Kathleen McCullough of Swansea as Breakfast

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Cook and Exercise Instructor commencing on January 25, 2011 for a period of approximately eight weeks.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Karen O'Connor asked for a status update of the new police station. Edward D. Reese, Sr., announced that arrangements are being made to inspect the Mattapoisette Police Station. The Board is waiting for a legal description from Dighton Power on the land that is being donated. Once received, said description will be forwarded to town counsel.

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to adjourn at 8:36 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

