



Town of Dighton

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Warrant

October 27, 2016

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Dighton in the County of Bristol,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dighton qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Dighton Middle School Auditorium on Thursday, the twenty seventh day of October 2016, at 7:00 P.M.; then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To hear reports of the Town Officials and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the amount of \$7,000.00 to be used for assistance for the Fiscal Year 2018 Certification Revaluation of Real Estate and Commercial Property of the town or act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the amount of \$62,500.00 to purchase a wood chipper, model #BC1500, for use by the Highway Department or act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from free cash the sum of \$168,100.00 for the purchase of a new loader for use by the highway department or act thereon.

- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the amount of \$7,500.00 to perform a limited soil investigation at the former landfill located off Hart Street in Dighton or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,585.97 to pay prior year bills or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, an amount of \$45,000.00 to purchase a 21' Boston Whaler boat equipped with a brand new motor and a trailer for use by the Harbormaster and the Harbormaster's assistants or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the amount of \$4,600.00 to additionally fund the Board of Selectmen Administrative Assistant Salary Account #10-0-122-0000-50-5110 in order to increase weekly payroll hours to 40 hours per week or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds the amount of \$3,400.00 to pay for repairs and reconstruction of the holiday train and holiday float, or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$150,000.00 to the "Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund" established to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for retirees' health care and life insurance benefits, or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$34,999.00 to purchase a 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan SE ADA Mobility Van equipped with a power pull to provide transportation for Dighton veterans or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize an expense from available funds in the amount of \$17,288.80 to fund personnel expenses for FY17 for employees covered under the recently settled Dighton Highway Department Employees Union Collective Bargaining Agreement or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$3,000.00 for a public address system or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$125,000.00 to pay renovation costs for the Grange Hall to create office spaces, a town meeting space and bring the building up to code, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the certified balance of Free Cash available in the treasury the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Stabilization Account, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the certified balance of Free Cash available in the treasury the sum of \$ 400,000.00 to the Capital Stabilization Account, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will raise by borrowing and appropriate \$2,677,641.00 to pay additional costs of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new police headquarters and communications center, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which sum shall be expended in addition to the \$2,500,000.00 previously authorized to be borrowed by the Town for this project at the Town Meeting held on June 12, 2012, and excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2 ½ at the Special Town Election held on August 9, 2012 and in addition to the \$770,723.00 previously authorized to be borrowed by the Town for this project at the Town Meeting held on October 30, 2014, and excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2 ½ at the Special Town Election held on January 13, 2015, resulting in a total project appropriation of \$5,948,364.00; and that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract in the name of the Town and do all things necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose; and that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any state or federal grants, gifts, or donations and/or any other sums of money obtained for such purpose; provided, however, that this approval is contingent upon a debt exclusion vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$2,000.00 for the Personnel Expenses Account and \$3,800.00 for the Expenses of the Election Account or act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To act upon any other business that lawfully may be introduced at said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the post offices, at the Town Hall and at the main Fire Station, all in said Dighton, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

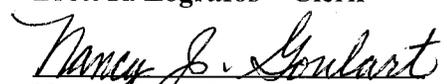
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5th day of October in the year of our Lord the Two Thousand Sixteenth, and of the independence of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the two hundred and fortieth.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Dean V. Cronin - Chairman


Brett R. Zografos - Clerk


Nancy J. Goulart - Member

A true copy
Attest: 
TOWN CLERK

Posted as directed: 
CONSTABLE

Date: 