



Town of Dighton

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Warrant

JUNE 1, 2015

With

Finance Committee Recommendations

REVISED WARRANT (DATED MAY 13, 2015)

With typographical corrections completed Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

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 Monday, the first day of June 2015, 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 appoint all necessary Town Officials and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Capital Outlay Committee.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 3 of Article IV, Town Contracts, of the General By-Laws of the Town of Dighton, adopted by Special Town Meeting, October 28, 2014, authorizing the appointment of a Town Administrator, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To act relative to establishing the salaries of elected Town Officials or act thereon, in accordance with Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Chairman	\$76,077.46
Members (2) Each	\$ 4,973.49
Total	\$ 86,024.44

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman	\$ 9,314.04
Member	\$ 9,314.04
Member	\$ 9,314.04
Total	\$ 27,942.12

TREE WARDEN \$ 238.96

MODERATOR \$ 540.58

TOWN CLERK \$ 72,049.60

TOWN COLLECTOR \$ 37,109.22

TOWN TREASURER \$ 37,109.22

PLANNING BOARD

Chairman	\$ 2,819.76
Members (4) Each	\$1,880.64
Total	\$10,342.32

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Chairman	\$ 3,307.40
Members (2) Each	\$ 2,195.28
Total	\$ 7,697.96

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and/or transfer from available funds the appropriation necessary to defray Town Charges and Assessments as considered by the Finance Committee, or act thereon.

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2016
With typographical corrections completed, May 26, 2015.

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
<i>General Government</i>				
113	TOWN MEETINGS			
	Personnel Expenses	650.00	700.00	700.00
	Expenses	700.00	1200.00	1200.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,350.00	\$1900.00	\$1900.00
114	MODERATOR			
	Personnel Expenses	529.98	540.58	540.58
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$529.98	\$540.58	\$540.58
122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
	Personnel Expenses	95,582.27	75,797.82	75,797.82
	Expenses	87,333.33	69,000.00	69,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$182,915.60	\$144,797.82	\$144,797.82
124	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
	Personnel Expenses	n/a	114,313.94	114,313.94
	Expenses	n/a	7,438.00	7,438.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$121,751.94	\$121,751.94
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	Personnel Expenses	3,628.00	3,701.00	3,701.00
	Expenses	725.00	700.00	700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,353.00	\$4,401.00	\$4,401.00
132	RESERVE FUND			
	Expenses	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
	Personnel Expenses	115,642.54	118,775.00	118,775.00
	Expenses	5,250.00	7,250.00	7,250.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$120,892.54	\$126,025.00	\$126,025.00
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS			
	Personnel Expenses	151,073.88	156,027.46	156,027.46
	Expenses	12,240.00	12,240.00	12,240.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$163,313.88	\$168,267.46	\$168,267.46
145	TOWN TREASURER			
	Personnel Expenses	66,574.16	69,985.19	69,985.19
	Expenses	31,400.00	32,400.00	32,400.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$97,974.16	\$102,385.19	\$102,385.19

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
146	TOWN COLLECTOR			
	Personnel Expenses	68,074.16	71,485.19	71,485.19
	Expenses	19,400.00	19,400.00	19,400.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$87,474.16	\$90,885.19	\$90,885.19
151	TOWN COUNSEL Transfer from Free Cash			
	Expenses	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
155	DATA PROCESSING			
	Expenses	36,427.76	41,727.76	41,727.76
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$36,427.76	\$41,727.76	\$41,727.76
158	TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE			
	Expenses	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
161	TOWN CLERK			
	Personnel Expenses	120,331.08	122,915.56	122,915.56
	Expenses	4,800.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$125,131.08	\$127,115.56	\$127,115.56
162	ELECTIONS			
	Personnel Expenses	9,400.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
	Expenses	17,200.00	14,700.00	14,700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$26,600.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,500.00
163	REGISTRATION			
	Personnel Expenses	600.00	600.00	600.00
	Expenses	3,500.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,100.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
	Expenses	1,100.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,100.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
175	PLANNING BOARD			
	Personnel Expenses	39,021.14	42,950.45	42,950.45
	Expenses	5,744.60	9,244.60	9,244.60
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$44,765.74	\$52,195.05	\$52,195.05
176	BOARD OF APPEALS			
	Personnel Expenses	30,442.34	28,100.30	28,100.30
	Expenses	12,166.00	9,166.00	9,166.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$42,608.34	\$37,266.30	\$37,266.30
---	DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION			
	Expenses			
192	PUBLIC BUILDINGS & PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE			
	Expenses	100,050.00	77,450.00	77,450.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$100,050.00	\$77,450.00	\$77,450.00

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
193	BUILDING INSURANCE			
	Expenses	32,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$32,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
195	TOWN REPORTS			
	Expenses	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Total General Government		\$1,177,586.24	\$1,269,058.85	\$1,269,058.85
 <i>Public Safety</i>				
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Personnel Expenses	\$977,750.95	\$1,059,594.76	1,059,594.76
	Expenses	137,650.00	163,650.00	163,650.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,115,400.95	\$1,223,244.76	\$1,223,244.76
215	COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT			
	Personnel Expenses	250,119.64	255,223.50	255,223.50
	Expenses	20,255.00	20,055.00	20,055.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$270,374.64	\$275,278.50	\$275,278.50
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Personnel Expenses	645,059.35	765,982.00	765,982.00
	Expenses	125,286.00	142,386.00	142,386.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$770,345.35	\$908,368.00	\$908,368.00
231	AMBULANCE SERVICES	Ambulance Fund		
	Personnel Expenses	106,654.85	179,226.58	179,226.58
	Expenses	109,200.00	122,100.00	122,100.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$215,854.85	\$301,326.58	\$301,326.58
241	BUILDING INSPECTION			
	Personnel Expenses	109,909.82	104,005.00	104,005.00
	Expenses	38,230.00	37,430.00	37,430.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$148,139.82	\$141,435.00	\$141,435.00
242	GAS INSPECTION			
	Personnel Expenses	4,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
243	PLUMBING INSPECTION			
	Personnel Expenses	4,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,200.00	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
244	WEIGHTS & MEASURES			
	Personnel Expenses	1,086.52	1,108.25	1,108.25
	Expenses	305.00	345.00	345.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,391.52	\$1,453.25	\$1,453.25
245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTION			
	Personnel Expenses	8,750.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,750.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER			
	Personnel Expenses	15,918.12	16,236.48	16,236.48
	Expenses	9,850.00	8,750.00	8,750.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$25,768.12	\$24,986.48	\$24,986.48
294	FORESTRY			
	Personnel Expenses	414.84	423.14	423.14
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	414.84	423.14	\$423.14
295	HARBORMASTER			
	Personnel Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-
	Expenses	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,550.00	\$ 4,550.00	\$4,550.00
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299	DISASTER COMMITTEE			
	Expenses	1,900.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,900.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Total Public Safety **\$2,571,090.09** **\$2,910,265.71** **\$2,910,265.71**

EDUCATION

300	EDUCATION			
	Expenses 5690 Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District	8,596,433.00	8,997,413.00	8,997,413.00
	Operating	\$8,666,260.00		
	Capital	331,153.00		
	Total Appropriation	\$8,997,413.00		
	Expenses 5691 Bristol County Agricultural Total Appropriation	54,000.00	54,000.00	54,000.00
	Expenses 5692 Bristol-Plymouth Total Appropriation	171,598.00	315,088.00	315,088.00

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
Total Education		\$8,822,031.00	\$9,366,501.00	\$9,366,501.00
Highway				
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE			
	Personnel Expenses	445,254.05	456,302.06	456,302.06
	Expenses	140,300.00	150,500.00	150,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$585,554.05	\$606,802.06	\$606,802.06
423	SNOW & ICE CONTROL			
	Personnel Expenses	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
	Expenses	37,000.00	37,000.00	37,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
429	DIGHTON BERKLEY BRIDGE			
	Expenses	150.00	150.00	150.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Total Highway		\$635,704.05	\$656,952.06	\$656,952.06
Sanitation				
433	WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL			
	Personnel Expenses	10,060.45	5,163.23	5,163.23
	Expenses	431,362.00	439,087.10	439,087.10
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$441,422.45	\$444,250.33	\$444,250.33
Total Sanitation		\$441,422.45	\$444,250.33	\$444,250.33
Other Environmental				
491	CEMETERY			
	Expenses	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
Total Other Environmental		\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
Human Services				
500	BOARD OF HEALTH-REGULATIONS & INSPECTIONS			
	Personnel Expenses	12,955.09	13,174.19	13,174.19
	Expenses	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$24,955.09	\$25,174.19	\$25,174.19

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519	BOARD OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION			
	Personnel Expenses	15,100.00	15,862.52	15,862.52
	Expenses	6,600.00	5,850.00	5,850.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$21,700.00	\$21,712.52	\$21,712.52
541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	Personnel Expenses	91,577.01	93,016.60	93,016.60
	Expenses	16,075.00	16,785.00	16,785.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$107,652.01	\$109,801.60	\$109,801.60
543	VETERANS' SERVICES			
	Personnel Expenses	34,386.85	38,032.32	38,032.32
	Expenses	96,400.00	97,200.00	97,200.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$130,786.85	\$135,232.32	\$135,232.32
Total Human Services		\$285,093.85	\$291,920.63	\$291,920.63
 Culture and Recreation				
610	PUBLIC LIBRARY			
	Personnel Expenses	166,452.00	169,119.00	169,119.00
	Expenses	63,558.00	64,924.00	64,924.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$230,010.00	\$234,043.00	\$234,043.00
630	PARKS & RECREATION			
	Personnel Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-
	Expenses	16,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$16,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
	Expenses	500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
690	TOWN HISTORIAN			
	Expenses	-0-	250.00	250.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$250.00	\$250.00
698	CABLE COMMISSION			
	Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Culture and Recreation		\$246,510.00	\$246,793.00	\$246,793.00

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
<i>Debt Service</i>				
710	MATURING PRINCIPAL ON LONG-TERM DEBT			
	Expenses	10,490.0	10,362.00	10,362.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$10,490.00	\$ 10,362.00 (Title V)	\$10,362.00
751	INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT			
	Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-0-	-0-	-0-
<i>Total Debt Service</i>		\$10,490.00	\$10,362.00	\$10,362.00
<i>Employee Benefits</i>				
911	RETIREMENT & PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS			
	Expenses	600,629.00	667,164.00	667,164.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$600,629.00	\$667,164.00	667,164.00
912	WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE			
	Expenses	20,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
914	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE			
	Expenses	734,995.57	737,966.09	730,966.09
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$734,995.57	\$737,966.09	\$730,966.09
915	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE			
	Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
916	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS			
	Expenses	\$53,000.00	\$55,000.00	55,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$53,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
919	OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)			
	Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	25,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00,	\$25,000.00
920	TUITION			
	Expenses	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,000.00	-0-	-0-
<i>Total Employee Benefits</i>		\$1,435,124.57	\$1,500,630.09	\$1,500,630.09

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
<i>Court Judgments</i>				
941	COURT JUDGMENTS			
	Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION			
<i>Total Court Judgments</i>		-0-	-0-	-0-
<i>Liability Insurance</i>				
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE			
	Expenses	110,837.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$110,837.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
<i>Total Liability Insurance</i>		\$110,837.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
GENERAL FUND TOTALS		\$15,749,389.35	\$16,810,233.67	\$16,810,233.67

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to pay prior year's bills, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following sums to be expended under the direction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners for the maintenance of the Sewer Enterprise:

Direct Costs:

Salaries: \$103,727.81
Expenses: \$210,250.00

Indirect Costs:

Indirect Costs Total \$ 44,188.24

The above appropriations will be funded as follows:

\$290,000.00 through sewer receipts and \$ 68,166.05 transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings totaling \$358,166.05.

\$290,000.00 Sewer Receipts
\$68,166.05 Retained Earnings

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the action of the Annual Town Meeting on June 2, 2014. Article #8, **from:** “to appropriate from available funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the purpose of expending funds for capital improvements of local roads under the ‘Transportation Bond Issue’ \$287,952.00.” **to:** “to appropriate from available funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the purpose of expending funds for capital improvements of local roads under the ‘Transportation Bond Issue’ \$431,929.00,” or act thereon.

\$431,929.00 Transportation Bond Issue Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the purpose of expending funds for capital improvements of local roads under the "Transportation Bond Issue" \$285,110.00, or act thereon.

\$285,110.00 Transportation Bond Issue Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all fees collected by the Dighton Public Library for copying, faxing and printing services; said fees to be expended from said revolving account by the Trustees of the Public Library for purchase of printing/copying supplies, or take any action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$5,000.00.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all overdue fines and monies collected by the Dighton Public Library for overdue, lost, and/or damaged materials; said monies to be expended from said revolving account by the Trustees of the Public Library for the replacement of library materials, library programs or take any action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$8,000.00.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve \$25,000.00 for the preparation of a Feasibility Study/Design Study and cost estimates for updates to the Dighton Public Library. Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Commission.

Community Preservation
\$25,000.00 Historic Resources Reserve Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2016 Highway program under Chapter 90, and the Town road improvement program, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used items returned to them, by sale to highest bidder, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all fees, gifts, and donations received by the Dighton Council on Aging for services rendered by “PRIME TIME” (Adult Day Supportive Care). Said fees to be expended from said revolving account by the Council on Aging Board for the purpose of running the program, or take any action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$139,419.00.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$52,636.27 as the seventh (7th) year payment on the Rescue Pumper of a ten (10) year lease program, or act thereon.

\$52,636.27 Transfer from Ambulance Fund Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$52,089.61 as the fourth (4th) year payment on the Ambulance of a five (5) year lease program, or act thereon.

\$52,089.61 Transfer from Ambulance Fund Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$28,000.00 to repair and rebuild the pumps in Engine 1 and Engine 2, or act thereon.

\$28,000.00 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the action of the Special Town Meeting of October 28, 2014, by adding to the language of the vote, under ARTICLE 23 of the warrant for said meeting, the following words: “and include building repairs caused by the runoff from the old roof”, or act thereon.

[Expand Spending Scope] Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to approve the hire of three additional full time fire personnel, or act there on.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to approve the hire of two additional full time police personnel or act there on.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will approve the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of a member of the Board of Selectmen as a 911 Emergency Communications Dispatcher/Signal Operator in accordance with the provisions of Section 21A, Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will approve the appointment by the Planning Board of a member of the Planning Board as the board’s Administrative Assistant, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21A, Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund collected by the Dighton Planning Board into which shall be paid all money collected through the sale of subdivision rules and regulations, zoning by-law booklets and zoning maps. In addition, all fees submitted to the Planning Board accompanied with Form A Plans,

Preliminary Plans, and Definitive Plans established in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Town of Dighton Subdivision Rules & Regulations; said monies to be expended from said revolving fund by the Dighton Planning Board for the advertising and certified mailings of Public Hearing notices for proposed subdivisions, engineer's fees, attorney's fees, amendment changes, zoning changes, master plan, long and short term planning purposes and related research, with a cap of \$30,000, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To hear a report by the Planning Board relative to the 2015 adoption of a New Master Plan, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Dighton zoning by-law, by amending the "Town of Dighton Zoning Map 1978" with an amendment entitled "Town of Dighton, Massachusetts, 2015 Official Zoning Map," effective date June 1, 2015, last revised October 29, 2013, and which adds the areas noted thereon as "Mixed Use Overlay District," all as reflected in said plan amendment on file in the Town of Dighton Town Clerk's Office, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Dighton Zoning Bylaw by adding the following new section 4900:

A. Add the following language:

4900 MIXED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT

4910 Purpose:

The purposes of the Mixed Use Overlay District is to encourage redevelopment, full use of existing structures and infill development in the Business and Residential areas area in a manner that promotes compact building form, protects and enhances the value of land and buildings and provides for a variety of business and residential uses. The Mixed Use Overlay District seeks to encourage interaction among activities located within the area, to enhance business vitality, promote efficient use of land and building area, reduce vehicular traffic, ensure the compatibility with each other of the commercial and residential uses, ensure that the appearance and effects of buildings and uses are harmonious with both the existing business or residential character of the area in which they are located:

4920. Authority.

The Mixed Use Overlay District is adopted pursuant to authority provided by G.L. c. 40A and the Home Rule amendment, Article 89 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

4930 Establishment of Overlay District.

The Mixed Use Overlay District is herein established as an Overlay District as shown on the revised Zoning Map dated June 1, 2015. All rules of the underlying district(s) shall remain in full force and effect, except where the requirements of the MIXED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT are more stringent, in which case the requirements of this overlay district shall supersede those of the underlying district.

4940. Use Regulations

The Mixed Use Overlay District is an overlay district superimposed over the underlying business and residential districts set forth in this Zoning by-law. Within the Mixed Use Overlay District, the requirements of the underlying business or residential districts continue to apply, except when the following uses are proposed then the following provisions shall apply:

- 4941 Uses Preferred As-of-Right Uses in the Mixed Use Overlay District:** The following uses are preferred and may be developed as-of-right, subject to the development standards herein.
- a. Any principal uses allowed by-right in the underlying Business or Residential district as shown in Appendix A.

- 4942 Uses allowed by Special Permit in the Mixed Use Overlay District:** The following uses may be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board, which shall be the special permit granting authority (SPGA) in the Mixed Use Overlay District:
- a. Structures which are single floor, the addition of residential unit(s) where the proposed residential unit(s) is located in the rear of the structure the front of which is facing the street and which includes a use(s) allowed as of right or by a special permit in the Business District and which residential use includes no more than fifty (50%) percent of the entire structure.
 - b. Structures which are more than a single floor, the addition of residential unit(s) where the proposed residential unit(s) are located on the second floor.

- 4943 Prohibited Uses.**
- a. No residential use shall be permitted in the front of the first floor which faces the street, of any structure at any time.
 - b. Any uses not specifically listed under Subsections A and B above shall be prohibited.

4950 Dimensional Regulations.
The Dimensional Regulations of the underlying Business or Residential district shall continue to apply See Appendix B Table of Dimensional Regulations.

4960 Parking Regulations.
The Parking Regulations of the underlying Business or Residential district shall continue to apply and in addition the Parking Regulations equivalent to the proposed residential use as set forth in section 3120 shall apply. For example: if one residential unit is proposed then the required parking for a single family home shall apply in addition to the required business parking. If three or more residential units are proposed then the parking requirements for a multi-family dwelling shall apply in addition to the required business parking. The Planning Board shall be permitted to waive this requirement if, in their sole discretion, they determine that the parking which is proposed will meet the intent and purpose of this ordinance and that public safety will be served.

4970 Procedures.
4971. Special Permit. The Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) shall be the Planning Board. The SPGA shall follow the procedural requirements for special permits as set forth in Section 9 of M.G.L. Chapter 40A and section 5300 herein. After notice and public hearing and after due

consideration of the reports and recommendations, if any, of other town boards, commissions and/or departments, the SPGA may grant such a permit in accordance with the standards set forth herein and section 5300.

4972. Site Plan Review. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all Applications hereunder shall be subject to and apply for Site Plan Review as set forth in Section 5400 herein.

4973. Additional Conditions. The SPGA shall also impose, in addition to any applicable conditions specified in this section, such conditions as the SPGA finds reasonably appropriate to improve the site design as based on traffic flow, safety and or otherwise serve the purpose of this section. Such conditions shall be imposed in writing and the applicant may be required to post a bond or other surety for compliance with said conditions in an amount satisfactory to the SPGA.

4974. Regulations. The SPGA may adopt and from time to time amend reasonable regulations for the administration of this Bylaw. The Regulations shall contain detailed requirements governing applications for review, which shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- a) the content of plans;
- b) the designation of proposed building locations;
- c) location and design characteristics of proposed roads, driveways, and parking area;
- d) existing and proposed site grades;
- e) identification of wetlands affected by or adjoining the proposed project;
- f) utility service to the proposed project and drainage plans and calculations
- g) traffic studies relating to the proposed project; and,
- h) screening plans for the proposed project.

4980. Performance and Development Standards

Special Permits hereunder shall be granted by the special permit granting authority, unless otherwise specified herein, only upon written determination that the benefit to the town and neighborhood outweigh the adverse effects of the proposed use, taking into account the characteristics of the site of the proposal in relation to that site. In addition to the specific factors set forth below, the determination shall include consideration of each of the criteria as set forth in section 5320 herein.

4981. Enhancement and improvement of existing properties and/or structures relative to access and traffic impacts.

4982. Impacts on the neighborhood character insofar as special consideration shall be given to reuse of existing buildings over new construction and new construction which design is consistent with typical New England character and consistent with the neighborhood and community at large.

4983. Adequacy of loading/unloading areas, walkways with consideration to the safety of the added residential use.

4984. Impacts on the neighborhood character caused by the added use and the resulting appearance and architectural design of the structure.

4985. Compliance with the Town of Dighton Stormwater by-law, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Stormwater Policy and Environmental Protection Agency NPDES requirements, as applicable.

B. Add to Section 2100. DISTRICTS, Subsection 2110. Establishment:

Add "Mixed Use Overlay District" after:

"Flood Hazard Overlay District
Water Resources Protection District".

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Dighton zoning by-law, by amending the "Town of Dighton Zoning Map, 1978" with an amendment entitled "Town of Dighton, Massachusetts, 2015, Official Zoning Map", effective date June 1, 2015, last revised October 29, 2013, and which adds the areas noted thereon as the widened business zones on Winthrop Street (MA Route 44), Cedar Street, and Somerset Avenue (MA Route 138), all as reflected in said plan amendment on file with the Dighton Town Clerk's Office, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, the roadway known as Lilia Lane, shown on a recorded plan of land, prepared for McCarron Development Corporation, dated April 20, 2006, at a scale of 1" = 40', prepared by Cullen Engineering, recorded in plan book 451, page 15, with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, such acceptance being subject to conveyance in fee of said way by the owner or owners at no cost to the town, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Dighton's Zoning by laws as follows:
Amend Section 4200 Flood Hazard Overlay District

From

4220, Location the FHOD is delineated on the Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Administration of the National Flood Insurance Program, and includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Dighton designated as Zone A, AE and VE. The map panels of the Bristol County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Dighton are panel numbers 25005C0139F, 25005C0143F, 25005C227F, 25005C0229F 25005C0231F, 25005C0232F, 25005C0241F, 25005C0251F dated July 7, 2009; and 25005C234G, 25005C0242G, 25005253G and 25005C0261G date July 16, 2014. The precise boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the flood profiles contained in the Bristol County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 16, 2014.

To

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Amend Section 4221

From

Section 4221

4221. The floodway boundaries are delineated on the map panels that are wholly or partially within the Town of Dighton, listed in Section 4220, dated July 16, 2014 and further defined by the Floodway Data Tables contained in the Bristol County Flood Insurance Study.

To

Section 4221. The floodway boundaries are delineated on the map panels that are wholly or partially within the Town of Dighton, listed in Section 4220, dated July 7, 2009, July 16, 2014 and July 16, 2015 and further defined by the Floodway Data Tables contained in the Bristol County Flood Insurance Study, dated July 16, 2015.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$17,500.00 to perform an audit for FY15, or act thereon.

\$17,500.00 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to sell at public auction, and further allow the Board of Selectmen to sell through the sealed bid process according to MGL Ch. 30B, Section 16, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2015 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one

year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2016, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative expenses \$5,000.00

Reserves:

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve: \$11,000.00

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve: \$11,000.00

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve: \$11,000.00

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve: \$64,000.00

or take any other action thereon.

	<i>Community</i>	
\$102,000.00	<i>Preservation Fund</i>	<i>Recommended by Finance Committee</i>

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$58,000.00 from the Community Preservation FY2016 Budgeted Reserve to additionally fund the rehabilitation of the Dighton Parks and Recreation Tennis/Basketball facility located at 1551 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, MA, commenced in FY 2015 with funds appropriated by the Annual Town Meeting of June 2, 2014, including the removal of existing surface, replacing the existing subsurface, paving and sealing a new surface, replacing defective wiring and lighting fixtures, removing old and replacing with new perimeter fencing and permanent affixed tennis and basketball accessories; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Dighton Parks and Recreation Commission and the Dighton Community Preservation Committee, or act thereon.

	<i>Community Preservation</i>	
\$58,000.00	<i>Budgeted Reserve</i>	<i>Recommended by Finance Committee</i>

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to grant to the Board of Selectmen the authority to obtain whatever parcels or easements as necessary, to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with highway maintenance or road or bridge reconstruction projects, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to approve a provision for the Recall of Elected Officials. The specifics of this provision are attached to this petition in two pages.

Recall of Elected Officials

- Section 1: Any holder of elective office in the Town of Dighton may be recalled and removed therefrom by qualified voters of the Town as herein provided.
- Section 2: Twenty Five (25) registered voters of the Town may file with the Town Clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer sought to be recalled and a statement of the grounds for recall. Once the names that appear on the affidavit are certified by the Board of Registrars of Voters, the Town Clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voter first named on such affidavit a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks demanding such recall. The Petition blanks shall be issued by the Town Clerk with the Town Clerk's signature and official seal of the Town attached thereto. They shall be dated and addressed to the Board of Selectmen, and shall contain the name of the person to whom they are issued, the number of petition blanks so issued, the name of the person whose recall is sought, the grounds for recall as stated in the affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. The affidavit shall be kept with the Town records in the office of the Town Clerk.
- Section 3: The recall petition shall bear the signatures and residential addresses of at least fifteen percent of registered voters of each precinct eligible to vote in the most recent Town Election. The recall petition shall be returned to the Town Clerk within twenty (20) working days after the Clerk issues the petition. The petitions containing the signatures requesting a recall election need not all be submitted at the same time. A copy of each petition shall be maintained with the records of the subject recall election.
- Section 4: The Town Clerk shall within one working day of receipt submit the petition to the Registrars of Voters in the Town, and the Registrars shall within seven working days certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of registered eligible voters.
- Section 5: If the Town Clerk determines that the certified petitions meet the requirements as described in the previous sections, he/she shall give notice without delay, in writing, by certified mail to the elected officer whose recall is sought by sending to said officer a copy of the affidavit and the recall petition form together with notice of the number of qualified voters certified by the Town Clerk who signed the recall petition forms and the total number of qualified voters in the Town as of the most recent town election.

If the officer to whom notice is directed by the Town Clerk does not resign the office within five days following receipt of the aforesaid notice from the Town Clerk, the Town Clerk shall give notice in writing to the Board of Selectman not later than two (2) work days following the expiration of the foregoing five days. The Board of Selectman shall order a special election to be held not more than ninety days after receipt of the notice from the Town Clerk as aforesaid, and not less than sixty-four days from the date of the order. If, however, any town election is to be held within one-hundred days of receipt by the Board of Selectman of notice from the Town Clerk, the recall election shall be

postponed and shall be held at such time in conjunction with such other election. If a vacancy occurs in the office for any reason after a recall election has been ordered by the Board of Selectman, the recall election shall nevertheless proceed as provided herein.

Section 6: An officer whose recall is sought may be a candidate to succeed himself/herself and, unless he/she requests otherwise in writing to the Town Clerk, said Town Clerk shall place his/her name on the official ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidate, publication of the warrant for the recall election and conduct of same, shall be in accordance with the provisions of law of the Commonwealth relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this act.

Section 7: The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of the office until the recall election. If then re-elected he/she shall continue in office for the remainder of his/her unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in section nine. If not re-elected in the recall election, he/she shall be deemed removed upon qualification of his/her successor who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within seven days after receiving notification of his/her election, the incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed and the office vacant.

Section 8: Ballots used in a recall election shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated:

For the recall of (name of officer)
Against the recall of (name of officer)

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter, by making a cross mark (x), may vote either of the said propositions. Under the propositions shall appear the word "Candidates", the directions to voters required by section forty-two of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided. If the majority of the votes cast upon the question of recall is in the affirmative, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If a majority of votes on the question is in the negative the ballots for candidates shall not be counted.

Section 9: No recall shall be filed against an officer of the Town until at least six months after he/she takes office, nor in the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six months after the recall election.

Section 10: No person who has been recalled from an office in said Town, or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against him/her, shall be appointed to any Town office within two years after such removal by recall or resignation.

Section 11: This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$7,500.00 to repair an existing recycle container and for the purchase of a new recycle container under the Massachusetts State Contract for Recycling Containers, for the Transfer Station, or act thereon.

Repair Existing Container \$2,000.00
Purchase New Container 5,500.00

\$7,500.00 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept a certain parcel or tract of land, situated in Dighton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, granted to the Town of Dighton, a municipal corporation, acting by and through its Conservation Commission, having its principal place of business at 979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, said certain parcel or tract of land described as follows, “Off the westerly side of Somerset Avenue, being shown as ‘PARCEL A’ on a plan of land entitled, ‘Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land of Knotty Pine Estates in Dighton, Massachusetts’, prepared for Hawthorne Development, Inc., Date: November 14, 2011, Scale 1”=150’, prepared by SITEC, Inc. Said Plan is recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 490, Pages 60-62. This parcel is dedicated to the public for the sole purpose of conservation of natural resources, including but not limited to, the conservation of species listed pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131A et seq. which shall be considered the most important conservation purpose for which this land is to be protected in perpetuity and held under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 408C. This parcel of land is being dedicated to meet a long term Net Benefit pursuant to 321 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 10.23 with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Town of Dighton as benefitted parties,” or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the town will vote to enact Article XXXIV of the Town of Dighton General Bylaws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) The Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury \$24,000.00 for new telephone and security systems for the town office building or act thereon.

\$24,000.00 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury \$78,000.00 to additionally fund replacement of the roof of the Highway Department Salt Shed, or act thereon.

\$78,000.00 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to adopt as Section 15, Article VII, Use of Ways, of the General By-laws of the Town of Dighton, the following by-law requiring the plowing of snow on inhabited privately owned streets:

“Section 15. The board of selectmen shall cause the chief of the fire department and the highway superintendent to investigate any complaint of two or more inhabitants of any privately owned way that their road is impassable due to snow, and if upon determining that such road is inaccessible to emergency response vehicles or apparatus, or to school busses, or affords no safe location for standing children awaiting their school bus, the chief of the fire department or the highway superintendent fail to secure the reasonably immediate cooperation of the owner or owners of said way to alleviate the impassability, the highway superintendent shall initiate removal of the snow from such street, at the expense of the owner or owners thereof. The board of selectmen may pursue issuance of the necessary civil process, enforceable by contempt of court, to compel the owner of a private way to undertake necessary snow removal in support of public safety, after the second instance of invocation of this by-law. Nothing in this section shall preclude the town permitting authorities from taking their own actions against violations of orders of conditions requiring developers of roads to remove snow therefrom.”

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Brownstone Realty Group, LLC., a donation of salvageable items from the demolished Bowen House formerly at 487 Main Street, with the stipulation, contained in the donor’s letter of December 4, 2014, that such items be utilized by the Historical Commission and/or Town Historian (1) in conjunction with any needs of the Dighton Historical Society free of charge, or (2) any and all items not so used be sold, with any profits to be kept in a separate account for use in future preservation activities by the Dighton Historical Commission and/or the Town Historian, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to substitute for Article XXIX of the General By-laws, entitled “Domestic Animal Enforcement”, the following Article, conforming to amendments, effective October 31, 2012, to sections 136A to 174E of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws,

ARTICLE XXIX
Domestic Animals

- Section 1. The hearing authority for dog, kennel, and domestic animal cases arising in the Town of Dighton under Sections 136A thru 174 E, inclusive, of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, shall be the board of selectmen.
- Section 2. If investigation by the animal control or any other law enforcement officer confirms a complaint that a dog or other domestic animal is of a vicious nature or disposition, and/or habitually chases and/or attacks motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, or others without provocation, the investigating officer may order the owner or keeper of said animal to restrain the animal from running at large outside of the premises of its owner or keeper, for a period of not more than sixty (60) days, by issuance, in hand or by certified mail, return receipt requested, of a citation containing the order. A copy of each such citation shall be filed with, and shall constitute a written complaint to be acted upon by, the hearing authority, in accordance with the provisions of Section 157 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws; and if while hearing authority action is pending the subject animal is found running at large in violation of the restraint ordered in the citation, the owner or keeper of such animal, as appropriate, will be cited and fined in accordance with Section 173A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws.
- Section 3. Whoever, being the owner or keeper of a dog within the town, fails to remove and dispose of, at a place suitable and regularly reserved for the disposal of human feces, any feces left behind by such dog on any sidewalk, street, park, or other public area, or on any private property which is not owned or occupied by such person; or, whoever, being the operator of a motor vehicle that strikes and injures or kills a dog or cat, fails to report the incident to the owner or keeper of such dog or cat or to a police officer of the Town; or, whoever, being bitten by any animal, domestic or wild, or being the owner or keeper of any domestic animal known to have bitten any person, willfully fails to report such biting to the board of health, shall be cited and fined in accordance with Section 173A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws.
- Section 4. Dog license and kennel license fees shall be established by a town meeting vote in accordance with the provisions of Section 139, Chapter 140 of the General Laws. No fee shall be charged for a license for a service dog as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or regulations promulgated thereunder, or for a dog especially trained to lead or serve a blind person, provided that the Division of the Blind certifies that such a dog is so trained and is actually in the service of a blind person, or for a dog owned by a person aged 70 years or over. No license fee or part thereof shall be refunded because of the subsequent death, loss, spaying or removal from the Commonwealth, or other disposal of the dog. No dog shall be licensed unless a valid rabies vaccination certificate is presented to the Town Clerk at the time of licensing.
- Section 5. All kennels shall be subject to inspection by the animal control officer prior to annual licensing, and to other inspections by the animal control officer, the chief of police, a designee of either, or the board of selectmen,

as provided by Section 137C of Chapter 140 of the General Laws. Each kennel license issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 137A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws shall specify type of kennel for which it is issued, as defined by Section 136A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, “commercial boarding or training kennel”, “commercial breeder kennel”, “domestic charitable corporation kennel”, “personal kennel”, “research institution”, or “veterinary kennel”, and each kennel operation shall conform to the terms of its license. Upon certification in writing by the animal control officer that a kennel has passed his or her inspection, the Town Clerk shall issue a license therefor, but no kennel license fee shall be charged to a domestic charitable corporation incorporated exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect, or abuse, or for the relief of suffering, in accordance with the provisions of Section 137A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws.

Section 6. All Town of Dighton General By-laws relative to domestic animals, except provisions of Article VII, Use of Ways, adopted prior to June 1, 2015, the date of acceptance by the Town of this General By-law, are hereby repealed. The General By-law “Domestic Animals” adopted by the Annual Town Meeting on June 1, 2015, supersedes, annuls, and replaces the former text of Article XXIX of the General By-laws of the Town of Dighton.

or act thereon.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will amend Article XV of the General By-Laws of the Town of Dighton, “Parking Regulations”, Section 3., “Prohibited Parking”, by striking therefrom “D. Pearl Street”, and adding to Section 3., the following sentence:

“Except in spaces on the east side of Pearl Street immediate to the west front of St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, designated by a yellow painted curb, which the Chief of Police shall have authorized to be reserved during masses for parishioner parking by conspicuous placing of temporary “Church Parking Only” sign/safety cones, no person shall park a vehicle on Pearl Street between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. There shall be no parking anywhere on Pearl Street if a parking ban is imposed for snow removal or any other public safety emergency”, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XIX of the General By-Laws of the Town of Dighton, “Capital Outlay Committee”, by striking from Section 6 thereof the word “March” and substituting therefor the word “June”, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 49. 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, seven 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 13th day of May in the year of our Lord theTwo Thousand Fifteenth, and of the independence of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the two hundred and fortieth.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

/s/ Dean V. Cronin, Chairman

/s/ Matthew W. Tanis

/s/ Patrick W. Menges

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edward Swartz, Chairman

Nancy Goulart, Clerk

Bridget Connors

William Copeland

Kevin Perry

Robert Rendon

Peter Roache

A true copy

Attest: Susana Medeiros
TOWN CLERK

Posted as directed: Susana Medeiros
CONSTABLE

Date: May 14, 2015

