



Town of Dighton

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Warrant

September 21, 2015

With

Finance Committee Recommendations

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 21st day of September 2015, at 7:00 P.M.; then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To hear a report of the Town Meeting Communications Committee.

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of the Town Officials and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury the amount of \$8,000.00 to additionally fund the Medicare Contributions Account #010-0-916-0000-70-5176 or act thereon.

	Selectmen suggest	<i>Raise & Appropriate Recommended</i>
\$8,000.00	Transfer from Free Cash	by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury the amount of \$200.00 to additionally fund the Life Insurance Contributions Account # 010-0-915-0000-70-5175 or act thereon.

	Selectmen suggest	<i>Raise & Appropriate Recommended</i>
\$200.00	Transfer from Free Cash	by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash

in the Treasury \$42,000.00 for the purchase of a 2016 Ford Super Duty F-350 truck with snowplow and all necessary attachments to be used for the Street Department or act thereon.

\$42,000.00 **Selectmen suggest** **Raise & Appropriate Recommended**
Transfer from Free Cash **by Finance Committee**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$400,000.00 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.

\$400,000.00 **Transfer from Free Cash** **\$275,000 Recommended by Finance**
Committee

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$180,000.00 for remediation and renovation of the former North Grammar School, now Van Gyzen Hall, at 495 School Street, for code compliant general public use, or act thereon.

\$180,000.00 **Transfer from Free Cash** **Finance Committee**
Recommends Tabling

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$7,736.00 additional to the sums appropriated by the annual town meeting on Monday, June 2, 2015, to additionally fund fiscal year 2016 energy accounts of the following town government departments, or act thereon.

010-0-192-0000-70-5210	Town Office Building	\$3,500.00
010-0-192-0000-70-5212	Pavilion	\$36.00
010-0-192-0000-70-5214	Floodlights	\$1,550.00
010-0-192-0000-70-5216	Veterans' Hall	\$7,736.00

\$7,736.00 **Raise and Appropriate** **Recommended by Finance Committee**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$2,000.00 additional to the sum appropriated by the annual town meeting on Monday, June 2, 2015, to additionally fund fiscal year 2016 Perc Agent Account, No. 010-0-510-0000-50-5107, or act thereon.

\$2,000.00 **Raise and Appropriate** **Recommended by Finance Committee**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$500.00 additional to the sum appropriated by the annual town meeting on Monday, June 2, 2015, to additionally fund the fiscal year 2016 Town Nurse Account, No. 010-0-519-0000-50-5106, or act thereon.

\$500.00 **Raise and Appropriate** **Recommended by Finance Committee**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$150.00 additional to the sum appropriated by the annual town meeting on Monday, June 2, 2015, to additionally fund fiscal year 2016 Board of Health Clerk Account, No. 010-0-519-0000-50-5115, or act thereon.

\$150.00 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$1,500 for the Personnel Expenses and \$2,500.00 for the Expenses of the Fiscal Year 2016 Election Account, or act thereon.

\$4,000.00 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$45,000.00 to provide a Dighton Police School Resource Officer for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, for the remainder of fiscal year 2016, expenditure to be reimbursed by the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, or act thereon.

\$45,000.00 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$558.95 in addition to the sum appropriated by the annual town meeting on Monday, June 2 2015, to additionally fund fiscal year 2016 board of selectmen's administrative assistant overtime/additional hours account # 010-0-122-0000-50-5131, or act thereon.

\$558.95 Raise and Appropriate Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury \$175,000 for the purchase of approximately 1.6 acres of real estate contiguous to the site of the Dighton Elementary school and Dighton Middle School, or act thereon.

***\$175,000.00 Transfer from Free Cash Await Finance Committee
Recommendation***

ARTICLE XXXIV
Town of Dighton Historic Stone Wall Protection
Ordinance

Purpose.

The intent of this Ordinance is to protect the historic stone walls located in Dighton since they are a cultural resource and help preserve the rural character of the Town. This Ordinance will establish guidelines for the identification of historic stone walls and provide for the protection and preservation of the Town's historic stone walls. The protection and preservation of the Town's historic stone walls is in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare.

Definition.

For the purposes of the Ordinance, an "Historic Stone Wall" is a vertical structure of aligned natural stone built before 1900, normally constructed to designate a property boundary or to separate agricultural activities within a farmstead. Further classification of historic stone walls will follow the guidelines set forth in Exploring Stone Walls by R.M. Thornton (Walker & Co., New York 2005), as the same may be revised from time to time.

General Provisions.

- a) The alteration, relocation or demolition of a historic stone wall or any portion thereof which is located in Dighton shall require prior written approval of the Building Official, obtained by submission of a specific plan containing details of the location, project, and reconstruction plan. The plan must show due regard for the historic value of the stone wall and repair methods compliant with these guidelines. A contingency repair bond may be required by the Building Official.
- b) The alteration, relocation or demolition of an historic stone wall as part of any subdivision project must also be approved by the Planning Board.
- c) The replacement of an historic stone wall at its original location shall be with the same materials and the same construction method as the original wall, using as many original stones as possible.
- d) Cuts for driveways, roads, utility easements or fire lanes shall be of the minimum necessary length, and ends of the walls must be restored.
- e) Historic stone walls in disrepair or neglected condition shall not be removed from their present location, but must be repaired or left as is. Any in situ reconstruction shall match that of the original wall, i.e., drywall or hidden cement.
- f) New stone walls must closely approximate the appearance of the adjoining historic stone wall with respect to coursing, native field stone, joint width and distribution of stones by size.

Penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$500. Each day any violation of this Ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Severability.

If any one of more sections of this ordinance shall for any reason be adjudged unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions.

Relationship to Other Ordinances.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to restrict, amend, repeal, or otherwise limit the application or enforcement of the Dighton Zoning Ordinance.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER PASSAGE.
Or act thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from certified free cash in the Treasury the amount of \$57,000.00 to offer online permitting and to electronically archive and organize all correspondence and permits within the Building Department and to make those documents in part available online, or act thereon.

*\$57,000.00 Transfer from Free Cash Await Finance Committee
Recommendation*

ARTICLE 24. To act upon any other business that lawfully may be introduced as 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 August in the year of our Lord the Two 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/ 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:

TOWN CLERK

Posted as directed:

CONSTABLE

Date: