



**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person at  
Old Town Hall, 1111 Somerset Avenue

Zoom Meeting Information

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89724489213?pwd=a2wrclpJYnZYV3NiUHhY1STgxUmF4dz09>

Meeting ID: 897 2448 9213

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- 1) Public Input may be provided using the following methods:
- a) Contact our office at [boardofselectmen@dighton-ma.gov](mailto:boardofselectmen@dighton-ma.gov) to provide input prior to the meeting.
  - b) Via Zoom/Call in by Phone: See Information Above
- 2) Continued Play on Dighton Channel 9 and on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/townofdighton](http://www.youtube.com/townofdighton)

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**REVISED – ORIGINAL POSTED ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 AT 3:55 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Executive Session

**Under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2)**

To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel

- a. Town Administrator
- b. Library Director

**Under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3)**

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- a. Dighton Town Clerical Union

4. Return to Open Session – 7:00 PM
5. Moment of Silence: Edmund Braga

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Time: 9:50 AM  
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6. **Scheduled Appointments:**

7:00 pm: Officer James Duddy

- Certificate of Recognition Upon Retirement

7:05 pm: Oakie the Comfort Dog and Handler, Student Resource Officer Stephen Hathaway

- Certificate of Recognition

7:10 pm: Reserve Police Officer Kenneth R. Almeida

- Review/Discuss/Act: Request to Appoint Kenneth R. Almeida as Full-Time Police Officer

7:15 pm: William Moore, Board of Assessors

- Senior Tax Abatement Discussion

7:20 pm: Kevin Smith Jr., Community Preservation Committee

- Community Preservation Committee Update

7:25 pm: Tom Ferry, Highway Superintendent

- Review/Discuss/Act: Request to Appoint Nicolas Reynolds as Highway Foreman Assistant
- Review/Discuss/Act: Resignation of Jonathan Lawrence as Transfer Station Attendant and Solid Waste Committee Chairman

7:30 pm: Library Board of Trustees

- Contract of Employment – Library Director, Jocelyn Tavares

7. **Announcements**

- Please note that the town-wide Parking Ban is still in effect through April 1, 2023. **No person shall park a motor vehicle on any street between the hours of 12 Midnight and 6 a.m., on any street.**
- The Town of Dighton Food Bank distribution will be held next on March 18, 2023 located at the Town Hall, 979 Somerset Avenue, (Lower Level).
- The Friends of the Dighton Library will be holding their annual ‘Meet the Candidates’ night for candidates running in the upcoming Annual Town Election. This event will take place on Monday, March 27, 2023, 7:00 PM at Dighton Middle School.
- The Dighton Historical Society is sponsoring a program called ‘Believe in Forever’ with Mary Catherine Volk on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Old Town Hall (1111 Somerset Avenue) at 2:00 PM.
- Absentee ballot applications are available for the Saturday, April 08, 2023 Annual Town Election. Absentee ballots are available in-person at the Town Clerk’s Office, on the Secretary of State’s Website and the Town of Dighton Website. Use the search bar and type “Absentee Voter Application”
- The Board of Selectmen is seeking applications from Dighton residents interested in filling the position of ‘Sewer Commissioner’ for the rest of the current term through April of 2025. Residents are encouraged to apply through the Town Website by Thursday, March 23, 2023.

8. **Selectmen’s Reports:**

- a. Leonard Hull, Chairman
- b. Peter Caron, Clerk – Solid Waste Committee
- c. Kenneth Pacheco, Member – Commission on Disability

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9. **Town Administrator Report:**

10. **Old Business:**

11. **New Business:**

- a. Review/Discuss/Act: Open Warrant for Annual Town Meeting
- b. Review/Discuss/Act: Proposed Annual Town Meeting Warrant Timeline
- c. Review/Discuss/Act: Contract of Employment Town Administrator, Michael Mullen
- d. Review/Discuss/Act: Memorandums of Understanding with Clerical, Library and COA Union
- e. Review/Discuss/Act: Donation of \$3,360 to the Affordable Housing Fund
- f. Review/Discuss/Act: Junk Dealers Licensing Fees
- g. Review/Discuss/Act: SERSG (Southeastern Regional Services Group) DPW Services Awards for 3/1/23 2/29/24
- h. Review/Discuss/Act: Annual FP2 Permit Renewal
  - Taunton Yacht Club, 2125 Water Street, Dighton, MA
- i. Review/Discuss/Act: Highway Department Surplus Equipment for Disposal
  - Wildgame Camera -Serial #0661-0661-044829 Manufacture Date: 6/8/11
  - Wildgame Camera -Serial #0661-0611-043209 Manufacture Date: 6/8/11
  - Wildgame Camera -Serial #0256-0811-090149 Manufacture Date: 9 /07
  - Wildgame Camera -Serial #0256-0811-090196 Manufacture Date: 9 /07
  - Wildgame Camera -Serial #0256-0811-091570 Manufacture Date: 9 /09

12. **Public Input**

13. **Approval of Warrants:**

- a. Warrants dated March 1, 2023
- b. Warrants dated March 8, 2023

14. **Acknowledgements:**

15. **Correspondence:**

16. **Minutes:**

- a. Approval of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2023
- b. Approval of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2023

17. **Executive Session**

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- a. Fire Chief

**Under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7)**

7. To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.

Executive Session Minutes:

Approval of the Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2023

Approval of the Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2023

**18. Adjourn**

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