



## *A Message from your Town Administrator*

*May 2018*

It has been a busy May! We are working diligently on preparing for Annual Town Meeting, which will be held at the Dighton Middle School on June 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The Special Town Meeting held before the Annual will start at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there! There are a handful of bylaw amendments and additions set to come before the Town for a vote, in addition to a few spending articles and of course the FY19 Budget. The Warrants are posted online for your review and will also be mailed to each household. Please bring your copy to Town Meeting to help us save on paper. You must be a registered voter to vote at Town Meeting.

Also in June, the Town will hold a Special Election to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Selectmen. The election will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at Dighton Elementary School. The Friends of the Library are hosting a Candidates Night on Monday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Dighton Middle School.

Fire Chief Chris Maguy has appointed three new members to his Department. Ms. Sarah Mattson and Mr. Joshua Jorge were appointed as call Paramedics. Mr. Michael Medeiros was appointed as a call Firefighter. We welcome these three qualified individuals to Dighton and look forward to working with them. The Board of Selectmen also appointed members to two newly established committees: the Policy Review Board and the TIF Review Board. The first is aimed at collaborating with the various unions in town to establish and revamp employment policies. The second is designed to advise and recommend to the Board of Selectmen on establishing tax increment financing incentives with potential businesses as a way to develop the local economy.

During the month of May, myself and Library Director Jocelyn Tavares hosted State Representative Patricia Haddad at the Library as we call upon her for assistance. As you may be aware, the Library is in dire need of upgrading not only to maintain level of services mandatory for accreditation, but also structurally so that it can comply with current building codes. There have been substantive efforts by the Trustees to obtain a building grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a renovation project to accomplish these things. The project has been accepted by the MBLC and is currently in the queue for funding. We are calling upon Rep. Haddad for assistance in examining any other potential options that may further benefit the Dighton Public Library, as well as additional funding sources for building. I thank Mrs. Tavares for her assistance and guidance as we explore this endeavor and I thank Rep. Haddad for her assistance and willingness to act on behalf of the Town.

May's Big Cheese Trophy recipient is Building Commissioner Jim Aguiar in recognition of his continued efforts to guide the town through its growing pains. Upon my arrival to the Town in December, Mr. Aguiar moved himself and two other employees to the basement of Town Hall temporarily. Once the ZBA Office Manager was hired, Mr. Aguiar was instrumental in setting up her work station and also operating with the Cable Company to ensure adequate internet service and capability for all the work stations in that temporary office area. When Old Town Hall officially opened for business after its renovations, a project spearheaded by Mr. Aguiar, the Building Commissioner coordinated the move of the four departments that are now located there, including setting up internet and phone capabilities. All of these extra duties fall outside his role as Building Commissioner, and I thank Mr. Aguiar for his continued willingness to do what it takes to get the job done and to be the quintessential team player. Way to go, Jim!

Sincerely,

Mallory Aronstein  
Town Administrator