



# A Message from your Town Administrator

September 2019

## VOLUNTEER

The Conservation Commission is seeking alternate members! If you're interested in volunteering with the town, visit our website at [https://www.dighton-ma.gov/i\\_want\\_to/volunteer.php](https://www.dighton-ma.gov/i_want_to/volunteer.php) to fill out a Volunteer Form!

## GOT SOCKS?!

A recently created Daisy Troop needs your help! They are collecting new socks for all to donate to those in need. Socks are the most under-donated articles and one of the most important! Drop off bins are at Under the Sun, the Library, and Town Hall.

September has been a great month for us for checking items off of our to do list. We are back to the grind, as they say! We kicked off our surplus auction, which will end on October 4, clearing up much needed space at the Transfer Station. Construction and renovations for the Animal Shelter continues and we hope to have a small ribbon cutting ceremony with Senator Marc Pacheco, who assisted in providing some funding, some time in November. We applied for an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Planning Grant and we submitted two intersection improvement projects to MassDOT's Complete Streets grant program. Both grants are competitive and we hope to have some positive news to report back to you soon. In October we will gear up for our Hazard Mitigation Plan/Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness plan which is funded, in part, by a MEMA grant.

The community was bustling this month as well with tons of great activities. I joined the Friends of the Public Library as well as many colleagues and residents at the annual Taste of Dighton. I unfortunately missed the Sweet As Pie offerings – sold out in five minutes! - but thoroughly enjoyed my meal from Alice's Last Stop and 1712 Restaurant. I also attended with my two kiddos the Annual Touch A Truck event put on by the Fire Association. It's always a big hit and it was quite a successful event! But the most special event I attended is the 9/11 Memorial Service also organized by members of the Fire Department. It took place at Station 2 in a memorial area created as an Eagle Scout project by a now-member of our Fire Department. Hearing the sirens wail at the time of the towers falling marked a very special remembrance of all those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001. I thank the Fire Department for putting on this ceremony each year and for inviting me to it.

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*The President of the Board of Trustees specifically recognized Building Commissioner Jim Aguiar, Fire Chief Chris Maguy, Police Chief Robert MacDonald, and Selectmen Pacheco and Selectman Goulart.*

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## TOWN UPDATES

### BRISTOL AGGIE HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING

I was also able to join colleagues at the Bristol Aggie Groundbreaking on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This was a special event where the Board of Trustees and local state delegation recognized Dighton for being a great neighbor, for assisting them each step of the way for their needs. Mr. Ken Raymond, President of the Board of Trustees, specifically recognized Building Commissioner Jim Aguiar, Fire Chief Chris Maguy, Police Chief Robert MacDonald, Selectman Kenneth Pacheco, and Selectman Nancy

Goulart for their individual contributions. Thanks to all who have represented Dighton so well.

This groundbreaking couldn't have come at a better time as the Landscaping Department just finished their work on the field behind Town Hall. The Town partnered with Bristol Aggie in redoing the field so that it could be the home field for Bristol Aggie's Girl's Softball Team. The Town excavated the field and Bristol Aggie brought in fresh loam

and sod. The students laid the sod as part of their hands-on classwork. It was a great partnership for the Town and we are happy to have such great neighbors. Read more about it here:

<https://dightonportal.com/2019/09/19/town-of-dighton-partners-with-bristol-county-agricultural-high-school-to-renovate-field-for-girls-softball-team/>

### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

As you may know, the Board of Selectmen have called a Special Town Meeting for Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The location of the meeting is at the Dighton Middle School. Most articles coming before the Town are spending articles for new vehicles for various departments, funds to match state grant monies, and engineering work. There is a Kennel By Law up for acceptance, as well as a question on establishing a Commission on Disability. As has been frequently discussed, the community will also weigh in on whether the Board of Selectmen will change its name to "Select Board". We hope to see you there.

### **NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER NAMED**

Patrolman Mike Marshall was recently named the School Resource Officer. He has been fully ingratiating himself in the school community since his appointment and he's been a big hit! He and other members of our department, including Chief MacDonald, gave high gives during the second week of school. Painting II students put their talents on display by painting various murals on the walls of the SRO office! Officer Marshall has hit the ground running with new programs and ideas, and I wish him great success this school year. Follow him on Instagram @SROMarshall .

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GARDEN CLUB**

The Board of Selectmen recognized the Garden Club for their beautification efforts around Town, but specifically in front of Town Hall. The Selectmen presented the Club Co-Chairs with a certificate of recognition and thanked them for all their hard work in keeping Dighton beautiful. Read more here: <https://dightonportal.com/2019/09/30/dighton-board-of-selectmen-recognizes-garden-club-for-its-volunteer-efforts/> .

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board of Health has raised fees for the purchase of sharps containers and disposal. A quart-sized container is \$4.00; a 1 gallon container is \$8.00; and a 2 gallon container is \$12.00. If you do not purchase your container through the town, a \$5.00 disposal fee will apply. Please visit the Board of Health website at [https://www.dighton-ma.gov/department/health\\_department/health.php](https://www.dighton-ma.gov/department/health_department/health.php) for more information on the proper disposal of syringes and sharps.

PrimeTime is seeking clients. If you or someone you know would benefit from meeting new friends, trying new experiences, and staying active, call Sheila at 508-669-6272.

Do you have Dighton news to share? Tell us about it! Visit <https://dightonportal.com/submit-a-story/> to provide details on our story!

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

*October 9, 23 – Selectmen's Meetings*

*October 28 – Special Town Meeting*

*November 9 – Veterans Breakfast*

*November 11 – Veteran's Day, Town Offices*

*Closed*

