



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 05, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Annual Town Meeting was on June 05, 2023, at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School and was called to order at 7:09 PM by William F. Moore, Moderator. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. The checkers were Margaret Mullen, LeeAnne Kerwin, Jo-Anne Wilson, Sheila Neu, Kathleen Perry, Donna Rogers, Janet White, Jeanne Noons, Rebecca Mello and Joan Ready, Warden. Present and seated on stage from the Finance Committee was Peter J. Roache Chair, Robert G. Rendon, Kevin J. Perry, Rachel Dingus and Jacob Stebbins. Present and seated on stage from the Board of Selectmen was Peter Caron, chair, Leonard Hull Jr., and Nicole Mello. Also present and seated on stage was Michael Mullen, Town Administrator, Matthew Costa Town Council, Sirena Amaral Town Accountant, and Mark Pacheco Town Clerk.

Total attendance was 289.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Leonard Hull and Seconded, I move that we dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Leonard Hull and seconded, I move to dispense with the reading of the Articles and that reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Leonard Hull and seconded, I move that we consider adjournment at 11:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Peter Caron and Seconded, I move that we hear reports of the Town Officials and the Capital Outlay Committee.

Peter Caron, Chair of the Board of Selectmen read a report.
Peter Roache, Chair of the Finance Committee read a report.
Robert Rendon, Chair of the Capital Outlay Committee read
a report.

Michael P. Mullen, Jr., Town Administrator, read a report.

VOTED: A motion was made by Peter Caron and seconded to hear from Superintended Bill Runey, a non-resident.

Bill Runey, Superintendent, read a report.
Paul Reynolds, Treasurer/Collector read a report.
Nancy Goulart, Board of Assessors, read a report.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and Seconded, I move that we accept the reports of the Town Officials and Capital Outlay Committee.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Peter Caron and Seconded, I move that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint all necessary Town Officials and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute or act theron.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Kevin Perry, I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$14,493.95 to pay prior year bills.

Prior Year Bills	Department	Amount
OSR Wash Corp	Highway	\$153.50
National Grid	Town Offices	\$1,598.09
Police Details	Town Clerk	\$2,381.08
Police Details	Highway	\$5,696.42
Central Square	Police	\$4,037.25
Police Details	Town Offices	\$627.61
Total		\$14,493.95

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 4 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY . On Motion of Peter Roache and Seconded, I move that the town vote to establish the salaries of Elected Town Officials for Fiscal Year 2024 in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as recommended by the Finance Committee and printed in Article 4 of the June 5, 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, provided that the \$8,956.25 in recommended funding for the members of the Planning Board be appropriated equally between four (4) members of the Planning Board

DISCUSSION: Peter Caron discussed, Mr. Moderator, I would just like to point out the inadvertent scrivener's error in the Board of Selectmen's recommendation for the Moderator's salary. The Board of Selectmen's recommendation is the same as the Finance Committee's recommendation of \$500.00.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

	Finance Committee Recommendations	Board of Selectmen Recommendations
Chairman	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55
Members (2) Each	\$9,905.10	\$9,905.10

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

	Finance Committee Recommendations	Board of Selectmen Recommendations
Chairman	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Member	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Member	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00

TREE WARDEN \$269.10 \$269.10 \$269.10

MODERATOR \$500.00 \$500.00 \$510.00

TOWN CLERK \$77,250.00 \$76,500.00 \$76,500.00

TOWN COLLECTOR \$39,000.00 \$38,760.00 \$38,760.00

TOWN TREASURER \$39,000.00 \$38,760.00 \$38,760.00

PLANNING BOARD

Chairman	\$2,386.14	\$2,239.06	\$2,239.06
Members (2) Each	\$9,544.56	\$8,956.25	\$8,956.25

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Chairman	\$3,360.49	\$3,360.49	\$3,360.49
Members (2) Each	\$4,460.17	\$4,460.17	\$4,460.17

ARTICLE 5. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Robert Rendon and seconded, I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from Sewer Indirect Costs to General Government Accounts as specified in the Warrant for June 5, 2023 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, specifically to raise and appropriate \$1,757,609.62 and to transfer \$19,899.50 from Sewer Indirect Costs for personnel and expenses of said departments as therein provided the sum of \$1,777,509.12 for fiscal year 2024.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
113	TOWN MEETING				
	Personnel	\$2,700.00			
	Expenses	\$1,500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
114	MODERATOR				
	Personnel	\$500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
	Personnel	\$99,392.80			
	Expenses	\$77 050.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$176,442.80	\$192,980.66	\$192,980.66	\$192,980.66
124	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR				
	Personnel	\$160,700.00			
	Expenses	\$9,560.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$170,260.00	\$180,971.00	\$180,971.00	\$180,971.00
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	Personnel	\$3,595.00			
	Expenses	\$405.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4 000.00	\$4.000.00	\$4.000.00	\$4,000.00
132	RESERVE FUND				
	Expenses	\$55 000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
	Personnel	\$139,382.48			
	Expenses	\$27,150.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$166,532.48	\$172,958.60	\$172,958.60	\$172,958.60
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
	Personnel	\$191,111.92	4		
	Expenses	\$27,550.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$218,661.92	\$220,042.85	\$220,042.85	\$220,042.85

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
145	TOWN TREASURER				
	Personnel	\$77,625.80			
	Expenses	\$39,700.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$117,325.80	\$109,475.80	\$109,235.00	\$109,235.00
146	TOWN COLLECTOR				
	Personnel	\$77,725.80			
	Expenses	\$25,60000			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$103,325.80	\$102,075.80	\$101,835.00	\$101,835.00
151	TOWN COUNSEL				
	Expenses	\$40,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$40,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
155	DATA PROCESSING				
	Expenses	\$71,706.28			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$71,706.28	\$71,733.33	\$71,733.33	\$71,733.33
158	TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE				
	Expenses	\$10,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
161	TOWN CLERK				
	Personnel	\$143,504.20			
	Expenses	\$9,450.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$152,954.20	\$178,053.20	\$174,647.60	\$174,647.60
162	ELECTIONS				
	Personnel	\$18,000.00			
	Expenses	\$15 900.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$33,900.00	\$36,229.00	\$31,501.40	\$31,501.40
163	REGISTRATION				
	Personnel	\$600.00			
	Expenses	\$5,100.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$5,700.00	\$8,552.00	\$8,552.00	\$8,552.00
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
	Personnel	\$59198.00			
	Expenses	\$4,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$63,198.00	\$80,183.00	\$69,539.56	\$69,539.56

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 For the Fiscal Year 2024

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
174	DIGHTON TRAILS COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	\$1,600.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,600.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
175	PLANNING BOARD				
	Personnel	\$43,545.40			
	Expenses	\$18,503.97			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$62,049.37	\$63,045.59	\$62,310.20	\$62,310.20
176	BOARD OF APPEALS				
	Personnel	\$29,022.40			
	Expenses	\$11,950.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$40,972.40	\$39,861.92	\$39,861.92	\$39,861.92
179	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION				
	Expenses	\$2,695.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,695.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
189	DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION				
	Expenses	\$1,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
192	PUBLIC BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				
	Expenses	\$187,740.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$187,740.00	\$201,740.00	\$201,740.00	\$201,740.00
193	BUILDING INSURANCE		MOVED INTO		
	Expenses	\$45,000.00	DEPT. 945		
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$45,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
195	TOWN REPORTS				
	Expenses	\$2,200.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,736,964.05	\$1,802,502.75	\$1,777,509.12	\$1,777,509.12

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year 2024

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024. Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	PUBLIC SAFETY				
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$1,732,576.03			
	Expenses	\$172,500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,905,076.03	\$1,952,934.68	\$1,946,724.68	\$1,946,724.68
215	COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$361,995.45			
	Expenses	\$32,020.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$394,015.45	\$410,488.13	\$410,488.13	\$410,488.13
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$668,526.77			
	Expenses	\$101,552.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$770,078.77	\$760,732.67	\$760,732.67	\$760,732.67
231	AMBULANCE SERVICES				
	Personnel	\$677,491.59			
	Expenses	\$130,050.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$807,541.59	\$796,786.26	\$796,786.26	\$796,786.26
241	BUILDING INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$133,104.00			
	Expenses	\$38,130.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$171,234.00	\$170,711.20	\$170,711.20	\$170,711.20
242	GAS INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$8,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,000.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00
243	PLUMBING INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$8,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,000.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00

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244	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES				
	Personnel	\$1,200.00			
	Expenses	\$200.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$20,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
	Personnel	\$45,000.00			
	Expenses	\$10,750.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$55,750.00	\$58,150.00	\$58,150.00	\$58,150.00
294	FORESTRY				
	Personnel	\$263.82			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$263.82	\$269.10	\$269.10	\$269.10
295	HARBORMASTER		MOVED		
	Personnel	\$2,000.00	INTO		
	Expenses	\$7,800.00	DEPT. 210		
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$9,800.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
299	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	\$8,500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,159,659.66	\$4,191,572.04	\$4,185,362.04	\$4,185,362.04
	EDUCATION				
300	DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Capital	\$375,616.00	\$357,962.00 I	\$357,962.00	\$357,962.00
	<u>Operating</u>	\$10 .00	\$11,438,692.00	\$11,438,692.00	\$11,438,692.00
	BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$147,146.56	\$239,916.50	\$239,916.50	\$239,916.50

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	BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$1,081,809.00	\$1,468,434.00	\$1,468,434.00	\$1,468,434.00
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$12,598,212.56	\$13,505,004.50	\$13,505,004.50	\$13,505,004.50
	HIGHWAY				
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE				
	Personnel	\$618,004.30			
	Expenses	\$162,150.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$780,154.30	\$820,895.91	\$820,895.91	\$820,895.91
423	SNOW AND ICE CONTROL				
	Personnel	\$13,250.00			
	Expenses	\$36,750.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
429	DIGHTON-BERKLEY BRIDGE				
	Expenses	\$1,500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
432	STREET CLEANING/STORMWATER				
	Personnel	\$57,748.10			
	Expenses	\$102,160.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$159,908.10	\$162,474.61	\$162,474.61	\$162,474.61
	TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$991,562.40	\$1,034,370.52	\$1,034,370.52	\$1,034,370.52
	SANITATION				
433	WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL				
	Personnel	\$9,240.66			
	Expenses	\$838,026.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$847,266.66	\$769,500.00	\$769,500.00	\$769,500.00

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435	TRANSFER STATION				
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	NEW	\$96,516.73	\$96,516.73	\$96,516.73
	TOTAL SANITATION	\$847,266.66	\$866,016.73	\$866,016.73	\$866,016.73
	OTHER				
491	CEMETERY				
	Expenses	\$24,700.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$24,700.00	\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00
	TOTAL OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL	\$24,700.00	\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00
	HUMAN SERVICES				
510	BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS				
	Personnel	\$76,936.40			
	Expenses	\$1,500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$78,436.40	\$161,485.56	\$160,665.56	\$160,665.56
519	BOARD OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION		MOVED INTO		
	Personnel	\$74,527.00	DEPT. 510		
	Expenses	\$4,900.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$79,427.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
541	COUNCIL ON AGING				
	Personnel	\$96,037.00			
	Expenses	\$19,625.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$115,662.00	\$167,325.42	\$167,325.42	\$167,325.42
542	PRIME TIME		MOVED		
	Personnel	\$92,763.41	DEPT. 541		
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$92,763.41	-0-	-0-	-0-
543	VETERANS' SERVICES				
	Personnel	\$41,782.00	!		
	Expenses	\$76,825.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$118,607.00	... L_ \$90,ss2.01	\$90,892.01	\$90,892.01

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
549	COMMISSION ON DISABILITY				
	Personnel	\$3,000.00			
	Expenses	\$2 000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$5,000.00	\$5,060.00	\$5,060.00	\$5,060.00
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$489,895.81	\$424,762.99	\$423,942.99	\$423,942.99
	CULTURE AND RECREATION				
610	PUBLIC LIBRARY				
	Personnel	\$227,930.10			
	Expenses	\$\$72 000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$299,930.10	\$306,580.60	\$306,580.60	\$306,580.60
630	PARKS AND RECREATION				
	Expenses	\$20,200.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$20,200.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,500.00
691	TOWN HISTORIAN	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
	Expenses	\$1,600.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,600.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
698	CABLE COMMISSION				
	Personnel	\$20,000.00			
	Expenses	\$12,100.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$32,100.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$354,080.10	\$364,730.60	\$364,730.60	\$364,730.60
	DEBT SERVICE				
710	MATURING PRINCIPAL ON LONG TERM DEBT				
	Expenses	\$241,668.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$241.668.00	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00

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751	INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT				
	Expenses	\$132,925.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$132,925.00	\$121,175.00	\$121,175.00	\$121,175.00
752	INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL DEBT	\$374,593.00	\$362,843.00	\$362,843.00	\$362,843.00
	STATE & COUNTY CHARGES				
820	STATE ASSESSMENTS & CHARGES	\$76,737.00	\$78,496.00	\$78,496.00	\$78,496.00
830	COUNTY ASSESSMENTS & CHARGES	\$119,582.00	\$121,192.00	\$121,192.00	\$121,192.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$196,319.00	\$199,688.00	\$199,688.00	\$199,688.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
911	RETIREMENT & PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS				
	Expenses	\$897,957.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$897,957.00	\$1,048,324.00	\$1,048,324.00	\$1,048,324.00
912	WORKERS COMPENSATION		MOVED		
	Expenses	\$45,000.00	DEPT. 945		
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$45,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
914	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE				
	Expenses	\$1,312,436.25			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,312,436.25	\$1,332,436.25	\$1,332,436.25	\$1,332,436.25
915	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE				
	Expenses	\$950.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$950.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
916	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS				
	Expenses	\$84,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$84,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
919	OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)				
	Expenses	\$35,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
920	TUITION				
	Expenses	\$10,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,508,760.25	\$2,508,760.25	\$2,508,760.25	\$2,508,760.25
	SETTLEMENTS AND COURT JUDGEMENTS				
940	SETTLEMENTS				
	Expenses	-0-			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
941	COURT JUDGEMENTS				
	Expenses	-0-			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL SETTLEMENTS AND COURT JUDGEMENTS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE				
	Expenses	\$135,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$135,000.00	\$240,200.00	\$240,200.00	\$240,200.00
	TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$135,00.00	\$240,200.00	\$240,200.00	\$240,200.00
	GENERAL FUND TOTALS	\$24,097,277.49	\$25,526,291.38	\$25,494,267.75	\$25,494,267.75

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from the Ambulance Fund, the total amount of \$4,185,362.04 to Public Safety accounts, as specified in the Warrant for June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, specifically to Raise & Appropriate \$3,805,362.04 and to transfer \$380,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund for fiscal year 2024.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Jacob Stebbins and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Education assessments, as specified in the warrant for June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, the sum of \$13,505,004.50 for fiscal year 2024.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Rachel Dingus and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to the Highway accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically for personnel and expenses of the Highway Department as therein provided, the sum of \$1,034,370.52 for fiscal year 2024.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Kevin Perry and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to the Sanitation account to wit, Waste Collection and Disposal and Transfer Station as specified in the warrant for the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically for personnel and expenses of said department as therein provided, the sum of \$866,016.73 for fiscal year 2024.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to Other Environmental accounts, to wit the Cemetery account, as specified in the warrant for the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically for personnel and expenses of said department as therein provided, the sum of \$25,840.00 for fiscal year 2024.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Robert Rendon and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$423,942.99 to Human Services accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, for personnel and expenses of said departments as therein provided, for fiscal year 2024.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from PEG Access and Cable related funds to Culture & Recreation accounts, the sum of \$364,730.60 as specified in the warrant for June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically to raise & appropriate \$328,730.60 and to transfer \$36,000.00 from PEG access for personnel and expenses as therein provided, for fiscal year 2024.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Jacob Stebbins and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from Title V the sum of \$362,843.00 to Debt Service accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, specifically to raise and appropriate \$356,175.00 and to transfer \$6,668.00 from Title V for expenses for fiscal year 2024.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Rachel Dingus and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,688.00 to State and County Charges, to wit State/County Assessments and Charges, as specified in the warrant for the June 5, 2023 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, for expenses for fiscal year 2024.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Kevin Perry and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,508,760.25 to Employee Benefit accounts, as specified in the warrant for June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically for expenses of said accounts as therein provided, for fiscal year 2024.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,200.00 to Liability Insurance accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, for expenses of said accounts as therein provided, for fiscal year 2024.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 6. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to approve the sums outlined to be expended under the direction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners for the maintenance of the Sewer Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2024, as recommended by the Finance Committee and printed in Article 6 of the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Direct Costs

Salaries	\$131,561.73	\$131,561.73	\$131,561.73
Expenses	\$193,850.00	\$193,850.00	\$193,850.00
Capital Expenses	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00

Indirect Costs \$ 19,899.50 \$19,899.50 \$19,899.50

The above appropriations will be funded as follows:

\$302,000.00 through sewer receipts and \$193,311.23 transferred from Sewer Enterprise retained earnings totaling **\$495,311.23**.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, I move that the Town vote to amend the town bylaws Article XXXVI, Section 5, **Authorized Revolving Funds** to add and establish additional revolving funds, as outlined in Article 7 of the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Department Fund	Department, Board or Committee Authorized to spend	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable to Fund	Other Requirements Reports	Fiscal Years
Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage Fund	Dighton Police Chief	Fuel and Maintenance of Police Fleet	3rd Party Detail fees			Fiscal Year 24 and Subsequent Years
Police Department Firearms Training Range Outside Usage	Dighton Police Chief	Purchase of Ammunition, Range Supplies and Firearms related Materials	3rd Party Use of Range Fees			Fiscal Year 24 and Subsequent Years
Police Department Youth and Community Policing Engagement Fund	Dighton Police Chief	Programs and Engagements (Youth Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop, Riverfront 5k	Tuition, Donations and Other Revenue			Fiscal Year 24 and Subsequent Years
Parks and Recreation Field Usage	Parks and Recreation	Field and Equipment Maintenance/Repairs and Replacement, Support Recreational Programs	Fees Charged and Monies Received for Field Use, Recreational Programs			Fiscal Year 24 and Subsequent Years

ARTICLE 8 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and Seconded, I move that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E $\frac{1}{2}$, as most recently amended, to establish fiscal year limitation on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the Town of Dighton General Bylaws, Section XXXVI, "Departmental Revolving Funds" with such limitations for FY24, as stated in Article 8 of the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting.

"Departmental Revolving Funds", with such limitations for FY24 as follows:

Revolving Fund Spending Limit **FY24**

Trustees of the Dighton Public Library	Copying, Faxing and Printing Services	\$5,000.00
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Trustees of the Dighton Public Library	Fines and monies collected for overdue, lost or damaged materials	\$8,000.00
Council on Aging Board	Fees, Charges and Receipts for Services rendered by Prime Time	\$150,000.00
Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage Fund	Revenue from Detail Cruiser Usage Fees	\$25,000.00
Police Department Firearms Training Range Outside Usage	Revenue from the Outside Usage of the DPD Firearms Training Range	\$15,000.00
Police Department Youth and Community Policing Engagement Fund	Donations and Other Revenue	\$15,000.00
Parks and Recreation Field Usage	Fees Charged and Monies Received for Field Use, Recreational Programs	\$15,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY On Motion of Leonard Hull and Seconded, I move that the Town 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 2024 Highway Program under Chapter 90, and the town road improvement program.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Leonard Hull and Seconded, I move that the Town 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.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Ch. 126 of the Acts of 1988, amending Sec. 4 of Ch. 73 of the Acts of 1986 to allow an additional exemption which shall be for all exemptions and none of which shall exceed 25% of said exemption for which they qualify **in** Fiscal Year 2023.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and Seconded, I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash an amount of \$10,667.00 in order to close out overdrawn accounts or account deemed uncollectible for FY23.

Shared Streets	\$10,301.00
Complete Streets	366.00
Total	\$10,667.00

ARTICLE 13 .VOTED: On Motion of Kevin Smith and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual reserves in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the committee administrative expenses, Community Preservation projects and other expenses in the fiscal year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as printed in the June 5, 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Appropriations:

From FY 2024 estimated revenues for the CPC Administrative expenses:
\$6,500.00

Reserves:

From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Historic Resources: \$13,000.00 From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Community Housing: \$13,000.00 From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Open Space: \$13,000.00
From FY 2024 revenues for budget reserve: \$84,500.00

VOTED: On Motion of Kevin Smith Jr. and seconded, to allow Joe Shea, a non-resident, to speak at this meeting.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: On Motion of Kevin Smith and Seconded I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$20,000.00 from the Historic Resources Fund and \$303,000.00 from the CPA undesignated/unreserved fund to be expended by the Community Preservation Committee for the preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of the Historic Smith Memorial Hall located at 207 Main Street, as presented by the Library Building Committee including HVAC, electrical, carpentry, and ADA compliance improvements.

CPC RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 15. VOTED. On Motion of Robert Rendon and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds an amount of money not to exceed the amount of \$404,000.00 to fund Dighton Public Library building and property improvements and related upgrades at 207 Main Street.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 16. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$106,146.76 to be expended by the Fire Chief as the second payment of a seven-year lease to purchase of a new fire engine and any necessary accessories.

ARTICLE 17 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Jacob Stebbins and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the amount of \$23,533.06, to be combined with \$122,000.00 in funds already approved in Article 21 of the June 6, 2022 Annual Town Meeting for a total of \$145,533.06 to fund the first year's payment on a 3- year lease to purchase a new ambulance and any necessary accessories relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 18 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Rachel Dingus and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,561.92 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent as the fourth-year lease to purchase payment on the 2020 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper voted in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 15, 2020.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 19. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Kevin Perry and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be expended by the Planning Board for legal and related expenses regarding complaints filed against the Planning Board, the Town of Dighton and/or relevant town official

ARTICLE 20. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$300,000.00 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to fund Main Street road reconstruction, repaving, sidewalk construction and related work.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 21. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Robert Rendon and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the amount of \$28,000.00 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to have an Alternatives Analysis Report conducted on the closed bridge over the Segregansett River on Briggs Street.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 22. VOTED: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the amount of \$34,000.00 to be expended by the Fire Chief for the purchase of two CPR compressors and any associated accessories related thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 23. VOTED On Motion of Jacob Stebbins and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to be expended by the Dighton- Rehoboth Regional School District for the purchase and installation of access controls, related school security and public safety upgrades to the Dighton Elementary School and Dighton Middle School.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 24. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Rachel Dingus and Seconded that the Town vote to transfer from the PEG Access Fund the sum of \$60,000.00 from the Cable Committee Peg Access & Cable Related Fund, Account #240-330-698-3300-3022-40 to furnish the new Channel 9 Studio with audio and video equipment, furniture and a TV, upgrade cable workstation and server and add editing software for Channel 9 operations, upgrade audio visual recording technology and equipment at Old Town Hall and the Police Department Community Room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 25. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Leonard Hull and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to approve the amended Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Agreement by deleting the text shown with a strikethrough, and inserting the text shown in *italics*, or highlighted/underlined as printed in Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 5, 2023.

*By amending section III - Location of the Regional District Schools,
Subsection B., paragraph 4 on Page 5 as follows:*

Pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Town of Rehoboth is hereby authorized to lease to the Regional School District the premises, facilities and buildings presently known as:

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL

4. Anawan

Elementary School

Baystate Road, Rehoboth, Mass

2 1. Palmer River Elementary School
Winthrop Street, Rehoboth, Mass

3 2. D.L. Beckwith Middle School
Winthrop Street, Rehoboth, Mass

By amending Section X – Budget, Section B. Tentative Capital and Operating Budget, Paragraph 1 on Page 12 as follows:

Thereafter on or before January 15~~March 1st~~ in each year, the Committee shall annually prepare a tentative capital and operating budget and estimated assessments for the ensuing fiscal year, including therein provision for any installment of principal or interest to become due in such year on any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the District and any other capital costs to be apportioned to the member towns in such year. The said budget shall be in reasonable detail, including the amounts payable under the following classification of expenses or such other classifications as may be necessary:

*By amending
Section XVI – Transition, paragraphs 1 & 2 on Pages 16-17
as follows:*

This amended Agreement shall take full effect in accordance with its terms upon the affirmative votes of the Towns of Dighton and Rehoboth at Town Meetings held in each such town and shall thereupon supersede the District Agreement executed as of April 15, 1958, as amended on July 1, 1987, as heretofore amended. All obligations under contracts and agreements binding upon the member towns with respect to schools for the grades kindergarten through eight shall be assumed and carried out by the Committee on and after July 1, 1987~~2023~~ to the extent that such obligations would remain in effect on July 1, 1987~~2023~~ and be paid from sums included in the District budget for the fiscal year commencing on that date.

The foregoing

Amended Agreement was duly accepted and approved (1) by vote of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional District School Committee, duly adopted at a meeting of said Committee, duly called and held on February 14, 1987 February 14, 2023; (2) by vote of the Town of Dighton duly adopted under Article 10 of the Warrant under Article 25 at its Town Meeting duly called and held on May 4, 1987 June 5, 2023; and (3) by a vote of the Town of Rehoboth duly adopted under Article 324 of the Warrant at its Town Meeting duly called held on June 22, 1987~~May 9, 2023~~.

By amending the signature blocks on Page 17 as follows:

TOWN OF DIGTON

(TOWN SEAL) I hereby certify that the above amended agreement was voted at the Annual Town Meeting in Dighton on ~~May 4, 1987~~ June 5, 2023.

Attest: _____

Town Clerk

By: _____

TOWN OF REHOBOTH

(TOWN SEAL) I hereby certify that the above amended agreement was voted at the Annual Town Meeting in Rehoboth on June 22, 1987/May 9, 2023.

Attest: _____

Town Clerk

By:

ARTICLE 26 VOTED ALL IN FAVOR WITH ONE (1) NO VOTE: On motion of Mark Pacheco and seconded, to see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws, Article 1 Town Meeting by inserting in place a new subsection Moderator- "The Moderator shall be elected for a three year term at the regular Annual Town Election, beginning at the 2024 Annual Town Election and every three years thereafter.

ARTICLE 27. To act upon any other business that lawfully may be introduced at 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.

Moderator, William F. Moore, appointed the following members to the Finance Committee for FY 2024. Peter Roache

Peter Roache
Susan Lorenz
Ronald McKay
Andrew Horton
William Mello
Douglas White
William Pruitt

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, On motion of Peter Caron and seconded, I move that the Annual Town Meeting be dissolved.

ATTEST

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark L. Pacheco
Town Clerk