

**The Annual Report
of the
Town Officers
of the
Town of Dighton
Year Ending December 31, 2024**



**Financial Transactions
Year Ending June 30, 2024**

Front Cover: The Town of Dighton Highway Department
2011 County Street, Dighton, MA 02715

Pictured (from Left to Right)

Jeff Pimentel
Heather Nicora
Erik Moniz
Dennis Hazel
James Woodason
Tom Ferry (Superintendent)
Nick Reynolds
Mark Carr (Assistant Foreman)
Mike Berube (Foreman)

Equipment (from Front to Back)

2022 John Deere w/ boom mower
2019 F750 Dump Truck
2011 Forestry Truck
2005 Ford Carpentry Truck (Center)
2024 JCB Excavator
Eglin Sweeper
2016 John Deere 544 Loader

Photographs Courtesy of: Ron O'Connor, Trustee Chair
Board of Trustees, Dighton Public Library

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Mr. O'Connor for volunteering his time and talent to the 2024 Annual Town Report.



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ELECTED OFFICIALS

April 6, 2024

<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TERM EXP</u>
<i>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</i>			
Peter D.	Caron	2580 Maple Swamp Road	2025
Mark L.	Pacheco	2530 Maple Swamp Road	2027
Nicole Lee	Mello	1693 Wellington Street	2026
<i>TOWN CLERK</i>			
Shara	Costa	2431 Winthrop Street	2025
<i>TOWN COLLECTOR</i>			
Paul E.	Reynolds, III	257 Pearl Street	2025
<i>TOWN TREASURER</i>			
Paul E.	Reynolds, III	257 Pearl Street	2025
<i>TOWN MODERATOR</i>			
Kevin	Smith, Jr.	1147 Center Street	2027
<i>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</i>			
Nancy J.	Goulart	631 Gray Terrace	2027
Eric J.	Easterday	1769 Wheeler Street	2026
William F.	Moore	1835 Smith Street	2025
<i>TREE WARDEN</i>			
Thomas C.	Ferry	1070 Williams Street	2027
<i>DIGHTON -REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE</i>			
Christopher	Andrade	1975 Milk Street	2027
Eliza M.	Couture	176 Center Street	2026
Glenn A.	Jefferson	270 Hillcrest Drive	2027
Peter R.	Latour	193 Forest Street	2025
Donna	Berdos	2396 Pleasant Street	2026

PLANNING BOARD

Daniel	Higgins	400 Lincoln Avenue	2029
Joseph	Figueiredo	400 Country Hill Drive	2027
Jeffrey	Carvalho	2124 Tommy's Way	2025
Christopher E	Cunha	380 Country Hill Drive	2026
Robert J.	Woods, Jr.	158 Chase Street	2028

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rita A.	Araujo	1423 Williams Street	2027
Ann Elaine	Meitzen	3091 Hunters Hill Drive	2025
Ronald J.	O'Connor	594 School Street	2026

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER

Lindsay Marie	Waller	337 Center Street	2026
Rachel A.	Goulart	646 School Street	2025
Kevin A.	Smith	1147 Center Street	2027

DIGHTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Edward J.	Olney	883 Prospect Street	2026
Adele L.	Collard	238 Andrews Street	2028
Alice	Sousa	1679 Elm Street	2025
Kathleen	Perry	1531 Stanzione Drive	2025

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Robert J.	Woods, Jr.	158 Chase Street	2026
Mark W.	Nicora	870 Prospect Street	2025
Thomas C.	Ferry	1070 Williams Street	2027



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

Each year, the writing of the Town's Annual Report provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the events, challenges and accomplishments of the prior year as we continue charting our course further into the future. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I am proud to share that, in 2024, Dighton has remained a strong, resilient, resident-centered community, thanks to the tireless efforts of our town employees and countless volunteers who contribute so much to the fabric of our town.

As is customary, the Board of Selectmen, together with the Town Administrator, the Town's Financial Team and Departments began working to plan for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) right from the beginning of the last calendar year. Efforts to plan for the FY25 operating budget centered on a conservative, zero-base justified budget framework initiated by the Board of Selectmen that extended to all departments, boards and committees.

The guiding approach in our zero-base budget framework began with the starting point for the FY25 budget at zero, with proposed departmental requests and appropriations being rationalized and justified at each part of the budget development process. The Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget ultimately approved by residents at last June's Annual Town Meeting was developed to be a fiscally-responsible, structurally balanced budget plan that continued investments in education and core public safety and municipal services.

Of note, Fiscal Year 2025 saw the continuation of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School (B-P) building project debt service being assessed to Dighton in the amount of \$192,000 with a projected increase to nearly \$692,000 during the next five years. These increases are anticipated as we also continue to absorb approximately \$168,000 a year in Bristol County Agricultural High School (Bristol Aggie) capital debt service costs on top of typical enrollment-based educational assessment costs for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, Bristol Aggie, and B-P. Combined with Town's limited revenue growth, these education and educational capital assessment cost increases are now beginning to crowd out our ability to fund core Town government functions and deferred capital needs. As we approach planning for future years, we do so with these and related challenges at the forefront.

Debt Exclusion questions for both B-P and Bristol Aggie were placed on the November 2024 ballot. With a total of 4875 ballots cast for each question, the B-P ballot question was defeated by a vote of 2,221 opposed to 2,159 in favor of the Debt Exclusion; and Bristol Aggie was also defeated by a vote of 2,313 opposed to 2,067 in favor.

The Town remains committed to maintaining and advancing strong financial practices. The Board of Selectmen commends Town Accountant, Sirena Amaral, and Treasurer-Collector, Paul Reynolds, for working with Roselli, Clark & Associates, CPA resulting in another clean audit management letter based on everyday sound fiscal practices exercised by the Town. In FY23 Dighton was required to have a Single Audit completed based on ARPA spending with the acquisition of the new library

building at 207 Main Street. We are also pleased to recognize the efforts of our Financial Team maintaining compliance with federal ARPA requirements.

The Town of Dighton was invited into an Eligibility Period by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to explore a potential Dighton Elementary School building project. At the November 2024 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted to transfer \$1,050,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund combined with \$150,000 from a previous article from the June 2022 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of conducting a feasibility study to identify current deficiencies, forecast future growth and propose construction options to meet the needs of Dighton Elementary School. The Council on Aging continues to utilize grant funds to address various capital and program needs. These grants are funding updates and renovations to the rear entrances of the Council on Aging Building to include a new ramp and concrete patio, as well as the expansion of COA hybrid programming to better-reach all Dighton seniors. We are proud to recognize the efforts of Council on Aging Director Anabela Powell, the COA Board of Directors, and the COA's incredible team for all they continue to do to further strengthen and expand the vibrancy of Dighton's senior programming.

The Main Street project saw significant advancement in 2024. The Highway Department worked with Granite City Partners to bid on materials and determine awards for drainage and paving. In anticipation of the upgrades, the Highway Department requested the installation of a flashing light at the corner of Main and Elm Streets.

The library project at 207 Main Street remained on track, from the beginning of the year through June, Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School carpentry students built an interior wheelchair ramp in the Main Hall leading up to the Children's Room. Students raised the floor to eliminate a set of stairs leading into the Program Room to gain better accessibility and complying with ADA requirements. They also removed an interior non-structural wall. Students with the electrical program worked on the rewiring and lighting throughout the building.

The April 2024 Annual Town Election brought with it various changes, including a change on the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk's office. The Board recognized the tireless public service of former Selectman Leonard E. Hull who served as a member of the Board of Selectmen from 2021 to 2024. We thank former Selectman Hull for his commitment to advancing education and economic development within the Town. The Board welcomed Mark Pacheco as a newly elected Selectman and Shara Costa was elected as Town Clerk having been appointed to the position in July 2023.

At Dighton's June 2024 Annual Town Meeting, David T. Gay Esquire who served as Town Counsel for nearly fifty years was recognized for his dedicated service to the Town of Dighton on his retirement. His efforts have had a lasting impact on many projects and initiatives.

This past year brought both resolution and challenges to several personnel issues. The Town was able to secure mutually beneficial contracts with the Fire, Police and 911 Signal Operators unions. In March 2024, acting Chief George Nicholas was promoted to full time Chief. June saw the departure of Mr. Michael Mullen as Town Administrator. Mr. Mullen began his tenure in 2021 and worked diligently to create policies and procedures to ensure the smooth operation of town government and provide guidance to town officials. The selectmen would like to thank him for his professionalism and dedication to the Town. They would also like to thank Jim Purcell who took on the role of interim Administrator while the Board conducted its search for the next Town Administrator. Ralph Vitacco was hired for the position and he assumed the role in October.

By the end of 2024, Senator Marc Pacheco and State Representative Pat Haddad moved on from their respective positions. Both worked tirelessly for the Town of Dighton and Bristol County for more than 25 years. The Town showed its appreciation to these two outstanding individuals by planting a tree in each of their honor.

As always, the Board of Selectmen would like to thank our Department Heads, employees, and all the residents of Dighton who serve on Boards, Committees, and Commissions. We would especially like to thank Executive Assistant/Human Resources Coordinator Karin Brady, and Administrative Assistant Leeanne Kerwin for all they do. Without their collective dedicated service, Dighton would not be the wonderful town that we are.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter D. Caron, Chairman
Nicole L. Mello, Clerk
Mark Pacheco (elected April 2024)
Leonard E. Hull, Jr., Member (through April 2024)



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To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton, I hereby submit my Annual Town Report for the Year 2024:

It is my honor and privilege to be serving as your Town Administrator. The previous year brought challenges, opportunities and progress on a number of fronts. I am pleased to report that the town—together with its employees, volunteers and residents—continues to move forward to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of our community, while maintaining a strong commitment to fiscal planning, discipline, and responsibility encompassing each and every effort.

In 2024, the Town of Dighton experienced transitions in a number of key leadership positions. Town Administrator Michael Mullen left the position in June 2024. During his tenure, Mr. Mullen worked to increase the efficiency and professionalism of Town operations and I am grateful for the organization I inherited. In addition to the Town Administrator position, interim Police Chief, George Nichols was appointed to the role in March 2024. Chief Nichols quickly set out to reorganize the department to include a Deputy Chief. Ryan Reynolds was sworn to that position in July 2024. Each instance shows Dighton's commitment to embrace opportunities to strengthen foundations in each department. In other personnel matters, the Town successfully negotiated contracts with the Clerical, Communications, Fire and Police unions.

The strength of our new financial team continues to have a positive impact on the town's financial management efforts. The Bristol-Plymouth Technical High School and Bristol Agricultural High School building projects continue to put a strain on our budget, but strong fiscal management remains at the center of our efforts. Moreover, we are also providing our employee groups, town officials and residents with factual, unbiased information relating to the town's fiscal management efforts to help provide education and uniformity to all parties with a strengthened understanding with regard to the town's fiscal position. This has been especially helpful in helping to continue maximizing grant opportunities to help take pressure off the local tax base to achieve a variety of needed goals.

Our priority to apply for, secure, and implement various grant awards also continues, especially as we look to identify opportunities to achieve capital and planning-related needs with non-local tax base-related funding. The success of these collaborative efforts has been realized this year with the Town of Dighton and the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District being invited into an Eligibility Period by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to explore a potential Dighton Elementary School building project. We have also worked the Massachusetts Cultural Council to fund 207 Main Street HVAC improvements. In further 207 Main Street news, the project has engaged the students of Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School's Electrical and Carpentry programs to assist in the renovations. The Highway Department continues to provide needed and necessary support to help keep the project on time and under budget. Anticipated opening date for the building is late fall/early winter 2025. Additionally, we are working to continue to advance the Pleasant Street Bridge replacement project, and were recently awarded another Community Compact Cabinet grant to update the Dighton's Housing production plan.

In 2024, several friends of Dighton moved on from their positions. On behalf of the Town, I would like to express our gratitude for their countless years of dedicated service: Senator Marc Pacheco, State Representative Pat Haddad, Town Counsel David Gay and Selectmen Leonard Hull.

I would also like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen: Peter Caron, Mark Pacheco, and Nicole Mello, for their confidence and partnership during the last several months. I would especially like to thank Karin Brady and Leeanne Kerwin for their tremendous and steadfast efforts in the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator's Office. I would also like to thank all of our department heads, elected officials, our many volunteers and all Dighton residents for your continued support and partnership. It is truly an honor to serve Dighton as your Town Administrator.

Sincerely,

Ralph Vitacco.
Town Administrator

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

As of December 31, 2024, the total population for the Town of Dighton was 7,301. There are 6,288 voters, 924 of which are Democrats, 840 were Republican, 4,466 were Unenrolled (no party affiliation), 58 were of other designations. The Annual Town election was held on April 6, 2024 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A total of 542 ballots were voted and counted. The Town of Dighton has three (3) precincts and all voters voted at the Dighton Elementary School.

Dighton had two (3) Town Meetings in 2024:

Annual Town Meeting on June 10, 2024 with 132 in attendance.

Special Town Meeting on June 27, 2024 with 7 in attendance.

Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2024 with 100 in attendance.

Vital Statistics 2024:

Births:	65
Marriage Intentions:	35
Reportable Marriage Returns:	21
Deaths:	53

The Dighton Town Clerks office has had a significant year overseeing four elections and Coordinating three Town Meetings. These events were conducted smoothly and successfully, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our election workers and Highway Department. We extend our deepest gratitude to each of them for their unwavering commitment to upholding the democratic process in our community.

In our continued effort to improve the voting experience, we introduced Poll Pads – electronic poll books designed to streamline the check-in process. These devices significantly reduced wait times, enhanced voter verification and improved overall efficiency at polling places. The transition to this technology has been a great success.

We had a profound loss to our elections team with the passing of Adele Collard, a cherished member of our election staff. Adele served the Dighton community with dedication and integrity, embodying the spirit of public service. Adele's presence will be deeply missed by her colleagues and voters alike. We honor Adele's memory and legacy.

I wish to give my heartfelt thanks to both Rebecca Mello and Ashley Daigneault for their dedication and hard work throughout the past year. The outstanding support that they provide as the Assistant Town Clerk and Senior Clerk with their knowledge and courtesy are demonstrated daily in their interaction with residents and visitors, alike. Rebecca and Ashley are valued members of the Town Clerk's Team

Left to Right:

Senior Clerk-Ashley Daignault, Shara Costa-Town Clerk, Rebecca Mello- Assistant Town Clerk



The Town Clerks Office remains committed to serving the residents of Dighton with dedication and excellence.

It was my distinct privilege to administer the oath of office on March 27th to acting Police Chief George Nichols, marking the beginning of his leadership with our police department.



I am most thankful for the continued support of the citizens of Dighton. It is a pleasure to serve you as your Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Shara Costa

Shara Costa
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED 2024

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE
January 13	Elizabeth M.	96
January 23	Susan	66
January 27	Judith A.	77
February 14	Paul John	68
February 14	Christopher	59
February 16	Cynthia Mae	79
March 2	Barbara F.	91
March 3	Horace G.	80
March 6	Wilfredo Ferry	83
March 12	Clinton Russell	63
March 26	Stephen E.	59
March 31	David R.	68
April 4	Ann M	68
April 4	Paul A.	57
April 8	Cheryl Ann	79
April 14	Lorrie Ann	60
April 14	David Stephen	76
April 16	Michael	72
April 27	Amparo	80
May 1	Jack	91
May 4	Robbin Marie	60
May 6	Lorraine Ann	68
May 17	William Harvey	89
June 1	Silvana	101
June 9	Norman J	85
June 27	Armand Alfred	53

DEATHS REGISTERED 2024

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE
July 11	Timothy F	63
July 13	Jared P	35
July 15	Franz L.	85
August 5	Roger	84
August 12	Pricilla A	35
August 20	Lucille	86
September 3	Carl E	81
September 9	Marjorie I	96
September 15	Mallory Ann	24
September 17	Nicki Lee	80
September 20	Annette Marie	81
September 27	Mary H	96
September 29	Isobel S	83
October 14	Donna	63
October 15	Christina	42
October 25	Antone R	84
November 4	Tiago M	78
November 7	Robert Benjamin	87
November 13	Stephen J.	77
November 19	Lorraine S.	94
November 22	Joaquim	83
November 25	John C.	76
December 2	Roland F	76
December 6	Sandra Mae	82
December 8	Lorraine	84
December 18	Michelle R.	53
December 22	Danny D.	81

DOG LICENSES 2024

Female:	44
Female Spayed:	416
Male:	71
Male Neutered:	438
Total Dogs Licensed	969

KENNEL LICENSES 2024

<i>Tag No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Number of Dogs</i>	<i>Owner Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Kennel Fee</i>
X-01	26-Mar-24	Four dogs or less	Jeffrey & Kimberly Whitmire	1560 Pine St.	\$20.00
X-02	04-Apr-24	Four dogs or less	Dana McLane	2011 Elm St.	\$20.00
X-03	04-Apr-24	Four dogs or less	Laurie Ronan & Thomas Dellavecchio	711 Hart St.	\$20.00
X-04	11-Jul-24	Four dogs or less	Mary Fitzgerald	1520 Smith St.	\$20.00
X-05	04-Sep-24	Four dogs or less	Candace Brassier	119 Sonnys Way.	\$20.00
X-09	04-Jan-24	Ten dogs or less	Rita & Tom Araujo	1423 Williams St.	\$35.00
X-10	08-Jan-24	Ten dogs or less	Heather Guenard	1920 Elm St.	\$35.00
X-11	01-Feb-24	Four dogs or less	Jessica Stamp	956 Stonegate Landing.	\$20.00
X-12	04-Apr-24	Ten dogs or less	Linc & Tracy Turner	1591 Wheeler St.	\$35.00
X-13	29-Apr-24	More than ten dogs	Bill Frenette	563 Hart St	\$65.00
X-14	12-Dec-24	Ten dogs or less	James Deeb	2321 Fieldstone Dr.	\$35.00
X-17	21-Feb-24	More than ten dogs	Joe Barao	481 School St.	\$65.00
X-18	13-May-24	More than ten dogs	Antone Roderick	2835 County St.	\$65.00

MARRIAGES REGISTERED 2024

APRIL

April 05	Allison Avery Medeiros	of	Dighton, MA	&	Tyler Robert Hill	of	Dighton, MA
April 20	Nicholas Joseph DeJesus	of	Dighton, MA	&	Megan Jean Haley	of	Dighton, MA

MAY

May 18	Michael Louis Binda	of	Taunton, MA	&	Laureen Marie Kullas	of	Taunton, MA
May 21	Hillary Elizabeth Tarr	of	Dighton, MA	&	Patrick Robert Leduc	of	Dighton, MA

JUNE

June 15	Herbert John McEvoy	of	Dighton, MA	&	Joan Mary Jakuboski	of	Dighton, MA
June 17	Heather Lynn Vermillion	of	Dighton, MA	&	Kadeem Anthony Daniel	of	Dighton, MA
June 30	Eduino Aquino Chaves	of	Dighton, MA	&	Kristin Ann Pierce	of	Dighton, MA

AUGUST

August 26	Ryan Michael Thomas	of	Dighton, MA	&	Danielle Nicole Etter	of	Dighton, MA
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SEPTEMBER

September 05	Kathleen Pedder Borden	of	Swansea, MA	&	Richard D. Borden	of	Swansea, MA
September 07	Kimberly Lynn Reilly	of	Dighton, MA	&	Daniel Austin Johnson	of	Dighton, MA
September 13	Nicole Marie Mygan	of	Berkley, MA	&	Matthew John Medeiros	of	Dighton, MA
September 29	Gregory Michael Moulding	of	Dighton, MA	&	Xiuyan Shen	of	Fayetteville, NC
September 29	Matthew Alton Eckerson	of	Dighton, MA	&	Carolynne Marie Manosh	of	Seekonk, MA

OCTOBER

October 06	Logan Christopher Branco	of	Westport, MA	&	Kylie Marie Borges	of	Dighton, MA
October 11	Daria Jordan Foley	of	Sarasota, FL	&	John William Horner	of	Sarasota, FL
October 13	Rachel Patricia MacDermott	of	Dighton, MA	&	Liam Connor Gallinagh	of	Dighton, MA
October 15	Justin Ryan Raposo	of	Somerset, MA	&	Daisy Moniz Alves	of	Bristol, RI
October 25	Meghan Patricia Duffy	of	Dighton, MA	&	Corey Lee Oliver	of	Rehoboth, MA

DECEMBER

December 08	Sarah Michelle Udell	of	Dighton, MA	&	Thomas John Callahan	of	Dighton, MA
December 20	Donna-Lyn Pappas	of	Dighton, MA	&	Jorge Albert Freitas	of	Dighton, MA
December 31	Coral Ashley Freeman	of	Dighton, MA	&	Patrick Douglas Pucillo	of	Dighton, MA

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	→ TOTALS
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DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL

DEAN PHILLIPS	16	6	11	33
JOSEPH R BIDEN	143	139	136	418
MARIANNE WILIAMSON	12	11	9	32
NO PREFERNCE	11	12	14	37
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	6	6	6	18
TOTAL	188	174	176	538

DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE MAN

EVAN JAMES FRANCIS	48	46	61	155
PAUL W JACQUES	107	98	87	292
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	33	30	28	91
TOTAL	188	174	176	538

DEMOCRAT STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

ESTELE CHRISTINE BORGES	102	84	90	276
KATHRYN N CUNNINGHAM	61	59	61	181
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	25	31	25	81
TOTAL	188	174	176	538

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

TIMOTHY FRANCIS RHINES	1	0	0	1
JOHN P RUFO	1	0	0	1
RUSSELL R ALLEN	1	0	0	1
ANN ELAINE MEITZEN	1	0	0	1
JOANNE G PEDERSEN	1	0	0	1
BARBARA S MURRAY	0	1	0	1
KATELYN MARIE HANSEN	0	0	2	2
NANCY J GOULART	0	0	1	1
JEFFREY A RYAN	0	0	1	1
WRITE INS	5	0	4	9
BLANKS	1860	1739	1742	5341
TOTAL	1870	1740	1750	5360

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL

CHRIS CHRISTIE	2	1	0	3
RYAN BINKLEY	1	1	2	4
VIVEK RAMASWAMY	0	0	1	1
ASA HUTCHINSON	1	0	0	1
DONALD J TRUMP	272	256	233	761
RON DESANTIS	7	6	2	15
NIKKI HALEY	82	89	74	245

NO PREFERENCE	4	1	2	7
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1
WRITE INS	1	0	0	1
BLANKS	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	372	354	314	1040

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MAN

MARK EDWARD TOWNSAND	138	123	106	367
MARK R SWAN	163	167	153	483
ALL OTHERS	1			
WRITE INS	1	2	0	3
BLANKS	69	62	55	186
TOTAL	372	354	314	1040

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

MARIA S COLLINS	148	165	143	456
SHAUNNA L OCONNELL	188	139	140	467
WRITE INS	1	2	0	3
BLANKS	35	48	31	114
TOTAL	372	354	314	1040

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

PAUL E REYNOLDS III	198	194	191	583
RAFAEL ROBERT DELFIN	188	171	168	527
TIMANDRA ALYS VINCENT	179	166	159	504
WILLIAM F MOORE	189	180	175	544
ROY DAVID LARSSON	182	172	165	519
MELISSA STAURENT	200	191	185	576
DAVID ROSA	204	185	180	569
DONNA MARIE BERDOS	187	178	165	530
DAVID PETER BERDOS	189	175	162	526
SUSAN GRAY PRITCHARD	186	177	162	525
ALLISON LARSSON	193	184	164	541
AMIEE L MCGURN	194	172	168	534
BLANKS	2163	2103	1713	5979
TOTAL	4452	4248	3757	12457

LIBERTARIAN PRESIDENTIAL

JACOB GEORGE HORNBERGER	0	0	0	0
MICHEAL RECTENWALD	0	0	0	0
CHASE RUSSELL OLIVER	1	0	0	1
MICHAEL TER MAAT	0	0	0	0
LARS DAMIAN MAPSTEAD	0	0	0	0
NO PREFERENCE	0	2	0	2
WRITE INS	0	1	0	1
BLANKS	2	0	3	5
TOTAL	3	3	3	9

LIBERTARIAN STATE COMMITTEE MAN

WRITE IN	0	1	0	1
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BLANKS	3	2	3	8
TOTAL	3	3	3	9

LIBERTARIAN STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

WRITE IN	0	1	0	1
BLANKS	3	2	3	8
TOTAL	3	3	3	9

LIBERTARIAN TOWN COMMITTEE

WRITE IN	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	30	30	30	90
TOTAL	30	30	30	90

STATE PRIMARY OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

DEMOCRAT COUNT

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3		TOTALS
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
ELIZABETH ANN WARREN	159	139	151		449
Write - Ins	1	0	1		2
Blanks	17	15	18		50
TOTALS	177	154	170		501
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
JAKE AUCHINCLOSS	158	140	154		452
Write Ins	1	0	0		1
Blanks	18	14	16		48
TOTALS	177	154	170		501

COUNCILLOR				
JOSEPH C. FERREIRA	152	137	152	441
Write Ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	24	17	18	59
TOTALS	177	154	170	501
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
JOSEPH RICHARD PACHECO	115	95	123	333
BARRY CHRISTOPHER SANDERS	54	54	43	151
Write Ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	7	5	4	16
TOTALS	177	154	170	501
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
PATRICIA A. HADDAD	156	143	155	454
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	21	11	15	47
TOTALS	177	154	170	501
CLERK OF COURTS				
JENNIFER A. SULLIVAN	146	133	150	429
Write Ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	30	21	20	71
TOTALS	177	154	170	501
REGISTER OF DEEDS				
BARRY J. AMARAL	155	144	155	454
Write Ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	21	10	15	46
TOTALS	177	154	170	501
COUNTY COMMISSIONER				
JOHN R. MITCHELL	105	96	111	312
JULIE KATHERINE RUGGEIRO	121	101	124	346
Write Ins	4	1	0	5
Blanks	124	110	105	339
TOTALS	354	308	340	1002

STATE PRIMARY OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

LIBERTARIAN COUNT

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	TOTALS
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Write - Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	5
TOTALS	1	2	2	5
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	5
TOTALS	1	2	2	5
COUNCILLOR				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	5
TOTALS	1	2	2	5
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	5
TOTALS	1	2	2	5
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	5
TOTALS	1	2	2	5
CLERK OF COURTS				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	5
TOTALS	1	2	2	5
REGISTER OF DEEDS				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	2	2	6
TOTALS	2	2	2	6
COUNTY COMMISSIONER				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	4	4	10
TOTALS	2	4	4	10

STATE PRIMARY OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

REPUBLICAN COUNT

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3		TOTALS
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
ROBERT JANTONELLIS	26	31	10		67
IAN CAIN	6	3	3		12
JOHN DEATON	96	84	84		264
Write - Ins	0	0	0		0
Blanks	3	7	1		11
TOTALS	131	125	98		354
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Write Ins	7	0	0		7
Blanks	124	125	98		347
TOTALS	131	125	98		354
COUNCILLOR					
Write Ins	3	0	0		3
Blanks	128	125	98		351
TOTALS	131	125	98		354
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
KELLY A. DOONER	108	96	83		287
Write Ins	4	3	2		9
Blanks	19	26	13		58
TOTALS	131	125	98		354
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
JUSTIN THURBER	103	110	84		297
Write Ins	0	0	1		1
Blanks	28	15	13		56
TOTALS	131	125	98		354
CLERK OF COURTS					
Write Ins	1	0	0		1
Blanks	130	125	98		353
TOTALS	131	125	98		354
REGISTER OF DEEDS					
Write Ins	3	1	0		4
Blanks	128	124	98		350
TOTALS	131	125	98		354
COUNTY COMMISSIONER					
Write Ins	3	0	1		4
Blanks	259	250	195		704
TOTALS	262	250	196		708

ANNUAL TOWN OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Saturday, April 6, 2024

CANDIDATE

PR 1 PR 2 PR 3

→ TOTALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - THREE YEARS

MARK L. PACHECO	191	145	159	495
Robert Woods	0	1	0	1
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	18	18	10	46
TOTAL	209	164	169	542

TOWN MODERATOR - THREE YEARS

KEVIN SMITH JR.	177	142	153	472
William Moore	1	9	1	11
Robert Woods	0	1	0	1
David Rosa	0	0	1	1
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	31	12	14	57
TOTAL	209	164	169	542

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - THREE YEARS

NANCY J. GOULART	160	140	139	439
David Rosa	1	0	1	2
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	48	24	29	101
TOTAL	209	164	169	542

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - THREE YEARS

CHRISTOPHER M. ANDRADE	147	134	128	409
GLENN A. JEFFERSON	155	120	123	398
Rebecca Stvincent	1	0	0	1
David Rosa	1	0	1	2
Eric Lemarie	0	1	0	1
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	112	73	85	270
TOTAL	416	328	337	1081

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER - THREE YEARS

KEVIN SMITH JR.	174	141	153	468
Dave Rosa	1	0	1	2
Robert Woods	0	1	0	1
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	34	22	15	71
TOTAL	209	164	169	542

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - THREE YEARS

RITA A. ARAUJO	182	147	145	474
David Rosa	6	9	3	18
William Mello	0	0	1	1
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	21	8	20	49
TOTAL	209	164	169	542

ANNUAL TOWN OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Saturday, April 6, 2024

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	TOTALS
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONER -THREE YEARS				
THOMAS C. FERRY	176	154	152	482
David Rosa	0	0	1	1
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	33	10	16	59
TOTAL	209	164	169	542
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONER - ONE YEAR				
MARK W. NICORA	159	134	130	423
David Rosa	0	0	1	1
Dorian Jefferson	0	1	0	1
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	50	29	38	117
TOTAL	209	164	169	542
TOWN CLERK - ONE YEAR				
SHARA A. COSTA	178	148	155	481
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	31	16	14	61
TOTAL	209	164	169	542
PLANNING BOARD - 5 YEARS				
DANIEL G. HIGGINS	165	135	143	443
Robert Woods	0	1	0	1
WRITE IN	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	44	28	26	98
TOTAL	209	164	169	542
TREE WARDEN - THREE YEARS				
THOMAS C. FERRY	179	154	151	484
David Rosa	0	0	1	1
WRITE IN	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	30	10	17	57
TOTAL	209	164	169	542



Annual Town Meeting
Town Of Dighton, MA
June 10, 2024

The Annual Town Meeting held on June 10, 2024, at the Dighton-Rehoboth High School and was called to order at 7:01 PM by Kevin Smith Jr., Moderator. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. The checkers were Sue Carpenter, Lisa Cowan, Peg Mullen, Jeanne Noons, Joan Ready, Kathleen Perry, Joann Wilson, Jean Lahousse, Rita Araujo and Ashley Daigneault. From the Finance Committee was Chairman Peter J. Roache, Susan Lorenz, Ronald McKay, William Pruitt, and Doug White. Present and seated on stage from the Board of Selectmen was Chairman Peter Caron, Mark Pacheco, and Nicole Mello. Also present and seated on stage was Michael Mullen Town Administrator, Matthew Costa Town Council, Shara Costa Town Clerk, and Sirena Amaral Town Accountant. Articles presented and made from floor Alisha Wilson, Nancy Goulart and Paul Reynolds III. The Annual Town Meeting Dissolved at 9.42 PM. Total attendance was 132

Chairman Peter Caron of the Board of Selectmen read the following recognition:

“Good evening my name is Peter Caron and I am one of the Selectmen in town. We have a special guest with us this evening for as long as I have been alive and probably most of you David Gay has been our attorney for the Town of Dighton and tonight, he is retiring from our Town and he will be sorely missed. We have a certificate of appreciation for you Mr. Gay. It reads; “From the Town of Dighton Board of Selectmen, 979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, MA 02715 Certificate of appreciation, We the undersign to hereby recognize David T Gay Esquire for almost 50 years of dedicated service to the Town of Dighton in his residence as our Town Council Your efforts have significantly had an impact on many Dighton projects and initiatives. The successful results of which you continue to have lasting to our community for years to come. On behalf of our small town with a big heart we extend our sincere gratitude.” And is signed by the Board of Selectmen. Thank you, Mr. Gay.

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

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Mark Pacheco and Seconded I move that we dispense with the reading of the articles, and that reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Mark Pacheco and seconded, I move that the Town consider adjournment this evening at 11:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, to hear reports of the Town Officials.

Chairman Peter Caron of the Board of Selectmen read the following statement:

“Good evening, I stand before you with great pride and humility as we gather for our Annual Town Meeting. This Occasion provides us with a unique opportunity to come together as a community, to reflect on our achievements, and to envision a brighter future for our town. I would like to recognize my town colleagues here on-stage, Selectman Nicole Mello, and our newest Selectman Mark Pacheco. It is both a privilege and an honor to serve with them. Over the past year, we have witnessed progress and growth in our community. Our Police and Fire Departments work tirelessly to keep our streets and residents safe. There is no one better than Tom Ferry and his crew at keeping the infrastructure strong. The public servants at Town Hall whose professionalism is second to none. The volunteers who serve on Committees and Boards are truly the definition of selflessness. We can’t forget our schools where the teachers and administration treat every student as an investment in our community’s future.

In the Spring of 2023 Dighton was in the national spotlight, as a Town Resident was the focus of an international incident, along with Federal and State Law enforcement, Dighton Police and Fire Departments responded to the scene, both departments were later recognized for their efforts and professionalism by the FBI. In the Summer of 2023, Dighton again was in the news which resulted in the appointment of an Acting Police Chief. Administrative Sgt. George Nichols was appointed new Police Chief in March of 2024. We are fortunate to have such a capable leader who has proven to be a dedicated public servant ensuring the safety and well-being of our town. This year we lost an icon of our school committee, Janice Terry. She is sorely missed. We had several notable retirements: assistant Town Clerk, Pamela Tenglin; Conservation Committee Members Bill Frenette; and Charles Mello. Between the three of the them they served our town for over 125 years. I would like to recognize Leonard Hull who worked tirelessly as a selectman for 3 years. As we move forward, it is essential to address the financial needs of our community. I understand that some of you may be concerned about the financial implications of tonight’s warrant. We must strike a balance between providing the necessary funding and the financial burden on our residents. I want to let you know, your Selectmen, Financial Team, and Town Administrator consider it our responsibility to explore all possible avenues for funding, including seeking Grants, Partnerships, and community support. As we look ahead, it is essential that we consider the challenges and opportunities that lie before us. Our town has seen significant growth over the years, and with that growth comes the need for careful planning. We must strike a balance between preserving our surroundings and accommodating the needs for a growing population. I invite each of you to actively participate in the decisions making process of our town. Attend community meetings, voice your concerns, and contribute your ideas. Let us remember that our town is not just a collection of streets and buildings, but a community of individuals who share a

common purpose. Let us strive to build bridges, not walls, and foster a sense of unity and belonging. Thank You”

Nancy Goulart of the Board of Assessors read the following statement:

“Welcome ladies and gentleman. Thank you for attending the Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Assessors has completed a review of requests for exemptions and abatements that have been submitted to date. Later this evening you will be asked to support an article that we hope will help more elderly residents qualify for tax reductions if the age is lowered to 65. The board recognizes the difficult times that some residents are having with the cost-of-living taxes and necessities of life. Bill Moore, chairman of the Board of Assessors, is serving on the committee that is reviewing how to make accessible contributions to help those in need. The Department of Revenue has notified communities that all properties should be reviewed to make sure their assessed evaluations are up to date. Our office will be looking at approximately 200 properties this year with assistance from the Department of Revenue. Tonight, you will be asked to approve a payment in lieu of taxes (Pilot) Agreement the largest solar installation in town located at 1420 and 1522 Williams Street. More information will be provided when the article is presented for a vote. We have two other solar installations in various stages of completion both of whom want pilot agreements we may be able to present them at the Fall Town Meeting if work is completed in a timely manner. In conclusion, please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your real estate, personal property and excise taxes. Thank You”

William F. Moore Chairman

Nancy Goulart Clerk

Eric J. Easterday Member.

Peter Roach of the Finance Committee read the following statement:

“Good evening and welcome to Town Meeting. My name is Peter Roach I’m the chairman of the finance committee and let me begin by thanking the department heads, Town Administrator, Town Accountant and most important The Board of Selectmen Administrator, Karen Brady, for keeping me out of trouble. This year’s budget process will continue to improve significantly over the past years, we did face significant challenge. I’d like to commend the financial team for their hard work over the last year-tightening many of the accounting policies and procedures that helped get the town to where we are. These changes have made the budget process for many of the Town departments significantly more streamlined. Change is never easy. As a finance committee we are seeing the improvements. Nothing happens overnight but the benefits are being seen. To the challenges toward the end of January we were looking at an initial budget request from the financial team that would have been under the levy limit, then we received the DR budget. Over the past 5 years our annual budget increases had averaged \$435,000 with a high of \$537,000 the

increase from DR came in at 257% of the past 5 year average \$1,117,000. Town's projected new revenues which come from our 2 1/2 % increase over the last year plus our new growth was at \$885,000 for the year. The DR increase represents 126% of our new growth new revenue. Obviously, that is not sustainable as the '26-budget process begins right after this meeting ends. I encourage you to please reach out to the school board members early and often during the budget process which I assume is going to start July 1st as well. I know we heard about right sizing and just based on the high school enrollment over the last 4 years its down 20%; over the last 8 years it's down 35%; over the last 12 years it's down 40%. With this increase after going through every budget line item, we could not provide a balanced budget without using free cash as a way to cross the line. We're proposing using free cash for one-time items like retirements; a year of out-of-town placement for a student; Snow and Ice totaling \$273,000; and additionally using \$219,000 to pay operating expenses. Something that I've never done and hopefully will never do again. Something to keep in mind next year- our BP debt payments increase by \$400,000 and then we increase by another \$200,000 to \$300,000 the year after that. Not to throw too much at you but I would like to thank Mr. Perry for his work with his committee regarding waste collection, a dirty job with the fee for bags not keeping up with the cost of collection and recycling. The costs are now being absorbed more and more by real estate taxes as opposed to use. Not an easy committee to be on. There were a lot of opinions on both sides, some good options came out of that committee and I'm hopeful that there'll be more discussion in the near future. Overall, the budget provides a strong commitment to the services that we as Town's people expect. We took a conservative approach without jeopardizing the services that we require while keeping an eye on future obligations, however as I said before, there are difficult decisions on the horizon. A question that always gets asked every year- right now our capital stabilization is \$1,549,000 roughly 5.7% of our budget; stabilization is 1.969455, 7.3% of our budget free cash; after the articles and if everything passes would be \$160,000; and the ambulance fund assuming a transfer there would be \$373,000. Thank you for your attendance and you know as a committee, we welcome all questions and comments along the way. Capital Outlay Committee met in late April and ranked and evaluated a number of proposals for capital projects within the town. A number of projects like the fire station feasibility study and like the Main Street project are about to get underway and others like Elementary School Feasibility Study are also being anticipated. Requested capital items exceed the town's ability to fund each request at this point which has been further impacted by the town's operating budget. Proposed Capital items on the warrant include a new police cruiser, which we haven't had one in two years; an additional \$75,000 for Main Street project; a drainage for old Somerset Avenue improvements; an enclosed trailer for the highway department; and the first year of a three-year lease purchase for an excavator. We anticipate the ability to fund future Capital items is going to be more challenging as we said, but we look forward to a reorganized Capital Outlay Committee to continue to tackle the challenges and also just keep track of what is coming down the road Thank You"

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that we accept the reports of the Town Officials as presented.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$3,569.16 to pay prior year bills.

Prior Year Bills	Department	Amount
NAPA Auto Parts	Police	\$96.49
Police Detail	Transfer Station	\$254.82
Police Details	Board of Selectmen	\$372.79
Bristol-Plymouth RTS	Historical Commission	\$38.00
National Grid	Town Offices	\$2807.06
	Total	\$3,569.16

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the town vote to establish the salaries of Elected Town Officials for Fiscal Year 2025 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 10, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Elected Officials	FY25 Budget Request	Finance Committee Recommendations	Board of Selectmen Recommendations
Board of Assessors			
Chairman	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55
Member	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55

Member	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55
Board of Selectmen			
Chairman	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Member	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Member	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Tree Warden	\$269.10	\$275.83	\$275.83
Moderator	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Town Clerk	\$77,592.50	\$77,592.50	\$77,592.50
Town Collector	\$39,729.00	\$39,729.00	\$39,729.00
Town Treasurer	\$39,729.00	\$39,729.00	\$39,729.00
Planning Board			
Chairman	\$2,295.04	\$2,239.06	\$2,239.06
Member	\$2,295.04	\$2,239.06	\$2,239.06
Member	\$2,295.04	\$2,239.06	\$2,239.06
Member	\$2,295.04	\$2,239.06	\$2,239.06
Member	\$2,295.04	\$2,239.06	\$2,239.06
Sewer Commissioners			
Chairman	\$3,444.52	\$3,360.49	\$3,360.49

Member	\$2,285.84	\$2,230.09	\$2,230.09
Member	\$2,285.84	\$2,230.09	\$2,230.09

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 5. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 10, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, specifically to raise and appropriate \$1,803,503.30 and to transfer \$20,274.55 from Sewer Indirect Costs for personnel and expenses of said departments as therein provided the sum of \$1,823,777.85 for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

**TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2025**

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
113	TOWN MEETING				
	Personnel	\$2,700.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,200.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
114	MODERATOR				
	Personnel	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$500.00	\$	\$500.00	\$500.00
122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
	Personnel	\$121,340.00	\$103,141.68	\$103,458.86	\$103,458.86
	Expenses	\$71,640.00	\$88,285.00	\$88,285.00	\$88,285.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$192,980.66	\$191,426.68	\$191,743.86	\$191,743.86
124	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR				
	Personnel	\$166,650.00	\$176,679.00	\$176,814.42	\$176,814.42
	Expenses	\$14,321.00	\$15,920.00	\$14,698.35	\$14,698.35
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$180,971.00	\$192,599.00	\$191,512.77	\$191,512.77
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	Personnel	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00
	Expenses	\$405.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$355.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,000.00	\$3,950.00	\$3,950.00	\$3,950.00

132	RESERVE FUND				
	Expenses	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
	Personnel	\$136,583.60	\$143,081.50	\$143,081.50	\$143,081.50
	Expenses	\$36,375.00	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$172,958.60	\$175,581.50	\$175,581.50	\$175,581.50
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
	Personnel	\$192,342.85	\$196,741.69	\$196,741.69	\$196,741.69
	Expenses	\$27,700.00	\$31,700.00	\$31,700.00	\$31,700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$220,042.85	\$228,441.69	\$228,441.69	\$228,441.69

**TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2025**

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
145	TOWN TREASURER				
	Personnel	\$78,385.00	\$81,322.89	\$81,072.89	\$81,072.89
	Expenses	\$30,850.00	\$34,400.00	\$30,700.00	\$34,400.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$109,235.00	\$115,722.89	\$111,772.89	\$115,472.89
146	TOWN COLLECTOR				
	Personnel	\$78,485.00	\$81,322.89	\$81,322.89	\$81,322.89
	Expenses	\$23,350.00	\$25,350.00	\$24,350.00	\$25,350.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$101,835.00	\$106,672.89	\$105,672.89	\$106,672.89
151	TOWN COUNSEL				
	Expenses	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
155	DATA PROCESSING				
	Expenses	\$71,733.33	\$70,373.58	\$65,373.58	\$65,373.58
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$71,733.33	\$70,373.58	\$65,373.58	\$65,373.58
158	TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE				
	Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
161	TOWN CLERK				
	Personnel	\$165,203.60	\$141,776.20	\$141,776.20	\$141,776.20
	Expenses	\$9,444.00	\$10,075.00	\$9,675.00	\$9,675.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$174,647.60	\$151,851.20	\$151,451.20	\$151,451.20

162	ELECTIONS				
	Personnel	\$15,439.00	\$16,518.10	\$16,518.10	\$16,518.10
	Expenses	\$16,062.40	\$25,987.00	\$25,987.00	\$25,987.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$31,501.40	\$42,505.10	\$42,505.10	\$42,505.10
163	REGISTRATION				
	Personnel	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Expenses	\$7,952.00	\$8,052.00	\$7,702.00	\$7,702.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,552.00	\$8,652.00	\$8,302.00	\$8,302.00
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
	Personnel	\$64,539.56	\$65,422.76	\$65,391.61	\$65,391.61
	Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$69,539.56	\$71,422.76	\$69,491.61	\$69,491.61

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
174	DIGHTON TRAILS COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
175	PLANNING BOARD				
	Personnel	\$43,264.91	\$45,059.66	\$44,779.77	\$44,779.77
	Expenses	\$19,045.29	\$19,087.17	\$16,087.17	18,587.17
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$62,310.20	\$64,146.83	\$60,866.94	\$63,366.94
176	BOARD OF APPEALS				
	Personnel	\$28,661.92	\$29,849.71	\$29,671.82	\$29,671.82
	Expenses	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00	\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$39,861.92	\$41,049.71	\$38,371.82	\$38,371.82
179	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION				
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
189	DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION				
	Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
192	PUBLIC BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				
	Expenses	\$201,740.00	\$255,140.00	\$250,140.00	\$255,140.00

	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$201,740.00	\$255,140.00	\$250,140.00	\$255,140.00
195	TOWN REPORTS				
	Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL GENERAL				
	GOVERNMENT	\$1,787,509.12	\$1,863,135.83	\$1,823,777.85	\$1,840,977.85

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	PUBLIC SAFETY				
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$1,703,384.68	\$1,727,741.90	\$1,714,741.90	\$1,722,741.90
	Expenses	\$243,340.00	\$256,130.89	\$245,587.89	\$254,587.89
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,946,724.68	\$1,983,872.79	\$1,960,329.79	\$1,977,329.79
215	COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$374,288.13	\$392,941.59	\$378,741.39	\$378,741.59
	Expenses	\$36,200.00	\$36,700.00	\$34,100.00	\$34,100.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$410,488.13	\$429,641.59	\$412,841.59	\$412,841.59
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$657,492.67	\$669,249.47	\$669,249.47	\$669,249.47
	Expenses	\$103,240.00	\$107,038.50	\$104,538.50	\$107,038.50
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$760,732.67	\$776,287.97	\$773,787.97	\$776,287.97
231	AMBULANCE SERVICES				
	Personnel	\$665,798.26	\$677,555.06	\$677,555.06	\$677,555.06
	Expenses	\$130,988.00	\$138,316.50	\$135,316.50	\$135,316.50
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$796,786.26	\$815,871.56	\$812,871.56	\$812,871.56
241	BUILDING INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$133,531.20	\$154,690.32	\$154,690.32	\$154,690.32
	Expenses	\$37,180.00	\$36,780.00	\$29,980.00	\$29,980.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$170,711.20	\$191,470.32	\$184,670.32	\$184,670.32

242	GAS INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00
243	PLUMBING INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00

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244	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES				
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
	Personnel	\$45,900.00	\$46,990.44	\$46,990.44	\$46,990.44
	Expenses	\$12,250.00	\$14,025.00	\$13,025.00	\$13,025.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$58,150.00	\$61,015.44	\$60,015.44	\$60,015.44
294	FORESTRY				
	Personnel	\$269.10	\$275.83	\$275.83	\$275.83
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$269.10	\$275.83	\$275.83	\$275.83
299	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,185,362.04	\$4,300,435.50	\$4,245,292.50	\$4,264,792.50
	EDUCATION				

300	DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$11,796,654.00	\$12,913,479.00	\$12,913,479.00	\$12,913,479.00
	BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$239,916.50	\$279,906.48	\$279,906.48	\$279,906.48

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$1,468,434.00	\$1,437,737.00	\$1,437,737.00	\$1,437,737.00
	Out of District Obligation		\$100,216.00	\$100,216.00	\$100,216.00
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$13,505,004.50	\$14,731,338.48	\$14,731,338.48	\$14,731,338.48
	HIGHWAY				
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE				
	Personnel	\$648,485.91	\$605,103.86	\$599,485.86	\$599,485.86
	Expenses	\$172,410.00	\$187,466.00	\$183,466.00	\$183,466.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$820,895.91	\$792,569.86	\$782,951.86	\$782,951.86
423	SNOW AND ICE CONTROL				
	Personnel	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00
	Expenses	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
429	DIGHTON-BERKLEY BRIDGE				
	Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
432	STREET CLEANING/STORMWATER				
	Personnel	\$64,283.47	\$149,135.04	\$149,135.04	\$149,135.04
	Expenses	\$98,191.14	\$110,071.61	\$98,071.61	\$98,071.61

	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$162,474.61	\$259,206.65	\$247,206.65	\$247,206.65
	TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$1,034,370.52	\$1,103,376.51	\$1,081,758.51	\$1,081,758.51

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	SANITATION				
433	WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL				
	Expenses	\$769,500.00	\$792,600.00	\$783,600.00	\$783,600.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$769,500.00	\$792,600.00	\$783,600.00	\$783,600.00
435	TRANSFER STATION				
	Personnel	\$22,775.90	\$22,329.66	\$22,329.66	\$22,329.66
	Expenses	\$73,740.83	\$86,127.83	\$81,232.83	\$81,232.83
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$95,516.73	\$108,457.49	\$103,562.49	\$103,562.49
	TOTAL SANITATION	\$866,016.73	\$901,057.49	\$887,162.49	\$887,162.49
	OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL				
491	CEMETERY				
	Expenses	\$25,840.00	\$30,021.50	\$30,021.50	\$30,021.50
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$25,840.00	\$30,021.50	\$30,021.50	\$30,021.50
	TOTAL OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL	\$25,840.00	\$30,021.50	\$30,021.50	\$30,021.50
	HUMAN SERVICES				
510	BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS AND INSPECTIONS				
	Personnel	\$155,765.56	\$157,265.75	\$154,917.00	NO MOTION MADE
	Expenses	\$4,900.00	4,900.00	\$4,000.00	
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$160,665.56	\$162,165.75	\$158,917.00	\$
541	COUNCIL ON AGING				
	Personnel	\$148,656.80	\$165,649.20	\$165,649.20	\$165,649.20
	Expenses	\$18,668.62	\$12,783.00	\$12,783.00	\$12,783.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$167,325.42	\$178,432.20	\$178,432.20	\$178,432.20
543	VETERANS' SERVICES				
	Personnel	\$40,142.01	\$52,460.81	\$52,460.81	\$52,460.81
	Expenses	\$50,750.00	70,550.00	\$70,050.00	\$70,050.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$90,892.01	\$123,010.81	\$122,510.81	\$122,510.81

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
549	COMMISSION ON DISABILITY				
	Personnel	\$3,060.00			
	Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$5,060.00	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$423,942.99	\$464,208.76	\$460,310.01	\$301,393.01
610	PUBLIC LIBRARY				
	Personnel	\$230,229.60	\$238,436.27	\$238,436.27	\$238,436.27
	Expenses	\$76,351.00	\$79,765.00	\$78,765.00	\$79,765.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$306,580.60	\$318,201.27	\$317,201.27	\$318,201.27
630	PARKS AND RECREATION				
	Expenses	\$20,500.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$20,500.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
691	TOWN HISTORIAN	\$250.00	\$2,000.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
	Expenses	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
698	CABLE COMMISSION				
	Personnel	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
	Expenses	\$16,000.00	\$18,280.00	\$18,280.00	\$18,280.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$36,000.00	\$48,280.00	\$48,280.00	\$48,280.00
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$364,730.60	\$390,881.27	\$387,881.27	\$388,881.27
	DEBT SERVICE				
710	MATURING PRINCIPAL ON LONG TERM DEBT				
	Expenses	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00
751	INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT				
	Expenses	\$121,175.00	\$109,425.00	\$109,425.00	\$109,425.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$121,175.00	\$109,425.00	\$109,425.00	\$109,425.00

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
752	INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL DEBT	\$362,843.00	\$351,093.00	\$351,093.00	\$351,093.00
	STATE & COUNTY CHARGES				
820	STATE ASSESSMENTS & CHARGES	\$78,496.00	\$81,932.00	\$81,932.00	\$81,932.00
830	COUNTY ASSESSMENTS & CHARGES	\$121,192.00	\$124,221.00	\$124,221.00	\$124,221.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$199,688.00	\$206,153.00	\$206,153.00	\$206,153.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
911	RETIREMENT & PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS				
	Expenses	\$1,048,324.00	\$1,109,468.00	\$1,109,468.00	\$1,109,468.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,048,324.00	\$1,109,468.00	\$1,109,468.00	\$1,109,468.00
914	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE				
	Expenses	\$1,332,436.25	\$1,370,348.00	\$1,355,348.00	\$1,370,348.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,332,436.25	\$1,370,348.00	\$1,355,348.00	\$1,370,348.00
915	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE				
	Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
916	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS				
	Expenses	\$88,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$88,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
919	OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)				
	Expenses	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
920	TUITION				
	Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,508,760.25	\$2,620,816.00	\$2,605,316.00	\$2,620,816.00
	SETTLEMENTS AND COURT JUDGEMENTS				
940	SETTLEMENTS				
	Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
941	COURT JUDGEMENTS				
	Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL SETTLEMENTS AND COURT JUDGEMENTS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE				
	Expenses	\$240,200.00	\$251,608.00	\$251,608.00	\$251,608.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$240,200.00	\$251,608.00	\$251,608.00	\$251,608.00
	TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$240,200.00	\$251,608.00	\$251,608.00	\$251,608.00
	GENERAL FUND TOTALS	\$25,504,267.75	\$27,214,125.34	\$27,061,712.61	\$26,955,995.61

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 5.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from the Ambulance Fund, the total amount of \$4,245,292.50 to Public Safety accounts, as specified in the Warrant for June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, specifically to Raise & Appropriate \$3,790,292.50 and to transfer \$455,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Education assessments, as specified in the warrant for June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, the sum of \$14,731,338.48 for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to the Highway accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically for personnel and expenses of the Highway Department as therein provided, the sum of \$1,081,758.51 for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically for personnel and expenses of said department as therein provided, the sum of \$887,162.49 for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting. Article 5, and specifically for personnel and expenses of said department as therein provided, the sum of \$30,021.50 for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

On Motion of Douglas White Mr. Moderator, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$460,310.01 to Human Services accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, for personnel and expenses of said departments as therein provided, for fiscal year 2025

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to amend Passes Motioned by Mark Pacheco and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I Motion to Amend Human Services Department 510 Board of Health Regulations and inspections personnel line specifically for the town to vote to reduce line number 5107 Board of Health Director as known by the accounting department by \$21,402 and to further restrict any further FY25 appropriations to line 5107 as allowable by law. Line number 510 personal will now be \$133,515 all other human services accounts shall be as recommended by the Finance Committee for a total raise and appropriate of amount 438,908.01 for personnel and expenses of set department for FY25

As Amended Motion Passes: Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$438,908.01 to Human Services accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, for personnel and expenses of said departments as therein provided, for fiscal year 2025.

On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 \$387,881.27 as specified in the warrant for June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically to raise & appropriate \$339,601.27 and to transfer \$48,280.00 from PEG access for personnel and expenses as therein provided, for fiscal year 2025

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to amend Passes Motioned by Patricia Gails and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I would like to make a motion to amend line 691 the Historical Commission for expenses to \$1,400.00 with a total appropriation of \$388,131.27

On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 \$388,131.27 as specified in the warrant for June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically to raise & appropriate \$339,851.27 and to transfer \$48,280.00 from PEG access for personnel and expenses as therein provided, for fiscal year 2025

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from Title V the sum of \$351,093.00 to Debt Service accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, specifically to raise and appropriate \$344,424.00 and to transfer \$6,669.00 from Title V for expenses for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$206,153.00 to State and County Charges, to wit State/County Assessments and Charges, as specified in the warrant for the June 10, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, for expenses for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,605,316.00 to Employee Benefit accounts, as specified in the warrant for June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5 and specifically for expenses of said accounts as therein provided, for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$251,608.00 to Liability Insurance accounts, as specified in the warrant for the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, for expenses of said accounts as therein provided, for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 6. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 2025, as recommended by the Finance Committee and printed in Article 6 of the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

		Finance Committee Recommendations	Board of Selectmen Recommendations
Direct Costs			
Salaries	\$125,551.16	\$125,355.62	\$125,355.62
Expenses	\$196,600.00	\$196,600.00	\$196,600.00
Capital Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Indirect Costs	\$20,274.55	\$20,274.55	\$20,274.55

The above appropriations will be funded as follows:

\$299,800 through sewer receipts and \$ 92,430.17 transfer from sewer enterprise retained earnings totaling \$ 392,230.17

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to re-appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 from the FY24 Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget to fund a planned Somerset Avenue pump station upgrade project and related costs.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends***

ARTICLE 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer \$88,000.00 From Free Cash to fund the FY24 Snow and Ice deficit.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash***

ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 9 of the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends***

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 Cruiser Insurance Reimbursement	Dighton Police Chief	Repairs Directly Related to Insurance Claims	Insurance Payments			Fiscal Year 25 and Subsequent Years
Council on Aging Programs and Meals Fees	COA Director	Program Vendor's Invoices and Meal Expenses	Fees Charged for Programs and Meals			Fiscal Year 25 and Subsequent Years
Insurance Reimbursement	Town Administrator	Repairs Directly Related to Insurance Claims	Insurance Payments			Fiscal Year 25 and Subsequent Years
Municipal Building Insurance Fund	Board of Selectmen	Repairs Directly Related to Insurance Claims	Insurance Payments			Fiscal Year 25 and Subsequent Years

ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½, 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 FY25, as stated in Article 10 of the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends

"Departmental Revolving Funds", with such limitations for FY25 as follows:

Revolving Fund		FY25 Spending Limit
Trustees of the Dighton Public Library	Copying, Faxing and Printing Services	\$5,000.00
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
Police Cruiser Insurance Reimbursement Fund	Insurance Payments	\$100,000.00
Parks and Recreation Field Usage	Fees Charged and Monies Received for Field Use, Recreational Programs	\$15,000.00

Council on Aging	Fees Charges for Programs and Meals Offered by the Council on Aging	\$15,000.00
Insurance Reimbursement	Insurance Payments	\$200,000.00
Municipal Building Insurance Fund	Insurance Payments	\$200,000.00

ARTICLE 11. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 2025 Highway Program under Chapter 90, and the town road improvement program.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 12. MOTION PASSES: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 13. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to adjust the eligibility limits for the senior tax exemption available under the provisions of G.L. c.59, §5 clause 41C ½ by reducing from 70 to 65 the requisite age of eligibility.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 14. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Alisha Wilson and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to appropriate 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 2025, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Appropriations:

From FY2025 estimated revenues for the CPC Administrative expenses: \$6,900.00

Reserves:

From FY 2025 estimated revenues for Historic Resources: \$13,800.00

From FY 2025 estimated revenues for Community Housing: \$13,800.00

From FY 2025 estimated revenues for Open Space: \$13,800.00

From FY 2025 revenues for budget reserve: \$89,700.00

Community Preservation Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 15. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Alisha Wilson and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space and \$57,500.00 from the CPA Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance, for a total of \$62,500.00 to be expended by the Community Preservation Committee for the Broad Cove Nature Trail project phase 1, conducted by the Dighton Trails Committee, Project completion and expenditure of funds shall be in accordance with Step 7 of the Town of Dighton Community Preservation Committee's application and guidelines.

Community Preservation Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 16. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Alisha Wilson and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$3,500.00 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Resources to be expended by the Community Preservation Committee for the community wide historic properties survey, conducted by the Dighton Historical Commission, to identify ten (10) historical properties in the West Dighton area of Town. Project completion and expenditure of funds shall be in accordance with Step 7 of the Town of Dighton Community Preservation Committee's application and guidelines.

Community Preservation Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 17. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000.00 to be deposited into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash

ARTICLE 18. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$75,000.00 to be combined with pre-existing ATM Article #20 of June 15, 2023 and expended by the Highway Superintendent to fund Main Street reconstruction, repaving, sidewalk construction and related Work.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash

ARTICLE 19. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer \$15,000.00 from Free Cash to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase one enclosed trailer and related equipment.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash

ARTICLE 20. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator I move that the Town vote to transfer \$15,000.00 from Free Cash to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to fund Drainage upgrades and associated repairs on Old Somerset Avenue.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash

ARTICLE 21. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to fund bathroom modifications and related repairs at the highway garage.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash

ARTICLE 22. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the town vote to transfer \$45,000.00 from Free Cash to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to fund the first-year payment of a lease/ purchase agreement for one excavator and to fund any related equipment.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash

ARTICLE 23. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$8,545.00 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent for the purchase of a line striping machine and any related accessories.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash

ARTICLE 24. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to re-appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 from Special Article Account #010-2-122-0000-22-5301, Point-of-Sale System, initially approved for the purchase of a Point-of-Sale System for the Transfer Station, in Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting on November 1, 2022, to be expended by the Highway Superintendent for the purchase of security cameras at the

Transfer Station (865 Tremont Street) and the Highway Department Garage (2011 County Street) and any related accessories.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends***

ARTICLE 25. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from PEG Access & Cable Related Fund Account #240-330-698-3300-3022-40 the amount of \$40,000.00 to be expended by the Cable Committee to upgrade the Channel 9 broadcast server by replacement, purchase and installation of live stream equipment for mobile use and in Dighton Public School locations and any related equipment.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from PEG Access
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from PEG Access***

ARTICLE 26. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer \$6,300.00 from Free Cash to be expended by the Town Clerk for the purchase of poll pads and any related accessories.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash***

ARTICLE 27. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer \$6,800.00 from Free Cash and \$25,700.00 from available funds for the purposes of reimbursing the actual cost, upon completion and inspection, of a phone system upgrade to make current system compliant with e911 capabilities for Dighton Middle School, Dighton Elementary School and proportionate share of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Available Funds
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Available Funds***

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion from floor Mr. Leonard Hull Jr., and seconded, Mr. Moderator under discussion I would like to make a motion at this time that superintendent Bill Runey address the board in regards to this e911 article since it does apply to the school district motion

William Runey, Superintendent of School, read the following statement:

"Thank you, Mr. Moderator I apologize that I missed my opportunity earlier with the department reports that wasn't clear to me. I am going to give you a little bit of the state of the school system address. I'd like to start by expressing my appreciation for the Town of Dighton's support for the 23 months here on the Job. I am extremely grateful for the collaboration from our School Committee members and everyone at Town Hall, Selectman, FinComm, Advisory Finance and also Mr. Mullen. I am extremely proud of the partnerships that we have fostered with Chief Nichols, Chief Maguy and all of their colleagues in both departments. In the last two years we have really stressed the importance of unifying our towns around

the mission of education and I am proud to say the We Are DR is a real thing and have made considerable progress. Speaking of DPD and Dighton Fire we are very appreciative of the warrant article that the town approved last year for Safety and Security, when I arrived neither Dighton Middle or Dighton Elementary had security cameras, they also lacked electronic door monitoring technology, thanks to the town's prudent decision we will start a school year in September with a dramatically different safety and security position our students and staff will be safer thanks to you. At this time, we are asking your consideration of another step in safety and security as our phone system is not e911 compliant what this means is that a 911 call currently is only seen from that street address it does not pinpoint which room the call emanates from. This is a safety upgrade that will dramatically improve response time increasing the safety of our students but also more as important increasing the safety of the First Responders as they will know exactly where to go. In closing I will acknowledge that school district finances across Massachusetts have been a hot topic. My team and I worked very hard to create as efficient and effective as a budget as possible and yes, I am aware that we are 200 plus% and 100 Plus% in excess of certain aspects of the Town budget however we have made nominal 3.48% increase that still requires us to cut 18.5 positions. The governor's budget has inexplicably underestimated the impacts of inflation and this is why you see an uncharacteristic increase for this particular year and we will start working on FY256 as soon as possible in an effort to make things better for next year. We are very fortunate to have passed the assessment last week and we're grateful for the town's passage tonight. Thank You"

ARTICLE 28. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer \$85,000.00 from Free Cash to be expended by the Police Chief for one fully equipped police vehicle including computer, firearm (Patrol Rifle), radio, antenna and any accessories relative thereto.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash***

ARTICLE 29. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer \$15,000.00 from Free Cash to be expended by the Conservation Commission for legal and related expenses of litigation and administrative appeals in which the Conservation Commission, the Town of Dighton and/or relevant town officials are parties.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends Transfer from Free Cash
Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash***

ARTICLE 30. TABLED: On Motion of Mark Pacheco and seconded, Mr. Moderator, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept a proposed Police Chief Hiring Process Bylaw, to be inserted as a new section under Article IV of the General Bylaws as presented in Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 10, 2024

Chief of Police; Vacancies

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 97A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town of Dighton will have a Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police shall serve for a term not to exceed three years, as per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 97A. The

incumbent may be reappointed as many times as the Board of Selectmen determines. The Chief of Police of the Town of Dighton **shall be** selected from within the active ranks of the Dighton Police Department. The minimum qualifications include having attained or currently enrolled in attaining an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement Public Administration or related field, and 10 years' experience, no less than five, of which must be in a progressively responsible management or supervisory position.

In the absence of three qualified applicants from the supervisor ranks, or for reasons approved by the majority of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Selectmen may include in the selection process any qualified Dighton Police Candidate. The Police Chief position shall only be posted externally in the instance of the Town receiving fewer than three internal, qualified applications from the Ranks of the Dighton Police Department. An external posting for police Chief shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Approvals by the Board of Selectmen shall require a majority vote.

A screening committee will be used to conduct interviews. Screening committees are subject to Open Meeting Law and interviews must be conducted at a duly posted meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A. The screening committee shall submit no fewer than two candidates to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen in a public meeting. No member of the Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator shall be a member of the screening committee. Excluding finalists, all applications for the Chief of Police shall be submitted in confidence.

The appointment of the Chief of Police shall be made by the Board of Selectmen from the qualified candidates.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

MOTION TO TABLE PASSES Motioned and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I would like to make a motion to table this discussion until there can be more of the details worked out.

ARTICLE 31. NO MOTION MADE:

ARTICLE 32. MOTION PASSES: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town will vote to amend Article XXXIX of the General Bylaws, Municipal Commission on Disability, at the recommendation of the existing members of said commission and as presented in Article 32, of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 10, 2024.

Article XXXIX. MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

CHAPTER 1: ESTABLISHMENT

Commissions on Disability are established by vote of Town Meeting to promote the inclusion and integration of persons with disabilities in the activities, services and employment opportunities or in the community.

Applicable Laws:

- MGL chapter 40 section 8J, gives municipalities the authority to establish commissions;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires inclusion and integration of persons with disabilities in the programs, services and employment opportunities of organizations and agencies that receive federal money;
- Amendment Article 114 of the Massachusetts Constitution prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any service or program within the Commonwealth;
- The regulations of the Architectural Access Board require access in newly built and renovated buildings.

DIGHTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

CHAPTER 2: TITLE AND PURPOSE

The name of this commission is the Commission on Disability (hereafter referred to as the Dighton Commission on Disability).

The purpose of the Dighton Commission on Disability is to coordinate or carry out programs in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability in order to bring about full and equal participation in all aspects of life in the Town of Dighton Massachusetts for people with disabilities.

The purpose of these by-laws is to establish principles and procedures for the governance of this Commission.

CHAPTER 3: POWERS AND DUTIES

- a. Research local problems of people with disabilities.
- b. Coordinate the activities of other local groups organized to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- c. Review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services and activities of departments and agencies of the Town of Dighton - as they affect people with disabilities.
- d. Work in cooperation with the departments and agencies of the Town of Dighton, inclusive of the ADA coordinator, to bring about maximum participation of people with disabilities.
- e. Initiate, monitor, and promote legislation at the city, state and federal level which advances the equal status of people with disabilities and ensure that appropriate regulations are adopted and enforced pursuant to such legislation.
- f. Encourage public awareness of disability issues.
- g. Provide information, referral, guidance and advice to individuals, businesses, organizations and public agencies in all matters pertaining to disability.
- h. Recruit and recommend prospective Commission members to the Board of Selectmen, at least one month prior to making

recommendations, the commission shall solicit nominations and ensure that said nominations reflect different disabilities.

- i. File an annual report, which shall be printed in the Town of Dighton report.
- j. Take such action as the Commission considers appropriate to ensure the equal access status of persons with disabilities.
- k. Receive gifts of property, both real and personal in the name of the Town subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen; such gifts are to be managed and controlled by the Commission.

CHAPTER 4: MEMBERSHIP

- a) The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The majority of members shall consist of people with disabilities. One of the members may be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability. One member shall be either an elected or appointed official of the Town of Dighton.
- b) The members shall initially serve the following terms:
 - 1) One (1) member shall serve a one-year term.
 - 2) Two (2) members shall serve two-year terms.
 - 3) Two (2) members shall serve three-year terms.
 - 4) After the initial term, all members shall serve three-year terms.
- c) Resignation shall be made by notifying the chairperson in writing.
- d) If any member is absent from three regularly scheduled meetings in any one calendar year, a recommendation shall be made to the Board of Selectmen that they be removed from the Commission, unless any or all absences have been excused for good cause by the chairperson. Good cause shall include, but not limited to: illness, a death in the family, weather, and professional responsibilities.
- e) The Board of Selectmen shall fill any vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.
- f) Any members of said Commission may, after a public hearing, if so requested, be removed for cause by the appointing authority.
- g) Members shall get the approval of the Commission prior to making statements or joining activities on behalf of the Commission.
- h) All members shall have full voting rights.

CHAPTER 5: OFFICERS

- a) The officers shall include a chairperson, vice chairperson and a secretary.
- b) Officers shall be elected annually by the majority vote of the Commission.
- c) One member may hold more than one office.

DUTIES

The chairperson shall:

- a) Develop the agenda in coordination with the other officers;
- b) Preside over all meetings;
- c) Appoint subcommittees as needed.
- d) Authorize expenditures as needed.

The vice chairperson shall perform all the functions of the chairperson.

The secretary shall;

- a) Keep records of all meetings attendance, minutes, and correspondence.
- b) Post notice of all meetings forty-eight (48) hours before each meeting at the Town Clerk's office;
- c) Provide notice of meetings and minutes of the prior meeting to the members in compliance with the Open Meeting Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

CHAPTER 6: MEETINGS

- a) Regular meetings shall be held at least six (6) times a year.
- b) A quorum shall consist of three (3) members.
- c) Meeting minutes will be amended and approved at the next meeting.
- d) Special meetings can be called by the chairperson or by any three (3) members.
- e) Decisions will be made by a majority of those members present, unless where otherwise noted in these by-laws.
- f) Notice of meetings will be sent to the members in compliance with the Open Meeting Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- g) Meetings shall adhere to Robert's Rule of Order.

(Special Town Meeting November 01, 2021)

CHAPTER 7: AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any duly constituted meeting of the Commission by two consecutive meetings with two-thirds vote of those members present provided written notice of the proposed amendment is distributed to each member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. All amendments proposed and passed by a two-thirds vote of the commission shall also require the amendment be placed on the warrant for an annual or special town meeting. A passing vote of the quorum present at an annual or special town meeting shall be required for the by-law amendment to be adopted by the Town of Dighton.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

MOTION TO TABLE FAILS: Motioned and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I would like to make a motion to table

ARTICLE 33. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Paul Reynold III and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I vote to see if the Town will vote to amend paragraph (a) of the LICENSES & PERMITS OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS bylaw by revising as presented in Article 33 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 10, 2024, with underlined language to be inserted and words with strikethroughs to be deleted.

The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually, **OR MORE OFTEN AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE TAX COLLECTOR,** furnish **OR MAKE ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE** to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a ~~twelve month~~ **60 DAY** period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board. or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 34. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend Article XV of the General Bylaws, Parking Regulations, as presented in Article 34 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 10, 2024.

Article XV, Section 3 Prohibited Parking, Starting with “B”

No person shall park a motor vehicle on any street between the hours of 12 Midnight and 6:00 a.m., on any street from November 1st of each year to April 1st of the following year.

No person shall park a vehicle on any of the following streets at any time.

- A. SPRING STREET, both sides, from Summer Street to Lincoln Ave. ~~PARK STREET, on south side between Spring Street and Mt. Hope Street~~
- B. CEDAR STREET, both sides, from Purchase Street to Smith Street.
- C. WILLIAMS STREET, both sides, from Taunton City Line to Wheeler Street.
- D. WILLIAMS STREET, No parking on both sides of the road within 200' of all intersections, also 200' on both sides of the following intersecting roads to Williams Street: Wheeler, Tremont, Maple, Horton, Center, Wellington, Main, Cedar & Old Williams Streets.

(STM 07/30/1984)

~~No person shall park a vehicle on any of the following street, between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.~~

- ~~A. ANDREWS STREET~~
- ~~B. BEDFORD STREET~~
- ~~C. MT. HOPE STREET~~
- ~~D. (REPEALED atm 06/021/2015) PEARL STREET~~
- ~~E. PROSPECT STREET, between Mt. Hope Street & Summer Street~~

(Amended ATM 06/01/2015)

Except in spaces on the east side of Pearl Street immediate to the west front of St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, designated by a yellow painted curb, which the Chief of Police shall have authorized to be reserved during masses for parishioner parking by conspicuous placing of temporary "Church Parking Only" sign/safety cones, no person shall park a vehicle on Pearl Street between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. There shall be no parking anywhere on Pearl Street if a parking ban is imposed for snow removal or any other public safety emergency" or act thereon.

(ATM 06/01/2015)

Section #4 THREE-HOUR PARKING

~~No person shall park a vehicle for more than three hours on the north side of Park Street from Spring Street to Mt. Hope Street~~

Propose to eliminate Three-hour parking and description. Leave "Section #4" blank for future use.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 35. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nancy Goulart and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 45 as amended by Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with MA CS Dighton LLC., relative to parcels of land located at 1420 and 1522 Williams Street and as presented in Article 35 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 10, 2024.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 36. MOTION TO TABLE UNANIMOUS: On Motion of Nancy Goulart and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move to table.

ARTICLE 37. MOTION FAILS: CITIZENS PETITION: On motion from floor Logan and seconded, to see if the town will vote "To repeal Section 3 of Article IV of the General Town Bylaws of the Town of Dighton, Massachusetts. This will eliminate the position of Town Administrator."

MOTION TO TABLE FAILS: Motioned and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I would like to make a motion to table.

ARTICLE 38. 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.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Motion From Floor from Leonard Hull to see where the amendment to add 250.00 Article 5. Answer from Moderator: Amendment was Raise and Appropriate.

Motion From Floor from Jonathan Gails that we formally as a town, and at the town meeting to recognize the commitment that our town administrator since this is his last time meeting has made to this town and how much we believe as a town appreciate the service and the time he's dedicated to the town.

MOTION: No motion. [Moderator appoints Finance Committee].

Peter Roach, Ron McKay, Douglas White, Jacob Stebbins, Thomas Araujo, Susan Lorenz and Tracy Carol

MOTION: PASSED Motion made and seconded, to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting

ATTEST:



Respectfully
Submitted,
Shara A. Costa
Town Clerk



Special Town Meeting
Town Of Dighton, MA June 27, 2024

The Special Town Meeting held on June 27, 2024, at the Dighton-Rehoboth High School and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Kevin Smith Jr., Moderator. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. The checkers were Sue Carpenter, Peg Mullen, Rita Araujo and Ashley Daigneault from the Finance Committee was Chairman Peter J. Roache, Susan Lorenz, Ronald McKay, Jacob Stevens, and. Present and seated on stage from the Board of Selectmen was Chairman Peter Caron, and Nicole Mello. Also present and seated on stage was Matthew Costa Town Council, Shara Costa Town Clerk, and Sirena Amaral Town Accountant. The Annual Town Meeting Dissolved at 7.09 PM. Total attendance was 7

MOTION: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

MOTION: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move to dispense with the reading of the Articles and that reference to them be made by number and content.

MOTION: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that we consider adjournment at 11:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I Move that the Town vote to rescind the first vote taken under article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 10, 2024

ARTICLE 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY On Motion of Susan Lorenz, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and transfer from Sewer Indirect Costs to General Government Accounts the total amount as specified in Article 2 of the Warrant for the June 27, 2024 Special Town Meeting, and specifically to raise and appropriate \$1,332,287.30, to transfer from Free Cash \$471,216.00, and to transfer \$20,274.55 from Sewer Indirect Costs for personnel and expenses of said departments as therein provided for a total sum of \$1,823,777.85 for fiscal year 2025.

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET For the Fiscal Year 2025

	JUNE 10, 2024
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,823,777.85

ARTICLE 3. To act upon any other business that lawfully may be introduced at said meeting.

MOTION: No Motion.

MOTION: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

ATTEST:



Respectfully
Submitted,
Shara A. Costa
Town Clerk



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DIGHTON, MA
NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

The Special Town Meeting held on November 14, 2024, at the Dighton-Rehoboth High School and was called to order at 7:02 PM by Kevin Smith Jr., Moderator. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. The Checkers were Rita Araujo, Ashley Daigneault, Jean Lahousse, Peg Mullen, Kathleen Perry, Joan Ready and Jo-Ann Wilson. From the Finance Committee was Thomas Araujo, Tracy Karolczuk, Susan Lorenz, Jacob Stebbins and Doug White. Present and seated on stage from the Board of Selectmen was Chairman Peter Caron, Mark Pacheco, and Nicole Mello. Also, present and seated on stage was Ralph Vitacco Town Administrator, Matthew Costa Town Counsel, Shara Costa Town Clerk, and Sirena Amaral Town Accountant. The Special Town Meeting Dissolved at 9.17 PM. Total attendance was 100.

Motion Passes: On Motion of Mark Pacheco and Seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that we dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Motion Carries: On Motion of Nicole Mello and Seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that we dispense with the reading of the articles, and that reference to them be made by number and content.

Motion Carries: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town consider adjournment this evening at 10:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Mark Pacheco and Seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that we hear reports of the Town Officials.

Chairman Peter Caron of the Board of Selectmen read the following statement:

"On behalf of my two colleagues Nicole Mello and Mark Pacheco and myself good evening and welcome. The last six months have been relatively quiet; however, we do have a new Town Administrator Ralph Vitacco. We must remain vigilant as we confront ongoing issues that require our collective focus and action. We recently had a debt exclusion vote that did not pass. This vote will result in some aggressive budget cuts for the next fiscal year. It is of most importance that we work together to devise solutions that serve the interest of all residents. Tonight presents an opportunity for each of you to express your thoughts ideas and concerns. Your ideas are crucial and your voice deserves to be heard. In conclusion, together we can navigate complexities that lie ahead we can forge a

brighter future for our town. Thank you for your commitment your passion and progress, to your readiness to engage in these essential conversations. Thank you.”

ARTICLE 1 (Continued). VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and Seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept the reports of the Town Officials.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Jacob Stebbins and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$1,758.00 to pay prior year bills.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Thomas Araujo and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$106,146.76 to be expended by the Fire Chief as the fourth payment of a seven-year lease purchase of a new fire engine and any necessary accessories.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Doug White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the amount of \$145,533.06 to be expended by the Fire Chief as the second payment of a three-year lease purchase of a new ambulance.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 5. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Tracy Karolczuk and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$31,094.29 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent as the second-year payment of a four-year lease purchase of an excavator and any necessary accessories.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 6. MOTION PASSES: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer \$1,050,000.00 from the Town of Dighton Capital Stabilization Fund, to be combined with the appropriation of \$150,000.00 previously made under Article 32 of the June 7, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, for the purpose of paying the costs of conducting a feasibility study to identify current deficiencies, forecast future growth, and propose construction options that meet current and future needs at Dighton Elementary School, 1250

Somerset Ave. Dighton, MA 02715, Including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, said amount to be expended under the direction of Dighton Elementary School Building Committee. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends 1.2 million
Finance Committee Recommends 1.2 million*

Motion Allowed: On Motion from Resident Leonard Hull and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I would like to make a motion to allow a non-resident superintendent Bill Runey to address the group.

Bill Runey Superintendent of schools read the following statement:

"Good Evening everyone, Bill Runey Superintendent of schools, I do want to be respectful of the five minutes so bear with me as this will be a little bit of a lightening round. Thank you to the residents who turned out tonight on this important issue. No matter where you stand, I think it's great that you're coming out and allowing democracy to take place. I want to thank the Selectmen, Fin-com, the School Committee who have counseled us along the way, the School Building Committee has done an excellent job, volunteers giving a lot of their time effort and energy for this, I want to thank Mr. Vitacco, the Town Hall team as well as election officials for making tonight a reality. I want to thank the Dighton PTO for helping us to publicize tonight's Town Meeting, I want to thank my central office team who's helped with communications and also technology and I want to thank Champions Child Care for donating their time tonight for some child care for some of our families with younger children. These are our school building committee members (referring to presentation) in the interest of time I'm not going to list all their names but I am very grateful for their time, effort, and energy. What is the MSBA? As the warrant article has already made mention, it is a competitive grant program and through that competitive grant program. If a feasibility study is approved, the feasibility will discuss extensive repairs, renovations, school construction, or additions. The MSBA makes these decisions based on need and urgency. MSBA experts saw our deficiencies and deemed them urgent and this completely debunks the myth about this being an issue of upkeep. I am so sorry to be so passionate about this, but that's offensive that we have not kept the building up. The building is seventy-some-odd years old. Our statement of interest was approved in December of 2023 and I think it's relevant to know that we, three out of 10 districts were selected 19 out of 63. So, this is a very competitive grant program and we

were selected based on need and urgency. What this is not, this is not the start of new construction; this is not the start of design; this is not the start of a multi-million-dollar construction project. Right now, we don't even have an estimate of what the construction cost would be, what renovation cost would be etc., etc. These are just the priorities that the statement of interest (referring to presentation) signified to the MSBA in terms of making their decision about whether or not our needs were urgent. Our enrollment projections are one of our biggest concerns. Our projected enrollment going through FY 31 takes us from 493 to about 530. The MSBA capacity without modulars is 400. The MSBA capacity with our current modulars is 468 and next year we're projected to be 25 students more than what the MSBA considers to be acceptable. History of the building originally constructed in 1953 was approximately 50,000 square ft. In 1999 some additions were made. In 2018 the Town made the decision to bring the modular classrooms in as a temporary measure to address overcrowding. Those modulars are now in their sixth year of what was a five-year temporary plan. As I mentioned before our team does a tremendous job of working to maintain and upkeep the building. You'll hear from other members of the building committee this is well beyond maintenance and upkeep. The summary of the priorities; the building is not as safe as it needs to be; it does not have the handicap accessibility that it needs to have, it is not a 21st century learning environment. Our kids deserve better and our staff deserves better. We do not have modern technology. The Dighton PTO has done a great job of donating some technology to us but when you have only two outlets in a classroom there's so much that you can even plug in, in terms of modern technology and we can have theater, our kids could have a stage to perform on and so on. The egress and the parking issues at the campus are one of our biggest safety concerns. We have cars that serpentine around the middle school while the middle school is in session. That is a safety issue for our middle school students. We also have cars and busses and specialized transportation that cross each other at drop off, pickup and dismissal. Our staff members do the best job they can but they're not police officers they're not skilled in traffic enforcement.

On Motion from Mark Pacheco and seconded, Mr. Moderator, at this time I'd like to ask for a secret ballot for this vote. 97 votes were cast 68 in favor, 29 opposed. **Article 6 passes.**

ARTICLE 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Thomas Araujo, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$36,000.00 to fund Fiscal Year 2025 personnel expenses for employees covered under the recently settled Dighton Police Officers Local 306 collective bargaining agreement.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Jacob Stebbins, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$17,362.00 to fund Fiscal Year 2025 personnel expenses for employees covered under the recently settled 911 Dispatchers MassCop Local 502 collective bargaining agreement.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Jacob Stebbins, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$130,000.00 to fund Fiscal Year 2025 personnel expenses for employees covered under the recently settled Dighton Permanent Firefighters Association, International Association of Firefighters, Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts Local 4332 collective bargaining agreement.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$9,000.00 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent for the purchase of "No Parking" signs and necessary poles, hardware and any related accessories.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 11. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Tracy Karolczuk and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$10,000.00 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent for the repair of the Traffic Control Cabinet located at the Center Street crosswalk in the area of Bristol County Agricultural High School.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 12. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$351,869.50 and \$351,869.50 to be transferred from Capital Stabilization for a total of \$703,739.00 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to additionally fund the Pleasant Street Bridge Reconstruction Project.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 13. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Doug White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen as a dollar-for-dollar match of funds raised under the direction of Dighton's 250th Anniversary for America Committee, for planning, implementation and expenses associated with Dighton's celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 14. Motion Tabled: On Motion of Thomas Araujo and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000.00 for the purchase of one fully equipped administrative police vehicle including a radio, antenna, and any other related accessories.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to table article 14 and seconded, (non-discussion motion) motion to table passes

ARTICLE 15. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Jacob Stebbins and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Account the sum of \$2,000.00 to be expended by the Police Chief to purchase Violence/Drug Kits, to be utilized as a teaching tool for the school Violence/Drug programs.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 16. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Allisha Wilson Dighton Member of the CPC Committee and seconded, Mr. Moderator, the Community Preservation Committee recommends this Article and I move that the Town vote to transfer \$8,500.00 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historical Resources to be expended by the Community Preservation Committee for the research, presentation and submission of the Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Mount Hope Finishing Company Historic District.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 17. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$30,000.00 to the Stabilization Account.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 18. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Doug White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$30,000.00 to the Capital Stabilization Account.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 19. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Tracy Karolczuk and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$30,000.00 to the “Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund” established to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for retirees’ health care and life insurance benefits.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

ARTICLE 20. Motion Tabled: On Motion of Nancy Goulart and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept clause 54 of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and authorize the Town to establish a minimum fair cash value required for commercial personal property accounts to be taxed, and further establish such minimum fair cash value at \$10,000 for Small Commercial Exemptions.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Motion to table article 20 and seconded, (non-discussion motion) motion to table fails
discussion continues:

Second Motion to table article 20 and seconded, (non-discussion motion) motion to table
Passes

ARTICLE 21. Motion Tabled: On Motion of Nancy Goulart and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that article 21 be tabled.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Ray Hague and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept G.L. C.59, § 5 clause 22J as added by Section 23 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024 (An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing our Service Members and Veterans).

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 23. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Paul Reynolds and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Article "Tax Title Payment Agreement Bylaw", as outlined in Article 23 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant of November 14, 2024.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Tax Title Payment Agreement Bylaw

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 60, § 62A, the Treasurer shall have the authority to enter into written payment agreements with persons entitled to redeem parcels in tax title. The payment agreement shall be executed on such terms and conditions for payment of the delinquent taxes, interest and any other costs, fees or charges associated with same, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 60, § 62A and this bylaw. The Treasurer shall not refuse to enter into agreements with eligible taxpayers.
- B. Such agreements and waivers shall apply uniformly for classes of tax titles defined herein as follows
 - 1. Commercial property;
 - 2. Residential property;
 - 3. Industrial property; and
 - 4. Open space.
- C. All payment agreements shall comply with the following minimum requirements:
 - 1. The payment agreement shall be for a term of ten (10) years; provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude the taxpayer from completing payments of the amount owed within a shorter period of time.
 - 2. The payment agreement shall include a waiver of the Treasurer's interest that has accrued in the tax title account, but only if the taxpayer complies with the terms of the agreement. However, no taxes, Collector's interest or fees may be waived in any payment agreement.
 - 3. The payment agreement must state the amount of the payment due from the taxpayer at the time of execution of the agreement, which shall be 10% of the amount needed to redeem the parcel at the inception of the agreement.
- D. During the term of the agreement, the Treasurer may not bring an action to foreclose the tax title unless payments are not made in accordance with the

schedule set out in the payment agreement or timely payments are not made on other amounts due to the Town that are a lien on the same parcel.

ARTICLE 24. MOTION PASSES: On Motion of Paul Reynolds and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Section of the Town of Dighton Bylaws named CONSERVATION BY-LAW on pages 19-23, as presented in Article 24 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant of November 14, 2024, by deleting the words with strikethroughs and adding the language which is underlined in bold print.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

~~Regulations, By-Law and Policies~~

Dighton Conservation Commission Bylaw

I. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the wetlands, water resources, and adjoining land areas in the Town of Dighton by conditioning activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon the resource area values, including but not limited to the following: public or private water supply, ground water, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention including coastal storm flowage, water quality, water pollution control, fisheries, shellfish, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community. This bylaw is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of this municipality to protect additional resource areas, for additional values, with additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L.Ch.131~40) and Regulations hereunder (310 CMR10.00).

II. Jurisdiction

Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission or as provided in this bylaw, no person shall commence to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter the following resource areas: any freshwater or coastal wetlands; marshes; wet meadows; bogs; swamps; vernal pools; banks; reservoirs; lakes; ponds of any size; rivers; streams; creeks; beaches; dunes; estuaries; the ocean; land under water bodies; lands subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater or surface water; land subject to tidal action, coastal storm flowage, or flooding; **and lands within 100 feet of any of the aforesaid resource areas; rivers, streams, and creeks whether perennial or intermittent; and lands within 200 feet of any river, stream, or creek;** and lands abutting any of the aforesaid areas. Said resource areas shall be protected whether or not they border surface waters.

III. Applications for Permits and Requests for Determination

Written application shall be filed with this Commission to perform activities affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw. This application should be the standard form as set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

At the time of a permit application, the applicant shall pay a filing fee as set forth by the DEP. **A local fee of per the table below made payable to Town of Dighton- is required for all filings in addition to the local portion set forth by the DEP, See Below Section XVI.**

The Commission may waive the filing fee, consultant fee and costs and expenses for a permit application or request for determination filed by a government agency and shall waive them for a request for determination filed by a person having no financial connection with the property which is the subject of the request.

At the time a permit application is received, or at any time during the hearing process, the Commission is authorized to require an applicant to pay the fee for specific expert engineering and other consultant services deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final decision on the application. The Commission will select the consultant in question. As provided by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53G, The Dighton Conservation Commission may employ reasonable fees for the employment of outside consultants engaged by the Commission, for specific outside expert services. Such services shall be deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final decision on an application submitted to the Conservation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 Section 40), the Dighton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Conservation Commission Act (M.G.L. Ch. 40 Section 8C) or any other state or municipal statute, bylaw, or regulation as they may be amended from time to time. The Conservation Commission may also impose fees for other consultant services, related to application review, or permit conditioning or monitoring, under any of the above referenced laws or regulations. Said fees for said services shall be set forth in a regulation to be adopted by vote of the Conservation Commission in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53G.

The Commission may waive the filing fee, consultant fee and costs and expenses for a permit application or request for determination by a government agency.

The Commission shall require the payment of the consultant fee prior to the initiation of consulting services. Failure by the applicant to pay the consultant fee specified by the Commission **or its duly authorized Agent** within ten (10) business days of the request for payment, or refusal of payment, shall be cause for the Commission to deny the application based on lack of sufficient information to evaluate whether the project meets applicable performance standards in 310 CMR 10.00 and the Dighton Wetlands Protection Bylaw or its regulations.

The applicant shall pay the fee to the Town of Dighton to fund the 53G consultant services account established by the Commission with the Town Treasurer's office, which may be drawn upon by the Commission for specific consultant services approved by the Commission at one of its public meetings.

The Commission shall return any unused portion of the consultant fee to the applicant upon the completion of the project along with any accrued interest.

IV. Notices and Hearings

Any person filing a permit application with this Commission at the same time shall give written notice thereof, by certified mail (return receipt) or hand delivered, to all abutters at their mailing address shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the assessors, including owners of land directly opposite on any public street or way, and abutters to the abutters within 300 feet of the property line on which the applicant is proposing work, including any in another municipality or across a body of water.

The Commission may combine its hearing under this bylaw with the hearing conducted with the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch.131~40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

The Commission shall have the authority to continue the hearing to a certain date announced at the hearing, for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include receipt of additional information from the applicant or other deemed necessary by the Commission.

V. Coordination with Other Boards

Any person filing a permit application with the Commission shall provide a copy at the same time, by certified mail or hand delivered, to the ~~select board~~, **Selectmen**, planning board, board of health, building inspector, **Stormwater Committee and Highway Superintendent**.

VI. Permits and Conditions

If the Commission, after a public hearing, determines that the activities which are subject to the permit application or the land and water uses which will result there from are likely to have a significant individual or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, shall issue or deny a permit for the activity requested. If it issues a permit, the Commission shall impose conditions, which the Commission deems necessary or desirable to protect those values, and all activities shall be done in accordance with those conditions.

The Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw; for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission; for failure to meet the design specifications, standards, and other requirements in regulations of the Commission; for failure to site the project in an alternative manner with less potential impact, where such siting is clearly possible; for failure to avoid or prevent unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw; and where no conditions are adequate to protect those values. Due consideration shall be given to any demonstrated hardship on the applicant by reason of denial, as presented at the public hearing.

Lands within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes and lands within 100 feet of other resource areas are presumed important to the protection of these resources because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse impact upon the wetlands or other resource. These adverse impacts from construction and use can include, without limitation, erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, poor water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat. The Commission therefore may require that the applicant maintain a strip of continuous, undisturbed vegetative cover within the 200-foot (or 100-foot) area, unless the applicant convinces the Commission that the area or part of it may be disturbed without harm to the values protected by this bylaw.

To prevent wetlands loss, the Commission shall require applicants to avoid alteration where feasible; shall minimize wetlands alteration; and, where alteration is unavoidable, shall require full mitigation. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation.

A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance. Any permit may be renewed once for an additional one year provided that a request for renewal is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration.

No work proposed in any permit application shall be undertaken until the permit issued by the Commission has been recorded in the registry of deeds and the permit holder certifies in writing to the Commission that the permit has been recorded.

VII. Setbacks

A. No subsurface sewage disposal system will be permitted within the 100-foot buffer zone of any wetland or within 200 feet of any perennial stream as shown on the USGS map 1985 or later. This set back will not be required for the renovation or replacement (but is required for the substantial enlargement) of septic systems construction ~~prior to the effective date of this bylaw.~~

B. No dwelling or structure shall be built less than 50 feet from the outer edge of any wetland.

C. A 25-foot minimum undisturbed vegetated buffer zone will be required to protect wetlands and wildlife.

D. Isolated wetlands and vernal pools will be considered wetlands and afforded the same minimum setback distances for septic systems, construction and undisturbed vegetative zones.

E. Vernal Pool should hold special protections and will have a migration corridor of at least 100 feet to other wetlands or natural environment from the mean annual high-water mark that will be left in its natural and undisturbed state.

VIII. Regulations

Additions, deletions and alterations to the above regulations may be made through public notice and public hearing. The Commission shall then promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of the bylaw when voted and filed with the town clerk. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this bylaw.

IX. Definitions

The term "bank" shall include the land area which normally abuts and confines a water body; the lower boundary being the mean annual low flow level, and the upper boundary being the first observable break in the slope or the mean annual flood level, whichever is higher.

The term "vernal pool" shall include a confined basin depression which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring/summer, and which is free of adult fish populations, as well as the area within 100 feet of the

mean annual boundary of such a depression, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

It shall include, in addition to scientific definitions found in the regulations under the Wetlands Protection Act, any confined basin or depression not occurring in existing lawns, gardens, landscaped areas or driveways which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, contains at least 200 cubic feet of water at some time during most years, is free of adult predatory fish populations, and provides essential breeding and rearing habitat functions for amphibian, reptile or other vernal pool community species, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The boundary of the resource area for a Vernal Pool shall be 100 feet outward from the mean annual high-water line defining the depression, but shall not include a lawn, garden, landscaped area or developed area in existence at the time of the effective date of this provision in this chapter.

The term "rare species" shall include, without limitation, all vertebrate and invertebrate animals and plant species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, regardless of whether the site in which they occur has been previously identified by the Division.

The term "person" shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to town bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, this municipality, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

The term "alter" shall include, without limitations, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw:

- A. Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind
- B. Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics
- C. Drainage or other disturbance of water level or table
- D. Dumping, discharging, or filling with any material, which may degrade water quality
- E. Placing of fill, or removing of material, which would alter elevation
- F. Driving of piles, erection, or repair of buildings, or structures of any kind
- G. Placing of obstructions or objects in water
- H. Destruction of plant life including cutting of trees
- I. Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, or other physical, biological, for chemical characteristics of any waters

- J. Any activities, changes, or work, which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater
- K. Incremental activities, which have, or may have, a cumulative adverse impact on the resource areas protected by this bylaw.

Except as otherwise provided in this bylaw or in regulations of the Commission, the definitions of terms in this bylaw shall be set forth in the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131~40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

X. Enforcement

No person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, or otherwise alter resource areas protected by this bylaw, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered land to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Commission, its agents, officers, and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys, or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

The Commission shall have the authority to enforce this bylaw, its regulations, and permits issued hereunder by violation notices, administrative orders (if Dighton should accept G.L. Ch. 40~21D), and civil and criminal court actions. Any person who violates provisions of this bylaw may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violation, or may be fined, or both.

Upon request of the Commission, the ~~Select board~~ **Selectmen** and the town counsel shall take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the chief of police shall take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police power, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

Any person, who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulations, permits, or administrative orders issued hereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, shall constitute a separate offense, and each

provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense.

XI. Burden of Going Forward and Burden of Proof

A. The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the work proposed in the application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

Burden of going forward. The project proponent shall have the burden of going forward with credible evidence from a competent source in support of all matters asserted pursuant to Subsection B below.

B. Burden of proof

(1) Permit for work. The Applicant shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that any proposed work and its natural and consequential cumulative impacts and effects shall have no adverse effect upon any of the Bylaw wetland values and, further, shall contribute to the protection of the Bylaw wetland values by complying with the general performance standards established for each Bylaw resource area. Failure to meet the burden of proof shall be cause for the Conservation Commission to deny the application for a permit for work along with any work or activity proposed therein.

(2) Determinations of applicability and resource delineation. The Applicant shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the Conservation Commission does not have jurisdiction over the proposed activity (work), in a request for a determination of applicability; and that the boundaries of the resource areas subject to protection under the Bylaw (Bylaw resource areas) are accurate, in a request for a determination of resource delineation.

(3) Determination of significance (non-significance). The Applicant requesting a determination of significance or applying for a permit for work shall have the burden of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that the Bylaw resource area is not significant (that it does not play a role in) to the protection of one or more Bylaw wetland values.

(4) Waiver. The Commission may waive a performance standard set forth in these Bylaw. The person requesting a waiver of a performance standard shall have the burden of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that:

- (a) there are no reasonable conditions or alternatives that would allow the proposed activity to proceed in compliance with said Bylaw;**
- (b) avoidance, minimization and mitigation have been employed to the maximum extent practicable and the proposed work, including all mitigation measures, and the natural and consequential cumulative effects of the work, will have no significant adverse effects upon any of the Bylaw wetland values;**
- (c) the project provides benefits a demonstrable public interest; and**
- (d) the project is otherwise in compliance with this Bylaw.**

(5) Waiver for Rare Species Habitat. Notwithstanding above, where the project limit of work is within or abuts an estimated rare species habitat as designated on the most current map prepared by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP), the Commission shall be diligent in its review of the proposed activity. The Commission may consider waiving the rare species performance standard when the following conditions are met in addition to the requirements in the Bylaw. The Applicant for a waiver of a performance standard shall have the burden of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that:

- (a) The MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) has been consulted, and has issued a formal determination, prior to filing a request with the Commission; and**
- (b) The project has been designed in accordance with any formal determination of the NHESP to address the standards in the MA Endangered Species Act and its implementing regulations at 321 CMR 10.00; and**
- (c) At least 14 days prior to the public hearing, the Applicant must provide to the Commission the NHESP determination and accompanying comments. The Commission cannot close the hearing until the NHESP has been consulted and has submitted written comments.**

XII. Appeals

A decision of the Commission shall be reviewable in the Superior Court in accordance with G.L. Ch. 249~4

XIII. Relationship to the Wetlands Protection Act

This bylaw is adopted under the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) hereunder.

XIV. Severability

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination, which previously has been issued.

Amendments - Warrant article # 21 from 2002 meeting " To see if the Town will vote to approve the Dighton Conservation Commission proposal changes in the following paragraph of its bylaws from: Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulations, permits, or administrative orders issued hereunder, shall be punished by a fine or not more than \$300. Each day or portions thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense. To read as follows: Any person, who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulations, permits, or administrative orders issued hereunder, shall be punished by a fine of \$300. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense. The purpose of this change is to comply with the recommendations made by the Office of the Attorney General, or act thereon.

XV. Exceptions

- A. The application and permit required by this chapter shall not be required for work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations at 310 CMR 10.04. Provided, however, nothing contained within this provision shall prohibit the Commission from exercising its full enforcement powers under this chapter and the Wetlands Protection Act should it determine the activity is not normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use.
- B. The permit and application required by this chapter shall not be required for maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph or other telecommunication services, provided that the structure or facility is

not substantially changed or enlarged, provided that written notice has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work, and provided that the work conforms to performance standards and design specifications in adopted by the Commission.

C. The permit and application required by this chapter shall not apply to emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health or safety of the public, provided that the work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof, provided that advance notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement, provided that the Conservation Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project, provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Conservation Commission for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency, and provided that within 21 days of Commencement of any emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided in this chapter. Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

D. The exceptions provided in the Wetland Protection Act[1] and regulations, 10 CMR 10.02(2), shall apply under this chapter.

XVI. Fees

<u>Request</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (includes 1 Site Inspection)</u>	<u>\$150</u>
<u>Notice of Intent Fee (includes 1 Site inspection)</u>	<u>\$150</u>
<u>Additional Site Inspection</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<u>Amended Orders of Conditions (Includes 1 Site Inspection)</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Request to Extend Order of Conditions</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Request for a Certificate of Compliance (Includes 1 Site Inspection)</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<u>Replacement of an Original Orders of Conditions</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<u>After the Fact Filing</u>	<u>\$250</u>

Motion to Amend Passes: On Motion of Nancy Goulart and seconded, Mr. Moderator, move to make minor amendment page 8. Section V. Coordination with other Boards, my

amendment is that where it says starting with the underscored and highlighted Selectmen, planning board, board of health, building inspector, that Stormwater Committee be inserted before and Highway Superintendent.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Dighton General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw to establish a designated school zone in the area of the Bristol County Agricultural High School as outlined in Article 25 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant of November 14, 2024.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Section 1: Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this bylaw is to establish a designated school zone in the area of the Bristol County Agricultural High School to enhance the safety of students and school personnel. This bylaw authorizes the Town to regulate traffic speed, install signage, and enforce safety measures within the school zone to protect the well-being of students and community members.

Section 2: Definitions

For the purposes of this bylaw:

- "School Zone" refers to any designated area on a public road within 300 feet of school property where traffic regulations are established to ensure safety.
- "School" refers to any public or private educational institution, including elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as preschools, located within the municipality.

Section 3: Designation of School Zones

1. The Town hereby designates the area surrounding Bristol County Agricultural High School at 135 Center Street as a School Zone.
2. The limits of the School Zone shall extend from the intersection of Center Street and Route 138 to the Dighton / Berkley Town Line or as determined by the Dighton Highway Department based on proximity to the school property and student crossing patterns.
3. School Zones may be expanded, modified, or removed as necessary, following an assessment and approval by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 4: Traffic and Safety Regulations

1. Speed Limits: The speed limit within the School Zone shall not exceed 20 miles per hour during school hours or at times when children are present, as indicated by

posted signage.

2. Signage and Road Markings: The Town shall install and maintain appropriate signage and road markings indicating the beginning and end of the School Zone, along with other relevant safety information.
3. Pedestrian Safety: Crosswalks and other pedestrian facilities shall be installed and maintained within the School Zone as deemed necessary by the Dighton Highway Department.

Section 5: Enforcement

1. The Dighton Police Department is authorized to enforce all regulations and provisions within the School Zone.

Section 6: Severability

If any section, provision, or part of this bylaw is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7: Effective Date

This bylaw shall take effect upon approval by ~~Select Board~~ Board of Selectmen and, where required, by the Attorney General of Massachusetts, and upon posting in accordance with state law.

Motion to Amend Passes: On Motion of Nancy Goulart and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move to make a minor amendment page 16 section 7 Effective Date This Bylaw shall take effect upon approval by Board of Selectmen and, where required, by the Attorney General of Massachusetts, and upon posting in accordance with state law.

ARTICLE 26. Motion Passes: On Motion of Paul Reynolds and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 58 to authorize a municipal charges lien on real property located within the Town for certain Town charges, namely any charge payable to the Town resulting from fines issued by the Conservation Commission under the Conservation By-Law, or Wetland Protection Act (G.L.Ch.131§40) and Regulations hereunder (310 CMR 10.00).

Board of Selectmen Recommends

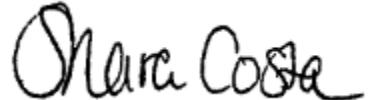
ARTICLE 27. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Mark Pacheco and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 33, Section 59 which provides that Town employees serving in the armed forces of the Commonwealth, or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, shall

be entitled to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration (certain pay and benefits) as a public employee during service in the uniformed service.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 28. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion from floor and seconded, to dissolve the Special Town

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shara Costa".

Respectfully Submitted,
Shara A. Costa
Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

The five-year recertification of property values was completed as required by the Department of Revenue. The board met with the selectmen and the tax rates for fiscal 2025 were set at \$12.56 for residential and \$24.51 for commercial properties. The board conducted reviews of land in Chapter 61A or 61B classifications. Revaluation of Dighton Power and Aquaria were prepared by a company certified to do this type of work.

A Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.O.T. Agreement) was approved at the town meeting in June for MA CS, which is the large solar farm behind Araujo Farms. The P.I.L.O.T. Agreement tax total is \$1,248,497 payable over twenty years. The P.I.L.O.T. Agreement requested by Grasshopper (Brook Street Solar) was tabled at the fall town meeting because the company did not accept the total taxes. Brook Street Solar will make the town's tax list for January 1, 2025 which means it will begin to receive tax bills beginning with Fiscal Year 2026.

Lisa Tetreault, Senior Clerk, resigned to accept a position in another community. We thank Lisa for over five years of service to the town and wish her well in her new position. Melanie Silva was hired to replace her. During the year, training was available for employees through the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers and the Bristol County Assessors Association.

The town offers exemptions for the elderly; blind; widowed; disabled veterans; and there are also hardship exemptions. We encourage taxpayers to contact the office with any questions or concerns regarding their properties including exemptions and abatements. As a reminder, the forms for real estate and personal property abatements must be filed by February 1. Forms for exemptions must be filed by April 1. Abatements for excise taxes are accepted anytime during the year; however, the minimum abatement must be five dollars in order for the board to act on it. The board plans to request placement of an article on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 Small Commercial Exemptions that if accepted, will benefit small business owners.

We meet every three weeks on Wednesday mornings, at 9:30 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room in the Old Town Hall.

We express our thanks and appreciation to Stephanie Schecter, Valerie Wilson, Melanie Silva, and all elected and appointed town officials and employees for their assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Moore, Chairman
Nancy J. Goulart, Clerk
Eric J. Easterday, Member



TOWN OF DIGHTON
OFFICE OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
979 SOMERSET AVENUE
DIGHTON, MA 02715
TEL. (774) 872-0928
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To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 with the following schedules:

- Combined Balance Sheet – All Funds
- General Fund- Statement of Revenues – Budget Vs. Actual – Budgetary Basis
- General Fund- Statement of Appropriations
- Special Revenue Fund- Statement of Fund Balances
- Special Revenue Fund- Statement of Change in Fund Balances
- Special Revenue Fund CPA- Statement of Change in Fund Balances
- Capital Projects Fund- Statement of Fund Balance
- Trust Funds- Statement of Fund Balance
- Trust Funds- Statement of Change in Fund Balances
- Agency Funds- Statement of Fund Balances
- Agency Funds- Statement of Change in Fund Balances
- Sewer Enterprise Fund- Statement of Fund Balances
- Sewer Enterprise Fund- Statement of Cash Receipts & Cash Disbursements
- Sewer Enterprise Fund- Statement of Change in Fund Balances
- Statement of Long-Term Obligations

Free Cash for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 as certified by the Department of Revenue – Bureau of Accounts on September 25, 2024 was \$ 1,175,393.00

Respectfully,
Sirena Amaral
Sirena Amaral
Town Accountant

TOWN OF DIGHTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET-ALL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General # 010	Special Revenue # 230, 240, 250	Capital Projects # 300-310	Enterprise # 600	Trust and Agency # 750 - 890	Long-term Debt # 900	Debt # 900	Long-term Debt # 900	Debt # 900	Debt # 900	
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,517,650.27	\$ 4,854,287.85	\$ 23,557.72	\$ 644,248.96	\$ 6,408,567.98						\$ 17,448,312.78
Investments											
Receivables											
Personal property taxes	\$ 50,175.02										\$ 50,175.02
Real estate taxes	\$ 674,633.64										\$ 674,633.64
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	\$ (454,601.13)										\$ (454,601.13)
Tax Liens	\$ 1,215,286.11	\$ 4,822.77									\$ 1,338,068.06
DEMO LIENS	\$ 91,478.39										\$ 91,478.39
Motor vehicle excise	\$ 175,142.71										\$ 175,142.71
Other excises	\$ 4,007.00										\$ 4,007.00
User fees											
Utility liens added to taxes											
Departmental (240-Amb)											
Special assessments (Title V Not Yet Due)											
Other Obligations-Landfill Cap & Monitoring											
Other receivables (Trash Bags-Vendor Receivable)	\$ 38,885.00										\$ 38,885.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	\$ 471,898.39										\$ 471,898.39
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds											
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave											
Total Assets	\$ 7,784,555.40	\$ 5,408,021.47	\$ 23,557.72	\$ 744,387.75	\$ 16,569.38	\$ 6,524,557.65	\$ 3,997,506.44	\$ 3,997,506.44	\$ 24,482,586.43	\$ 24,482,586.43	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY											
Liabilities:											
Warrants payable	\$ 367,908.10	\$ 150,133.27									\$ 573,524.23
Deferred revenue:											
Real and personal property taxes	\$ 270,207.53										\$ 270,207.53
Tax Liens	\$ 1,215,286.11	\$ 4,822.77									\$ 1,340,981.48
DEMO LIENS	\$ 91,478.39										\$ 91,478.39
Foreclosures/Possessions	\$ 471,898.39										\$ 471,898.39
Motor vehicle excise	\$ 175,142.71										\$ 175,142.71
Other excises	\$ 4,007.00										\$ 4,007.00
User fees											
Utility liens added to taxes											
Departmental (240-Amb)											
Special assessments (Title V not due)											
Other receivables (Trash Bags-Vendor Receivable)	\$ 38,885.00										
Other Obligations-Landfill Cap & Monitoring											
Agency Funds											
Bonds payable											
Vacation and sick leave liability											
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,634,813.23	\$ 703,866.89	\$ -	\$ 16,569.38	\$ 104,806.19	\$ 568,965.38	\$ 3,997,506.44	\$ 3,997,506.44	\$ 8,009,958.13	\$ 8,009,958.13	
Fund Equity:											
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 2,363,256.17										\$ 2,524,050.30
Reserved for expenditures	\$ 894,430.16										\$ 986,960.33
Reserved for continuing appropriations											\$ 4,205,365.50
Reserved for snow and ice deficit	\$ (87,366.74)										\$ (87,366.74)
Undesignated fund balance	\$ 1,979,422.58										\$ 8,459,190.65
Unreserved retained earnings											\$ 386,557.26
Total Fund Equity	\$ 5,149,742.17	\$ 4,704,154.58	\$ 23,557.72	\$ 744,387.75	\$ 59,581.56	\$ 5,955,592.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,472,628.30	\$ 16,472,628.30	
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 7,784,555.40	\$ 5,408,021.47	\$ 23,557.72	\$ 744,387.75	\$ 6,524,557.65	\$ 3,997,506.44	\$ 3,997,506.44	\$ 3,997,506.44	\$ 24,482,586.43	\$ 24,482,586.43	

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES - BUDGET VS ACTUAL -
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

REVENUES:	Budget	Actual	Difference
<u>LOCAL TAXES:</u>			
Personal Property Taxes (Net of Refunds)	\$ 2,726,338.21	\$ 2,731,060.62	\$ 4,722.41
Real Estate Taxes (Net of Refunds)*	\$ 18,721,720.29	\$ 19,024,368.09	\$ 302,647.80
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ -	\$ 130,197.93	\$ 130,197.93
Tax Foreclosures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Local Taxes	\$ 21,448,058.50	\$ 21,885,626.64	\$ 437,568.14
<u>LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$ 1,358,000.00	\$ 1,575,633.55	\$ 217,633.55
Other Excise:			
Meals Excise	\$ 20,374.00	\$ 29,980.09	\$ 9,606.09
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	\$ 102,427.00	\$ 97,625.42	\$ (4,801.58)
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 3,411.00	\$ 3,409.72	\$ (1.28)
Fees	\$ 61,417.03	\$ 65,092.24	\$ 3,675.21
Landfill Fees - Solid Waste	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 353,884.05	\$ 63,884.05
Other Departmental Revenue	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 77,800.55	\$ 15,800.55
Licenses & Permits	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 277,744.50	\$ 37,744.50
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,642.50	\$ 1,242.50
Earnings on Investments	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 245,936.11	\$ 225,936.11
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 87,600.00	\$ 95,908.52	\$ 8,308.52
Total Local Receipts	\$ 2,246,629.03	\$ 2,825,657.25	\$ 579,028.22
<u>STATE RECEIPTS:</u>			
Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Veterans, Blind &			
Surviving Spouses, Chapter 59	\$ 22,519.50	\$ 29,285.00	\$ 6,765.50
Loss of Taxes, Elderly, Chapter 73	\$ 22,519.50	\$ 29,620.00	\$ 7,100.50
Veterans Benefits, Chapter 115	\$ 17,578.00	\$ 11,301.23	\$ (6,276.77)
State Owned Land	\$ 7,957.00	\$ 7,946.00	\$ (11.00)
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games, Chapter 29	\$ 924,373.00	\$ 924,373.00	\$ -
Cannabis	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 75,702.08	\$ 40,702.08
Total State Receipts	\$ 1,029,947.00	\$ 1,078,227.31	\$ 48,280.31
<u>TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:</u>			
Special Revenue Funds:			
Ambulance	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 420,668.50	\$ 40,668.50
Title V	\$ 6,669.00	\$ 6,669.00	\$ -
PEG/Cable	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$ -
Sewer Enterprise (<i>Net PY Adjustment</i>)	\$ 19,899.50	\$ 19,899.50	\$ -
Stabilization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Transfers From Other Fund	\$ 502,568.50	\$ 543,237.00	\$ 40,668.50
<u>OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:</u>			
Free Cash Prior Year voted to use	\$ 509,869.63	\$ 509,869.63	\$ -
Free Cash Current Year	\$ 776,801.46	\$ 776,801.46	\$ -
Total Other Available Funds	\$ 1,286,671.09	\$ 1,286,671.09	\$ -
TOTAL ALL REVENUES	\$ 26,513,874.12	\$ 27,619,419.29	\$ 1,105,545.17

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STATEMENT OF CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	FY24 Expenditures	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance		Encumbrance Carried 6/30/24
					Forward	6/30/24	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Town Meetings	\$ 4,200.00			\$ 2,100.86	\$ 1,445.18	\$ 653.96	
Moderator	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Board of Selectmen	\$ 192,980.66		\$ (18,075.00)	\$ 169,749.97	\$ 4,894.80	\$ 260.89	
Town Administrator	\$ 180,771.00		\$ 13,000.00	\$ 184,585.17	\$ 0.83	\$ 9,385.00	
Finance Committee	\$ 4,000.00			\$ 2,307.20	\$ 1,200.20	\$ 492.60	
Reserve Fund	\$ 55,000.00	\$ (19,752.50)		\$ -	\$ 35,247.50	\$ -	
Town Accountant	\$ 172,958.60		\$ 166,107.60	\$ 6,851.00	\$ -		
Board of Assessors	\$ 220,042.85		\$ 363.00	\$ 215,401.30	\$ 4,584.57	\$ 419.98	
Town Treasurer	\$ 109,235.00			\$ 100,786.89	\$ 8,074.61	\$ 373.50	
Town Collector	\$ 101,835.00			\$ 93,309.64	\$ 8,525.36	\$ -	
Town Counsel	\$ 55,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 49,741.97	\$ 8,681.78	\$ 1,576.25	
Data Processing	\$ 71,733.33			\$ 69,727.45	\$ 1,776.88	\$ 229.00	
Tax Title Foreclosure	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 14,463.32	\$ 10,536.68	\$ -	
Town Clerk	\$ 174,647.60			\$ 171,705.09	\$ 2,095.79	\$ 846.72	
Elections	\$ 31,501.40			\$ 29,487.39	\$ 2,014.01	\$ -	
Registration	\$ 8,552.00			\$ 3,874.61	\$ 4,677.39	\$ -	
Conservation Commission	\$ 69,539.56		\$ 1,700.00	\$ 71,192.36	\$ 47.20	\$ -	
Dighton Trails	\$ 900.00			\$ 880.64	\$ 19.36	\$ -	
Planning Board	\$ 62,310.20		\$ (4,931.33)	\$ 46,922.56	\$ 10,416.31	\$ 40.00	
Board of Appeals	\$ 39,861.92		\$ 395.00	\$ 36,041.29	\$ 4,135.63	\$ 80.00	
Agricultural Commission	\$ 1,500.00			\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	
Development & Industrial	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	
Public Buildings	\$ 201,740.00			\$ 199,667.43	\$ 2,072.57	\$ -	
Town Reports	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 1,784.42	\$ 715.58	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 1,787,509.12	\$ (19,752.50)	\$ (2,548.33)	\$ 1,630,587.16	\$ 120,263.23	\$ 14,357.90	
PUBLIC SAFETY							
Police	\$ 1,946,724.68		\$ (8,166.00)	\$ 1,750,862.39	\$ 156,737.54	\$ 30,958.75	
Communication	\$ 410,488.13			\$ 326,119.59	\$ 83,720.61	\$ 647.93	
Fire	\$ 760,732.67		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 773,587.96	\$ 641.82	\$ 1,502.89	
Ambulance Services	\$ 796,786.26		\$ 15,243.00	\$ 808,096.85	\$ 2,197.59	\$ 1,734.82	
Building Inspector	\$ 170,711.20		\$ 525.00	\$ 133,531.08	\$ 7,753.12	\$ 29,952.00	
Gas Inspector	\$ 6,750.00			\$ 3,990.00	\$ 2,760.00	\$ -	
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 7,750.00			\$ 4,330.00	\$ 3,420.00	\$ -	
Weights & Measures	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,402.00	\$ 98.00	\$ -	
Electrical Inspector	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 15,505.00	\$ 4,495.00	\$ -	
Animal Control Officer	\$ 58,150.00			\$ 53,670.84	\$ 3,077.28	\$ 1,401.88	
Forestry	\$ 269.10			\$ 269.10	\$ -	\$ -	
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 5,500.00			\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 4,185,362.04	\$ -	\$ 22,602.00	\$ 3,876,864.81	\$ 264,900.96	\$ 66,198.27	

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STATEMENT OF CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	FY24 Expenditures	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance		Encumbrance Carried Forward 6/30/24
EDUCATION							
D-R Regional School Dist.	\$ 11,796,654.00		\$ (25,700.00)	\$ 11,770,933.01	\$ 20.99	\$ -	\$ -
Bristol County Agricultural	\$ 239,916.50			\$ 239,916.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bristol-Plymouth	\$ 1,468,434.00			\$ 1,468,434.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 13,505,004.50	\$ -	\$ (25,700.00)	\$ 13,479,283.51	\$ 20.99	\$ -	\$ -
HIGHWAYS							
Highway	\$ 820,895.91	\$ 19,752.50	\$ 20,153.73	\$ 854,783.37	\$ 5,569.47	\$ 449.30	\$ -
Snow & Ice Removal	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 137,366.74	\$ (87,366.74)	\$ -	\$ -
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 851.16	\$ 148.84	\$ -	\$ -
Street Cleaning/Stormwater	\$ 162,474.61			\$ 123,756.10	\$ 16,798.78	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 1,034,370.52	\$ 19,752.50	\$ 734.00	\$ 1,116,757.37	\$ (64,849.65)	\$ 2,949.30	\$ -
SANITATION							
Waste Collection & Disposal	\$ 769,500.00			\$ 712,406.56	\$ 57,093.44	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer Station	\$ 96,516.73		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 97,022.79	\$ 4,432.53	\$ 61.41	\$ 61.41
TOTALS	\$ 866,016.73	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 809,429.35	\$ 61,525.97	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL							
Cemetery	\$ 25,840.00			\$ 24,849.99	\$ 0.01	\$ 990.00	\$ 990.00
TOTALS	\$ 25,840.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,849.99	\$ 0.01	\$ 990.00	\$ 990.00
HUMAN SERVICES							
Health - Regulation & Inspection	\$ 160,665.56		\$ 85.00	\$ 138,959.15	\$ 21,791.41	\$ -	\$ -
Council on Aging	\$ 167,325.42		\$ 12,397.00	\$ 179,722.42	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -
Veterans Services	\$ 90,892.01		\$ 500.00	\$ 74,388.99	\$ 17,003.02	\$ -	\$ -
ADA Coordinator	\$ 5,060.00			\$ 4,550.00	\$ 510.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 423,942.99	\$ -	\$ 12,982.00	\$ 397,620.56	\$ 30,304.43	\$ -	\$ -
CULTURE & RECREATION							
Library	\$ 306,580.60			\$ 292,388.66	\$ 14,191.94	\$ -	\$ -
Parks & Recreation	\$ 20,500.00			\$ 14,675.05	\$ 5,824.95	\$ -	\$ -
Town Historian	\$ 250.00			\$ 238.00	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -
Historical Commission	\$ 1,400.00			\$ 1,041.45	\$ 278.55	\$ 80.00	\$ -
Cable Committee	\$ 36,000.00			\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 364,730.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344,343.16	\$ 20,307.44	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00

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	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	FY24 Expenditures	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance		Encumbrance Carried Forward 6/30/24
DEBT SERVICE							
Retirement of Debt							
Police Station/Communications Bond	\$ 235,000.00				\$ 235,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
WPAT Notes	\$ 6,668.00				\$ 6,668.00	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Long Term Debt							
Police Station/Communications Bond	\$ 121,175.00				\$ 121,175.00	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Short Term Debt							
TOTALS	\$ 362,843.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 362,843.00	\$ -	\$ -
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS							
Retirement & Pension Cont.							
Group Health Insurance	\$ 1,048,324.00				\$ 1,048,324.00	\$ -	\$ -
Group Life Insurance	\$ 1,332,436.25				\$ 1,332,436.25	\$ 1,159,934.91	\$ 75,206.08
Medicare Contributions	\$ 2,000.00				\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,291.79	\$ 708.21
OPEB	\$ 88,000.00				\$ 88,000.00	\$ 92,389.44	\$ 1,610.56
Tuition	\$ 35,000.00				\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 3,000.00		\$ -	\$ (91,295.26)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
SETTLEMENTS & JUDGMENTS							
TOTALS	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LIABILITY INSURANCE							
Liability Insurance	\$ 153,400.00				\$ 154,853.30	\$ (1,453.30)	
Workers Compensation	\$ 40,000.00				\$ 37,636.00	\$ 2,364.00	
Building Insurance	\$ 46,800.00				\$ 46,437.00	\$ 363.00	
TOTALS	\$ 240,200.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,926.30	\$ 1,273.70	\$ -
Total FY 2024 Budget Appropriations	\$ 25,304,579.75		\$ -	\$ (78,225.59)	\$ 24,619,945.35	\$ 521,771.93	\$ 84,636.88

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	Appropriations	FY24			Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance		Encumbrance Carried 6/30/24
		Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	Expenditures	Forward		
Fiscal Year 2024 Current Special Articles							
Point of Sale System	\$ 5.00				\$ 5.00		
DP & Aquaria Appraisal	\$ 28,000.00				\$ -	\$ 28,000.00	
Election Poll Pads	\$ 6,300.00				\$ -	\$ 6,300.00	
Planning, Legal & Related Expenses	\$ 50,000.00				\$ 700.00	\$ -	
Energy & Utility Costs	\$ 40,000.00				\$ 18,955.18	\$ -	
PD Security Cameras	\$ -				\$ -	\$ 21,044.82	
Fire Lease	\$ 106,146.76				\$ 106,146.76	\$ -	
CPR Compressors	\$ 34,000.00				\$ 34,000.00	\$ -	
Non Resident Tuition & Transportation	\$ 90,000.00				\$ 71,497.78	\$ -	
E911 Compatible Phones	\$ 6,800.00				\$ -	\$ 32,500.00	
Bucket Truck Repair	\$ 15,000.00				\$ 14,954.77	\$ 45.23	
Sweeper Lease	\$ 50,561.92				\$ 50,561.92	\$ -	
Sweeper Lease	\$ 50,561.92				\$ -	\$ 50,561.92	
Main St Reconstruction	\$ 300,000.00				\$ 13,528.75	\$ -	
Briggs St Analysis	\$ 28,000.00				\$ 26,950.00	\$ -	
Main St Improvements	\$ 300,000.00				\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	
Transfer Station Security Cameras	\$ -				\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
Tech Studio Upgrades	\$ 60,000.00				\$ 25,560.33	\$ 53,651.20	
Transfer to Special Revenue	\$ -				\$ -	\$ 25,560.33	
Transfer to Capital Stabilization	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -	
Transfer to Special Stabilizations	\$ 46,157.29				\$ -	\$ 46,157.29	
Transfer to OPEB	\$ 90,000.00				\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	
Transfer to Sewer Enterprise	\$ -				\$ -	\$ 955.00	
Transfer to Stabilization	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -	
Prior Year Bills	\$ 8,156.91				\$ 8,060.42	\$ 96.49	
Total FY 2024 Current Special Articles	\$ 1,309,689.80	\$ -	\$ 81,225.59		\$ 561,679.40	\$ 146.72	\$ 829,089.27

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Prior Years Special Articles	Balance 7/1/23		Reserve Fund		Year End		Returned to Unreserved Fund		Balance Carried Forward 6/30/24	
	Transfers	Transfers	Transfers	Transfers	FY24 Expenditures	Transfers	Balance	Balance	Transfers	Transfers
STM 11-23 Point of Sale System	\$ 12,845.16		\$ (3,000.00)		\$ 2,695.86		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 7,149.30	
Wage Classifications Study	\$ 1,500.00						\$ -		\$ 5,000.00	
Road Layouts	\$ 5,000.00								\$ 19,000.00	
Taunton River Trailhead (Sweet Knoll)	\$ 19,000.00								\$ 2,949.00	
Vangyzen Memorial Hall	\$ 2,949.00								\$ 27,143.26	
Town Hall ADA Engineering	\$ 28,950.00								\$ 89,152.95	
Library Renovations	\$ 89,152.95								\$ 1,233.00	
Town Hall HVAC	\$ 3,158.00								\$ 1,925.00	
Library Renovations (ATM 6.6.22-31)	\$ 38,816.87								\$ 24,609.64	
Railing System	\$ 75,000.00								\$ 75,000.00	
207 Main St	\$ 404,000.00								\$ 783.39	
New Police Vehicle	\$ 3,519.29								\$ 2,190.96	
Body Worn Cameras	\$ 19,350.00								\$ 1,328.33	
Police Vehicle	\$ 69,312.06								\$ 19,350.00	
Police Station Seal Coating	\$ 5,000.00								\$ 4,872.26	
Police Station Seal Coating	\$ 5,000.00								\$ -	
Fire Station Feasibility	\$ 150,000.00								\$ 170.00	
Ambulance Lease	\$ 145,533.06								\$ -	
Online Permitting/Electronic Archiving	\$ 9,203.56								\$ 1,000.00	
Scanning Archiving Digitizing Files	\$ 18,820.39								\$ -	
Purchase 1 New 2020 Ford Escape	\$ 2,258.10								\$ -	
Dighton Campus Feasibility Study	\$ 150,000.00								\$ 2,258.10	
DES/DMS Security Upgrades	\$ 100,000.00								\$ 150,000.00	
Pleasant St Bridge Engineering	\$ 12,000.00								\$ 100,000.00	
Forestry Truck	\$ 10,528.00								\$ 12,000.00	
Light Duty Dump Truck	\$ 105,000.00								\$ -	
Hart St Drainage Upgrades	\$ 4,350.43								\$ 105,000.00	
Final Design & Permitting Muddy	\$ 192,286.65								\$ -	
Recycle Containers-Repair/Purchase	\$ 2,237.00								\$ 146,407.30	
BOH Two Roll Off Containers	\$ 12,000.00								\$ 2,237.00	
Asphalt Lot 1551 Somerset	\$ 30,000.00								\$ 12,000.00	
Cable Mini Splits	\$ 2,572.00								\$ 1,225.00	
Prior Year Bills & Encumbrances	\$ 76,964.37								\$ 2,572.00	
Total Prior Year Special Articles	\$ 1,801,306.89								\$ 1,449,530.02	
Total Appropriations	\$ 28,415,576.44								\$ 25,486,639.12	
									\$ 565,681.15	
									\$ 2,363,256.17	

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BALANCES
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Fund Number	230	Highway Improvement (Ch. 90) Fund	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
230-359-000-3590-00000-40		Unreserved Fund Balance			\$ 1,330.00		\$ -
	240						
		Other Special Revenue Funds					
		Fund Balances					
240-330-122-3300-3010-40		Sale of Real Estate			\$ 146,659.68		\$ -
240-330-171-3300-3000-40		Wetlands Protection Fund			\$ 32,253.51		\$ -
240-330-171-3300-4100-40		Conservation Commission C82 Acts of 2004			\$ 81,177.11		\$ -
240-330-231-3300-3020-40		Ambulance Billings			\$ 970,876.50		\$ -
240-330-295-3300-3015-40		Municipal Waterways Improvement Fund			\$ 4,412.23		\$ -
240-330-510-3300-3025-40		Sale of Cemetery Lots			\$ 11,850.00		\$ -
240-330-510-3300-3090-40		Title V Betterment Payments Received			\$ -		\$ -
240-330-698-3300-3022-40		PEG Access & Cable Related Fund			\$ 441,742.26		\$ -
240-351-122-3510-3175-40		ARPA Fund			\$ 17,694.23		\$ -
240-351-122-3510-3176-40		ARPA County Funds			\$ 749,485.00		\$ -
240-351-231-3310-3166-20		CARES ACT RELIEF FUND			\$ 7,583.98		\$ -
240-351-510-3510-3157-21		MAHB- Additional Cares Act Funding			\$ 1,325.00		\$ -
240-352-122-3520-3102-23		FY23 DISTRICT EFFICIENCY GRANT			\$ 54,450.80		\$ -
240-352-122-3520-3137-18		FY 18 CCC/DLTA Grant			\$ 72.72		\$ -
240-352-122-3520-3143-20		FY 20 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT			\$ 1,871.89		\$ -
240-352-122-3520-3143-23		FY 23 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT			\$ 6,806.80		\$ -
240-352-122-3520-3159-22		FY22 Community Compact IT Grant			\$ 88.57		\$ -
240-352-122-3520-3178-24		COMMUNITY COMPACT HOUSING PRODUCTION			\$ 40,000.00		\$ -
240-352-145-3520-3114-18		SMHG Wellness Grant			\$ 2.15		\$ -
240-352-162-3520-3170-40		STATE ELECTIONS GRANTS (FY24&BEYOND)			\$ 3,354.77		\$ -
240-352-173-3520-3111-19		Taunton River Stewardship Grant			\$ 1,200.00		\$ -
240-352-174-3520-3091-23		TAUNTON RIVER TRAIL HEAD-SWEET KNOOL			\$ (49,650.00)	\$ 53,000.00	\$ -
240-352-174-3520-3111-23		FY23 SWEET KNOOL TRAIL FEASIBILITY			\$ 27,426.55		\$ -
		Med-Project Grant			\$ 5,258.62		\$ -
240-352-210-3520-3158-24		FY24 Municipal Road Safety Grant			\$ 2,061.73		\$ -
240-352-210-3520-3163-23		FY23 BODY CAMERAS			\$ 5,000.00		\$ -
240-352-215-3520-3154-20		FY 20 PSAP Support & Incentive Grant			\$ 229.61		\$ -
240-352-215-3520-3154-23		FY 23 PSAP Support & Incentive Grant			\$ 22,384.10		\$ -
240-352-215-3520-3155-23		FY23 STATE 911 EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH GRANT			\$ 159.80		\$ -
240-352-215-3520-3156-23		FY23 State 911 Training Grant			\$ (540.00)		\$ (540.00)
240-352-220-3520-3113-20		FY 20 Fire Senior Safe Grant			\$ 160.82		\$ -
240-352-220-3520-3168-21		Mass EVIP Grant			\$ 7,500.00		\$ -
240-352-299-3520-3145-20		MAHB Covid-19 Public Health Support Grant			\$ 420.72		\$ -
240-352-299-3520-3164-40		CARES Act CvRF - State Share of Covid-19 TNC Surcharge			\$ 74,540.43		\$ -
240-352-422-3520-3075-40		MA DEP Recycling Dividends Program FY22			\$ 1,533.00		\$ -
240-352-433-3520-3144-22		MATTRESS COLLECTION CONTAINER GRANT			\$ 14,580.02		\$ -
240-352-433-3520-3201-40		Title 5 Betterments and State Loan Funds			\$ (9,727.00)	\$ 128,705.77	\$ 9,727.00
240-352-510-3520-3090-40		FY23 COA Formula Grant			\$ 18,363.57		\$ -
240-352-541-3520-3100-24		FY24 COA Formula Grant			\$ 25,690.00		\$ -

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Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
240-352-541-3520-3179-24	COA ADA MODERNIZED ENTRANCE			\$ (24,878.92)	\$ 24,877.92	\$ (1.00)
240-352-541-3520-3231-40	COA HYBRID PROGRAMMING			\$ 30,096.17	\$	\$ -
240-352-610-3520-3120-22	FY22 Library MEG/LIG State Grant			\$ 11,175.68	\$	\$ -
240-352-610-3520-3120-23	FY23 Library MEG/LIG State Grant			\$ 17,214.66	\$	\$ -
240-352-610-3520-3120-24	FY24 Library MEG/LIG State Grant			\$ 18,331.71	\$	\$ -
240-352-610-3520-3122-40	ADA ACCESS 207 MAIN ST GRANT			\$ 16,545.33	\$	\$ -
240-352-610-3520-3740-16	FY16 LIBRARY PLANNING & DESIGN GRANT			\$ 2,379.00	\$	\$ -
240-352-6993520-3130-24	FY 24 Arts Lottery Grant			\$ 4,433.34	\$	\$ -
240-353-541-3530-3235-24	SUPPORTIVE & SOCIAL DAY PROGRAM			\$ 125,888.00	\$	\$ -
240-356-210-3560-3525-40	DETAIL CRUISER REVOLVING			\$ 5,720.00	\$	\$ -
240-356-210-3560-3335-40	FIREARMS REANGE REVOLVING			\$ 3,320.00	\$	\$ -
240-356-542-3560-3270-40	Prime Time Fees			\$ 35,197.64	\$	\$ -
240-356-610-3560-3280-40	Library Fines/Books			\$ 5,424.79	\$	\$ -
240-356-610-3560-3290-40	Library - Copies			\$ 432.29	\$	\$ -
240-356-630-3560-3515-40	RECREATIONAL PROGRAM REVOLVING			\$ 345.60	\$	\$ -
240-359-699-3560-3130-40	Arts Council			\$ 58.43	\$	\$ -
240-358-000-3580-3963-40	Stonegate Landing LLC 53G			\$ 865.76	\$	\$ -
240-358-000-3580-3967-40	SWR - Downwind Realth 53G			\$ 9,299.30	\$	\$ -
240-358-122-3580-3016-40	Injured on Duty Fund 111F			\$ 8,523.35	\$	\$ -
240-358-122-3580-3318-40	Fuel Assistance Fund			\$ 250.00	\$	\$ -
240-358-122-3580-3415-40	Dighton Community Garden Gift Fund			\$ 500.00	\$	\$ -
240-358-122-3580-3488-40	Stoney Ridge Affordable Housing Fund			\$ 3,361.34	\$	\$ -
240-358-122-3580-4135-40	Orchards Affordable Housing Fund			\$ 145,648.43	\$	\$ -
240-358-122-3580-4146-40	North Wood Affordable Housing Fund			\$ 10,000.00	\$	\$ -
240-358-122-3580-4155-40	The Pines Affordable Housing Fund			\$ 812.05	\$	\$ -
240-358-124-3580-3035-40	Insurance Reimbursements \$150k			\$ 3,123.92	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-3187-40	BELL FARM ESTATE (0 MILK ST)			\$ 4,004.15	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4146-40	0 TIGER LILY 53G			\$ 639.76	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4155-40	CON-883 WILLIAMS ST			\$ 4,792.21	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-3203-40	CON-0 OAK ST			\$ 7,150.00	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-3204-40	Conservation-Briarwood Est. Detention Basin			\$ 1,000.00	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-3275-40	Council Oak Land MGT Fees			\$ 4,385.00	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4013-40	Con-Long Built Homes inc 53G			\$ 4,710.65	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4014-40	Con-DI Trust II 53G			\$ 260.16	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4093-40	CON-0 WILLIAMS ST			\$ 8,300.16	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4099-40	Geosyntec Consultants 53G			\$ 516.27	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4111-40	CON Comm Strawberry Fields Estates LLC 53G			\$ 3,342.44	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4113-40	JK Holmgren Engineering LLC 53G			\$ 634.85	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4114-40	RJR Properties 0 Horton St 53G			\$ (97.11)	\$	\$ 97.11
240-358-171-3580-4116-40	New Leaf Energy			\$ 1,595.30	\$	\$ -
240-358-171-3580-4118-40	0 ELM ST- EMOND			\$ 865.92	\$	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3188-40	2276 CEDAR STREET			\$ 1,122.57	\$	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3520-40	1886 COUNTY ST-TRUCK & IRON			\$ 3,268.15	\$	\$ -
	Hunters Hill 53G			\$ (80.47)	\$	\$ 2,500.00

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Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
240-358-175-3580-3611-40	PB Wellington Acres 53G			\$ 561.14	\$ 3,888.40	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3612-40	PB Wellington St Subdivision 53G			\$ 0.12	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3635-40	PB- 1050 Williams St (Map 7 lot 1) 53G			\$ 516.03	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3955-40	Elm St Estates 53G			\$ 1,167.42	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3971-40	PB 1 Connection Corp 53G			\$ 655.22	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3975-40	Knotty Pines Estates 53G			\$ 504.94	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3976-40	PB - Nickerson Retreat Lot 53G			\$ 91.11	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3997-40	Main St Solar 53G			\$ 5,170.34	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-3999-40	Forefront Power Solar 53G			\$ 1,749.29	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4001-40	ISM Williams St 53G			\$ 3,727.90	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4002-40	PB 0 Hart St Solar 53G			\$ 137.55	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4004-40	John Duvally 53G			\$ 596.45	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4006-40	Blue Wave Solar 53G			\$ 50,475.81	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4008-40	ISM Solar Dighton 3 LLC 53G			\$ 1,500.35	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4009-40	1543 CEDAR ST FARRROW/ISAKSEN SOLAR 53G			\$ 304.83	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4015-40	Hawthorne Development Inc 53G			\$ 900.72	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4020-40	Center Street Woods 53G			\$ 460.99	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4025-40	Old Williams Estates 53G			\$ 629.73	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4026-40	ISM Solar 53G			\$ 299.17	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4036-40	Hunter Hill Silvertown 53G			\$ 8,704.81	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4064-40	TIA Solar 53G			\$ 2,803.85	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4070-40	Cedar Estates 53G			\$ 1,751.19	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4089-40	PB - Blue Wave Solar - Racine 53G			\$ 0.60	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4092-40	PB - Forest Hills - 53G			\$ 330.37	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4096-40	PB- RODERICK-0 WILLIAMS ST 23-1			\$ 1,001.29	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4097-40	PB- Pure Oasis LLC 53G			\$ 0.85	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4098-40	SUNRUN INSTALLATION 53G			\$ 418.84	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-175-3580-4118-40	0 ELM ST- EMOND			\$ 397.67	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-176-3580-3620-40	Arborcrest Estates 53G			\$ 510.50	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-176-3580-3625-40	Strawberry Fields 53G			\$ 2,678.65	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-176-3580-3630-40	Stonegate Landing LLC 53G			\$ 602.27	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-176-3580-3677-40	Somerset Woods Village LLC 53G			\$ 3,333.08	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-176-3580-3887-40	Stoney Ridge Estates 53G			\$ 1,017.24	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-176-3580-4130-40	Dighton Woods 53G			\$ 61.62	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-192-3580-3839-20	The Pines 53G			\$ 925.00	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-193-3580-4125-40	Dighton Police Station Site Repair Work/Claim TNT			\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-210-3580-3197-40	Municipal Building Insurance Fund			\$ 6,059.09	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-210-3580-3345-40	Law Enforcement Trust			\$ 791.92	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-210-3580-3346-40	Police Gifts			\$ 2,150.00	\$ -	\$ -
240-358-210-3580-3885-19	Dighton Police K-9 Gifts			\$ (56,783.70)	\$ -	\$ 56,783.70

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
240-358-220-3580-3340-40	Fire Gifts			\$ 10,370.88		\$ -
240-358-220-3580-3605-40	RMSCU Trailer Support			\$ 1,000.00		\$ -
240-358-231-3580-3343-40	Ambulance Gifts			\$ 13,182.00		\$ -
240-358-292-3580-3336-40	Animal Shelter Gifts			\$ 395.97		\$ -
240-358-294-3580-3843-22	Tree Restitution			\$ 100.04		\$ -
240-358-295-3580-3341-40	Harbormaster Gifts			\$ 285.00		\$ -
240-358-422-3580-3186-40	Nursery Needs Gifts			\$ 2,273.07		\$ -
240-358-422-3580-3853-18	2016 Ford Ins Reimb			\$ 142.74		\$ -
240-358-432-3580-3104-40	GRASSHOPPER ENERGY BROOK ST. SOLAR 53G			\$ 971.61		\$ -
240-358-432-3580-3106-40	CLEARWAY ENERGY 53G 1522/1420 WILLIAMS ST			\$ 4,657.80		\$ -
240-358-432-3580-4026-40	SWC-MIDDLE/TREMONT SOLAR			\$ 6,240.04		\$ -
240-358-491-3580-3355-40	Cemetery Gifts			\$ 25.00		\$ -
240-358-541-3580-3350-40	Council on Aging Gifts			\$ 1,771.91		\$ -
240-358-542-3580-3380-40	Prime Time Romero Gifts			\$ 15,763.21		\$ -
240-358-542-3580-3504-40	Prime Time Gifts			\$ 5,707.31		\$ -
240-358-543-3580-3395-22	FY22 Veterans COLA Ch. 115 Funds			\$ 948.00		\$ -
240-358-610-3580-3390-40	Library Gifts			\$ 13,027.36		\$ -
240-358-610-3580-3405-40	New Library Building Gifts			\$ 58,903.47		\$ -
240-358-630-3580-3410-40	Library Arts Gifts			\$ 904.71		\$ -
240-358-630-3580-3337-40	Tennis Court Revitalization Gift			\$ 146.59		\$ -
240-358-630-3580-3305-40	Recreation Gifts & Donations			\$ 952.73		\$ -
240-358-691-3580-3420-40	Historical Seg. School Gifts			\$ 5,683.34		\$ -
240-358-691-3580-3425-40	Historical Commission Donations			\$ 550.00		\$ -
250 Community Preservation Fund						
Fund Balances						
250-320-000-3211-0000-40	F/B - Reserved for Encumbrances			\$ -		\$ -
250-320-000-3240-0000-40	F/B - Reserved for Expenditures			\$ -		\$ -
250-320-000-3241-0000-40	F/B - Reserved for Open Space			\$ 66,376.87		\$ -
250-320-000-3242-0000-40	F/B - Reserved for Historic Resources			\$ 28,876.87		\$ -
250-320-000-3243-0000-40	F/B - Reserved for Community Housing			\$ 51,376.87		\$ -
250-320-000-3292-0000-40	F/B - Reserved CPA Projects			\$ 525,377.64		\$ -
250-320-000-3320-0000-40	F/B - Reserved for Community Preservation			\$ -		\$ -
250-359-000-3590-0000-40	Unreserved/Undesignated F/B					
Total Special Revenue Fund Balance						
		\$ 553,733.62	\$ 553,733.62	\$ 4,704,154.58	\$ 146,985.73	\$ (541.00)

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

PROGRAM NUMBER	FUND BALANCE 7/01/2023	FEDERAL	STATE	FEES & GIFTS	PLANTS	COUNTY	TRANSFERS ON INVEST.	INREFUNDS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	SALARY	EXPEND.	CAP. OUTLAY	TRANSFERS OUT	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2023
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (240)															
FEDERAL PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS															
240-351-220-350-10108-40 EMP GRANT	\$ 7,583.98	\$ 2,900.00							\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00				\$ 2,900.00	\$ 7,583.98
240-351-231-350-10106-20 CARES ACT RELIEF FUND														\$ 2,900.00	
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANTS															
240-351-122-350-10175-40 OTHER FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 17,694.23	\$ 749,485.00							\$ 749,485.00	\$ 4,250.90	\$ 4,250.90			\$ 17,694.23	
240-351-122-350-10108-40 ARPA Fund	\$ 4,250.90									\$ 9,451.00	\$ 9,451.00			\$ 4,250.90	\$ 749,485.00
240-351-162-350-10169-21 C.R.F. - Postage Reimbursement	\$ 925.49													\$ 9,451.00	
240-351-210-350-10130-24 FY24 Bullet Proof Vest															\$ 1,325.00
240-351-510-350-10174-21 MAHB: Additional Care Act Funding	\$ 1,325.00														\$ 1,325.00
240-352-249-350-31064-40 CARES Act C.R.F. - State Share of Covid-19	\$ 74,540.43														\$ 74,540.43
TOTAL FEDERAL GRANTS															
\$ 106,320.03	\$ 752,385.00	\$ 2,900.00							\$ 9,451.00	\$ 758,936.00	\$ 758,936.00			\$ 14,627.39	\$ 843,048.46
STATE GRANTS															
GENERAL															
240-352-122-350-3102-23 DISTRICT EFFICIENCY GRANT	\$ 90,000.00										\$ 35,549.20	\$ 35,549.20			\$ 54,450.80
240-352-122-350-3107-18 FY18 C.R.D.I.LTA GRANT	\$ 1,87,89														\$ 1,87,189
240-352-122-350-3104-23 FY20 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT	\$ 174.00										\$ 10,529.72	\$ 3,897.67			\$ 6,806.80
240-352-122-350-3103-23 FY22 COMMUNITY IMPACT IT GRANT	\$ 88.57														\$ 88.57
240-352-122-350-3109-22 FY22 COMMUNITY COMPACT CABINET GRANT	\$ 22,741.37														
240-352-122-350-3104-23 FY22 CCC MUNICIPAL FIBER GRANT	\$ 201,124.00														
240-352-122-350-3107-20 COMMUNITY IMPACT HOUSING PRODUCTION	\$ 2.15										\$ 10,585.00	\$ 40,000.00			\$ 40,000.00
240-352-122-350-3107-20 ELECTIONS STATE GRANT	\$ 0.50														\$ 0.50
240-352-122-350-3107-19 TAUNTON RIVER STEWARDSHIP GRANT	\$ 1,200.00														\$ 1,200.00
240-352-122-350-3107-23 TRAILHEAD-D-SWEET	\$ 29,540.55														\$ 49,650.00
240-352-122-350-3107-23 TRAILHEAD-D-SWEET	\$ 100,000.00														\$ 21,144.00
240-352-122-350-3107-23 TRAILHEAD-D-SWEET	\$ 26,660.00														\$ 26,660.00
TOTAL GENERAL															
\$ 23,476.50	\$ 87,500.00								\$ 87,500.00					\$ 87,500.00	
	\$ 241,384.49														\$ 43,821.74
															\$ 85,624.25
PUBLIC SAFETY															
240-352-210-350-3103-20 Net Project Grant	\$ 3,986.82										\$ 1,300.00				\$ 5,286.82
240-352-210-350-3103-22 Net Project Grant	\$ 16,026.66										\$ 16,026.66				\$ 11,704.45
240-352-212-350-3103-18 FY18 C.R.D.I.LTA GRANT	\$ 4,321.21														\$ 6,612.83
240-352-212-350-3103-23 ROAD SAFETY GRANT	\$ 8,674.56														\$ 2,061.73
240-352-212-350-3103-23 ROAD SAFETY GRANT	\$ 5,000.00														\$ 5,000.00
240-352-212-350-3103-23 ROAD SAFETY GRANT	\$ 26,507.46														\$ 26,277.85
240-352-212-350-3103-23 ROAD SAFETY GRANT	\$ 33,177.00														\$ 33,177.00
240-352-212-350-3103-23 ROAD SAFETY GRANT	\$ 150.80														\$ 16,792.90
240-352-212-350-3103-23 STATE 911 EMERGENCY MEDICAL	\$ 1,414.00														\$ 1,384.10
240-352-212-350-3103-23 STATE 911 TRAINING GRANT	\$ 719.45														\$ 399.00
240-352-212-350-3103-23 FY22 Fire Safe Grant	\$ 13,585.00														\$ 664.48
240-352-212-350-3103-23 FY22 Fire Safe Grant	\$ 326,000														\$ 10,320.00
240-352-220-350-3101-23 FY22 Fire Senior Safe Grant	\$ 1,411.25														\$ 1,250.45
240-352-220-350-3101-23 FY22 Fire Senior Safe Grant	\$ 2,500.00														\$ 252.50
240-352-220-350-3101-23 FY22 Fire Senior Safe Grant	\$ 9,415.81														\$ 5,00.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY															
\$ 60,137.48	\$ 83,751.83														\$ 101,253.91
															\$ 42,635.40
STATE PUBLIC MORTS GRANTS															
240-352-433-350-3104-20 MA DFR Residential Dividend Program	\$ 0.02														\$ 0.02
240-352-433-350-3104-22 MA DFR Residential Dividend Program	\$ 6,000.00														\$ 6,000.00
240-352-433-350-3104-20 MA DFR Residential Dividend Program															\$ 0.02
240-352-433-350-3104-22 MA DFR Residential Dividend Program															\$ 0.02
COUNCIL ON AGING															
240-352-541-350-3101-21 FY22 COA Formula Grant	\$ 11,721.68														\$ 11,721.68
240-352-541-350-3101-22 FY22 COA Formula Grant	\$ 16,188.00														\$ 16,188.00
240-352-541-350-3101-22 FY22 COA Formula Grant	\$ 21,036.00														\$ 2,677.43
240-352-541-350-3101-22 FY22 COA Formula Grant	\$ 2,379.00														\$ 24,878.92
240-352-541-350-3101-22 FY22 COA Formula Grant	\$ 41,847.92														\$ 19,903.83
LIBRARY															
240-352-610-350-3101-22 FY22 Library MEG/LG Grant	\$ 19,748.77														\$ 1,417.06
240-352-610-350-3101-23 FY22 Library MEG/LG Grant	\$ 20,000.00														\$ 18,331.71
240-352-610-350-3101-22 FY22 Main St Grant	\$ 25,690.00														\$ 25,690.00
240-352-610-350-3101-22 FY22 Library Planning & Design Grant	\$ 39,748.77														\$ 3,079.67
CULTURE & RECREATION															
240-352-609-350-3101-22 FY22 Arts Lottery Council	\$ 242.03														\$ 242.03

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

PROGRAM	FUND BALANCE 7/01/2023	FEDERAL	STATE	FEES & GIFTS	COUNTY	PRNTS	ON INVEST.	TRANSERS INREFUNDS	EARNINGS	TRANSERS OUT	TOTAL RECEIPTS	SALARY	EXPEND.	CAPITALIZ.	TRANSERS OUT	TRANSERS	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2023	
NUMBER																			
240-352-699-3520-310-23	FY 23 Arts Lottery Council	\$ 7,300.00									\$ 7,300.00		\$ 7,300.00				\$ 7,300.00	\$ 2,866.66	\$ 4,433.34
240-352-699-3520-310-24	FY 24 Arts Lottery Council																	\$ 58.43	
240-356-699-3560-310-40	Arts Council	\$ 54.57																	
OTHER	TOTAL OTHER	\$ 7,986.60	\$ -	\$ 7,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.86	\$ -	\$ 7,303.86	\$ -	\$ 10,408.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,408.69	\$ 4,491.77		
COLONY	TOTAL STATE GRANTS	\$ 422,407.86	\$ -	\$ 453,875.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.86	\$ -	\$ 464,463.97	\$ 83,978.10	\$ 248,952.82	\$ 299,209.00	\$ -	\$ 2,210.27	\$ 634,356.19	\$ 252,521.64	
TOTAL COUNTY GRANTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,553.00	\$ -	\$ 126,553.00	\$ -	\$ 665.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 665.00	\$ 125,888.00		
RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION																			
 MATERIALS	240-330-295-3300-301-540	MUNICIPAL WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT	\$ 4,312.23			\$ 100.00												\$ 4,412.23	
 WETLANDS	240-330-171-3300-300-40	CONSERVATION-WETLANDS PROTECTION FUNI	\$ 29,890.09			\$ 5,815.00					\$ 5,815.00		\$ 3,451.58						\$ 32,253.51
 AMBULANCE	240-330-231-3300-302-40	AMBULANCE BILLINGS	\$ 834,799.23			\$ 569,545.92					\$ 569,545.92		\$ 19,468.65						\$ 970,876.50
 SALE OF REAL ESTATE	240-330-122-3300-301-40	SALE OF REAL ESTATE	\$ 146,659.68																\$ 146,659.68
 SALE OF CEMETARY LOTS	240-330-491-3300-302-540	SALE OF CEMETARY LOTS	\$ 10,500.00			\$ 1,350.00					\$ 1,350.00								\$ 11,850.00
 OTHER	240-352-422-350-305-540	RCN Surcharges	\$ 1,091.10			\$ 422.90					\$ 422.90								\$ 1,531.00
	240-358-210-358-101-7-40	Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 6,039.09																\$ 6,039.09
	240-358-210-358-365-19	ROLE CRUISER INSURANCE REIMB	\$ 739.00																\$ 61,549.38
	240-358-422-358-383-18	Hwy 2016 Ford's Reimb	\$ 142.74																\$ 142.74
	240-358-91-358-412-540	Municipal Building Insurance Fund	\$ 10,000.00																\$ 10,000.00
	240-358-91-358-389-20	Dighton Police Station Site Repair Work/Chain TNT	\$ 159,012.82																\$ 159,012.82
	240-330-171-3300-401-00-40	Conservation Commission Ck2 Act of 2004	\$ 348,000																\$ 348,000
	240-358-91-358-389-22	FY22 VETERANS CLA CHAPTER 113 FUNDS	\$ 26,587.31																\$ 26,587.31
	240-358-91-358-389-20	Prime Time Ramer GRANT	\$ 371,504.27																\$ 371,504.27
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 577,028.32	\$ -	\$ 42,390	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,896.54	\$ 47.70	\$ 29,496.43	\$ 187,864.57	\$ -	\$ 144,836.18	\$ -	\$ 118,500.00	\$ 263,386.18	\$ 501,506.71	
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP.	\$ 1,603,189.55	\$ -	\$ 42,390	\$ 576,810.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,896.54	\$ 47.70	\$ 29,496.43	\$ 764,675.49	\$ -	\$ 167,756.41	\$ -	\$ 532,500.00	\$ 706,306.41	\$ 1,667,558.63	
REVOLVING FUNDS																			
 CH 44-5812	240-356-210-358-0-355-540	DETAIL CRUISER REVOLVING	\$ -			\$ 5,720.00					\$ 5,720.00							\$ 5,720.00	
	240-356-210-358-0-356-540	Firearms Range REVOLVING	\$ 3,120.00																\$ 3,120.00
	240-356-210-358-0-327-0-40	PRIME TIME FEES	\$ 81,751.25																\$ 81,751.25
	240-356-0-356-0-356-30-40	LIBRARY FINES BOOKS	\$ 166.58																\$ 166.58
	240-356-0-356-0-356-30-40	LIBRARY COPIES	\$ 93.05																\$ 93.05
	240-358-91-358-0-356-30-40	RECREATIONAL PROGRAM REVOLVING	\$ 9,385.36																\$ 9,385.36
	TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS	\$ 243,751.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,636.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,636.84	\$ -	\$ 74,571.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,571.66	\$ -	\$ 50,440.32	
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE																			
 TITLE V-ON AT & BS ASR&P	240-352-510-352-308-0-40	TITLE V-BETTERMENTS RECEIVED	\$ 127,928.90			\$ 7,444.87					\$ 7,444.87								\$ 128,705.77
 GIFTS & DONATIONS																			
	240-358-210-358-0-341-540	Dighton Community Garden Gift Fund	\$ 500.00																\$ 500.00
	240-358-422-358-0-352-540	Blawood Estates Deerten Basin	\$ 1,000.00																\$ 1,000.00
	240-358-422-358-0-353-540	Police Gifts	\$ 791.92																\$ 791.92
	240-358-210-358-0-356-540	DIGITON POLICE K-9 GIFTS	\$ 2,150.00																\$ 2,150.00
	240-358-220-358-0-330-540	Fire Gifts	\$ 23,010.00																\$ 23,010.00
	240-358-220-358-0-340-540	TRAILER TRAILER SUPPORT	\$ 1,000.00																\$ 1,000.00
	240-358-231-358-0-333-540	AMBULANCE GIFTS	\$ 12,557.00																\$ 12,557.00
	240-358-239-358-0-336-540	Animal Shelter Gifts	\$ 288.67																\$ 288.67
	240-358-329-358-0-334-540	THEIR RESTITUTION	\$ 1,000.00																\$ 1,000.00
	240-358-205-358-0-333-540	Hallowe'en Gifts	\$ 286.00																\$ 286.00
	240-358-422-358-0-316-540	Nursery Needs Gifts	\$ 2,273.07																\$ 2,273.07
	240-358-421-358-0-335-540	Cemetery Gifts	\$ 250.00																\$ 250.00
	240-358-421-358-0-330-540	Council on Aging Gifts	\$ 1,421.84																\$ 1,421.84
	240-358-421-358-0-334-540	3,916.66																	\$ 3,916.66
	240-358-425-358-0-330-540	Library Gifts	\$ 12,452.36																\$ 12,452.36
	240-358-231-358-0-333-540	Library Building Gifts	\$ 48,781.20																\$ 48,781.20
	240-358-410-358-0-341-540	LIBRARY ARTS GIFTS	\$ 646.02																\$ 646.02
	240-358-430-358-0-337-540	TEMS COURT REHABILITATION GIFT	\$ 809.57																\$ 809.57
	240-358-430-358-0-338-540	RECREATION GIFTS & DONATIONS	\$ 359.00																\$ 359.00
	240-358-410-358-0-340-540	HISTORICAL SCHOOL GIDS	\$ 5,683.34																\$ 5,683.34
	TOTAL GIFTS & DONATIONS	\$ 106,621.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,805.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,218.97	\$ 25,487.00	\$ -	\$ 31,705.97
																		\$ 119,721.30	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND (CPA) (250)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

RECEIPTS

Local Taxes:

CPA Surcharge:	
2021 CPA Surcharge	\$ 1.32
2022 CPA Surcharge	\$ 98.11
2023 CPA Surcharge	\$ 2,190.79
2024 CPA Surcharge	\$ 147,551.83
CPA Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 700.76
CPA Surcharge Total	\$ 150,542.81

Local Receipts:

CPA Surcharge Interest	\$ 686.88
Earnings on Investments	\$ 40,484.05
CPA Receipts Total	\$ 41,170.93

State Receipts:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Distributions from State Trust Fund	\$ 29,078.00
CPA State Total	\$ 29,078.00

Total Cash Receipts
Cash Balance 7/1/23

Beginning Cash plus Total Cash Receipts \$ 1,248,794.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Expended

Clerk -Part Time	\$ 179.52
Professional & Technical	\$ -
Communications	\$ 193.32
Office Supplies	\$ -
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 875.00
Total FY 2024 Appropriations Expended	\$ 1,247.84

Fiscal Year 2024 Projects

FY2024 Prior Year Bills	\$ -
Total FY 2024 Encumbrances & Special Articles Expended	\$ -

Prior Year Appropriations/Encumbrances

Preservation of Vital Records	\$ 49,950.00
Survey Phase II	\$ 25,000.00
N Dighton Playgroung	\$ 1,350.00

Total Prior Year Appropriations Expended

Total Cash Disbursements \$ 76,300.00

Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/24

Cash Disbursements plus Warrants Payable \$ 77,547.84

Cash Balance 6/30/24

Ending Cash Balance plus New Cash Disbursements \$ (193.32)

Ending Cash Balance plus New Cash Disbursements \$ 77,354.52

Cash Balance 6/30/24 \$ 1,171,439.65

Ending Cash Balance plus New Cash Disbursements \$ 1,248,794.17

CPA FUND - RESERVES - FY 2024

	7/1/2023	RESERVES	DISBURSEMENTS	CLOSED TO UFB	6/30/2024
Fund Balance Reserved for :					
Open Space	\$ 53,376.87	\$ 13,000.00			\$ 66,376.87
Historic Resources	\$ 35,876.87	\$ 13,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)		\$ 28,876.87
Community Housing	\$ 38,376.87	\$ 13,000.00			\$ 51,376.87
Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 2,690.21		\$ (2,690.21)	\$ -
Budgeted Reserves	\$ -	\$ 84,500.00		\$ (84,500.00)	\$ -
Reserved CPA Projects	\$ 278,677.64	\$ 323,000.00	\$ (76,350.00)		\$ 525,327.64
Undesignated Fund Balance					
	7/1/2023	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	RESERVES-NET	6/30/2024
	\$ 621,694.18	\$ 220,791.74	\$ 1,247.84	\$ 341,950.00	\$ 499,288.08

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
301	COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING PROJECT			23,557.72		0.00
Total Capital Projects Fund Balance		0.00	0.00	23,557.72	0.00	0.00

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TRUST FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Fund Number	Fund Name	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
750-340-000-3400-7500-40	750 OPEB LIABILITY TRUST Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 2,215,342.10	\$	-
810-320-000-3291-7100-40	810 NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST Cemeteries - Perpetual Care	\$ 21,746.75	\$	-
810-320-000-3291-7110-40	Charles Chase School Fund	\$ 1,002.87	\$	-
810-320-000-3291-7120-40	Library Founders Memorial	\$ 1,410.00	\$	-
820-320-000-3291-7400-40	820 EXPENDABLE TRUST Cemeteries - Perpetual Care	\$ 1,233.01	\$	-
820-320-000-3291-7410-40	Charles Chase School Fund	\$ 1,323.25	\$	-
820-320-000-3291-7420-40	Library Founders Memorial	\$ 1,500.05	\$	-
820-320-000-3291-7440-40	ELD/DIS Taxation Fund	\$ 3,591.11	\$	-
830-340-000-3400-7700-40	830 OTHER TRUST FUNDS Stabilization Fund	\$ 1,993,781.39	\$	-
830-340-000-3400-7710-40	Unemployment Fund	\$ 71,762.11	\$	-
830-340-000-3400-7720-40	Call Firefighters Dis. Fund	\$ 16,066.07	\$	-
830-340-000-3400-7730-40	Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ 1,568,973.88	\$	-
830-340-000-3400-7740-40	Marijuana Stabilization Fund	\$ 36,042.40	\$	-
830-340-000-3400-7750-40	Opioid Settlement Stabilization	\$ 21,817.28	\$	-
Total Expendable Trust Fund Balance		\$ 5,955,592.27	\$ -	\$ -

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TRUST FUNDS - COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

FUND NUMBER	FUND BALANCE 7/1/2023	CONT. & DONATIONS	EARNINGS ON INVEST.	TRANSFERS IN	TOTAL RECEIPTS	51XX- 57XX EXPEND.	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2024
								TRUST FUNDS
750 OPEB LIABILITY TRUST	\$ 1,865,970.43		\$ 224,371.67	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 349,371.67			\$ 2,215,342.10
810 NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS								
7100-40 CEMETERIES PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 21,396.75		\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00			\$ 21,746.75
7110-40 CHARLES CHASE SCHOOL FUND	\$ 1,002.57		\$ -		\$ -			\$ 1,002.57
7120-40 LIBRARY FOUNDERS MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 1,410.00		\$ -		\$ -			\$ 1,410.00
TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	\$ 23,809.62		\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00			\$ 24,159.62
820 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS								
7400-40 CEMETERIES PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 1,226.23		\$ 6.78		\$ 6.78			\$ 1,233.01
7410-40 CHARLES CHASE SCHOOL FUND	\$ 1,372.54		\$ 0.71		\$ 0.71			\$ 1,323.25
7420-40 LIBRARY FOUNDERS MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 1,499.18		\$ 0.87		\$ 0.87			\$ 1,500.05
7440-40 ELDDIS TAXATION FUND	\$ 3,280.12		\$ 0.99		\$ 310.99			\$ 3,591.11
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	\$ 7,378.07		\$ 310.00		\$ 319.35			\$ 7,647.42
830 OTHER TRUST FUNDS								
7700-40 STABILIZATION	\$ 1,920,805.13		\$ 72,976.26		\$ 72,976.26			\$ 1,993,781.39
7710-40 UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 67,877.79		\$ 3,884.32		\$ 3,884.32			\$ 71,762.11
7720-40 CALL FIREFIGHTERS DIS. FUND	\$ 15,198.68		\$ 867.39		\$ 867.39			\$ 16,066.07
7730-40 MUNICIPAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 1,509,025.19		\$ 59,948.69		\$ 59,948.69			\$ 1,568,973.88
7740-40 MARIJUANA	\$ -							\$ 36,042.40
7750-40 OPIOID	\$ -		\$ 11,702.39		\$ 10,114.89			\$ 21,817.28
TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS	\$ 3,512,906.79		\$ 149,379.05		\$ 46,157.29			\$ 3,708,443.13

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
AGENCY FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
890-125-000-1245-0000-40	Tax Liens Receivable - Districts	\$ 115,989.67	\$ 118,903.09		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2130-8020-40	State Withholdings		\$ 4,620.27		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2150-8040-40	Health Insurance Withholdings		\$ 49,396.69		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2150-8042-40	Boston Mutual Life Ins W/H		\$ 11,232.06		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2150-8045-40	Dental Grp Ins W/H		\$ 3,769.99		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2150-8046-40	Vision Withholding		\$ 145.35		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2150-8050-40	Unified-Concord Life Ins W/H		\$ 30.51		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2150-8055-40	Colonial-Universal Life Ins W/H		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2150-8060-40	AFLAC Disability Ins W/H		\$ 1,598.20		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2150-8065-40	American Heritage/All State		\$ 54.82		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2170-8070-40	Highway Union Dues		\$ 92.00		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2170-8075-40	Clerical Union Dues		\$ 162.00		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2170-8080-40	Police Union Dues		\$ 707.50		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2170-8090-40	Fire Union Dues		\$ 360.00		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2190-8120-40	Family Court		\$ 726.00		\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2190-8125-40	Flex Spending		\$ (969.31)	\$ 1,027.18	\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2190-8130-40	Deferred Compensations Withholdings		\$ (1,221.41)	\$ 1,445.31	\$ -	\$ -
890-210-000-2190-8140-40	Obra		\$ (215.50)	\$ 420.40	\$ -	\$ -
890-240-000-2420-8410-40	Police FID - Due to Comm of MA		\$ 3,935.00		\$ -	\$ -
890-240-000-2480-1140-40	Due to District Tax Title		\$ 921.16		\$ -	\$ -
890-240-000-2480-8220-40	DWD Tax Revenue		\$ (1,342.88)	\$ 1,342.88	\$ -	\$ -
890-240-000-2480-8230-40	DED Tax Revenue		\$ (154.01)	\$ 2,168.90	\$ -	\$ -
890-240-000-2480-8240-40	NDFD Tax Revenue		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-000-2510-8600-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL- POLICE		\$ (77,978.29)	\$ 56,034.08	\$ (21,944.21)	\$ -
890-250-000-2510-8610-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL- FIRE		\$ (464.00)	\$ 464.00	\$ -	\$ -
890-250-000-2510-8700-40	Group Insurance Receipts Payable		\$ 13,627.86		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-000-2520-8800-40	Unclaimed Items - Tailings		\$ 2,866.36		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-000-2520-8805-40	Unclaimed Items		\$ 8,686.49		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8900-40	Andrews Farm Perf. Bond		\$ 5,170.95		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8904-40	Elm Estates Perf. Bond		\$ 3,578.72		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8910-40	Hill Crest Perf. Bond		\$ 26,182.19		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8914-40	Hunters Hill Homeowners Trust		\$ 68,000.50		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8916-40	Palmer River Dev Perf. Bond		\$ 60,048.77		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8918-40	ISM Solar Decommissioning		\$ 20,648.65		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8920-40	Grasshopper Solar Decommissioning Fund		\$ 139,441.31		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8921-40	Grasshopper Solar - Drainage System Performance		\$ 30,029.09		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-175-2550-8922-40	Grasshopper Solar - Landscape Performance Bond		\$ 10,009.84		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-432-2550-8923-40	893 Brook St Solar- Drainage Basins & Roadway Maintenance Bond		\$ 10,006.63		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-432-2550-8923-40	893 Brook St Solar- Culvert & Town Ditch Maint Bond		\$ 5,003.33		\$ -	\$ -
890-250-542-2510-8705-40	GATRA Passes		\$ 540.00		\$ -	\$ -
Total Agency Balance		\$ 115,989.67	\$ 118,903.09	\$ 399,246.84	\$ 62,902.75	\$ (21,944.21)

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
AGENCY FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

FUND NUMBER	FUND PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	FUND BALANCE 7/1/2023	RECEIPTS IN	EARNINGS ON INVEST.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	DISBURSE. OUT	ADJUSTMENTS & WARR PAY	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2024
8000-40	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 5	\$ 613,925.79	\$ -	\$ 613,925.79	\$ 601,026.19	\$ 12,899.60	\$ 613,925.79	\$ -
8010-40	MEDICARE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 0.01	\$ 89,405.48	\$ -	\$ 89,405.48	\$ 87,769.17	\$ 1,636.31	\$ 89,405.48	\$ 0.01
8020-40	STATE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 287,907.05	\$ -	\$ 287,907.05	\$ 277,529.36	\$ 5,757.42	\$ 283,286.78	\$ 4,620.27
8030-40	COUNTY RETIREMENT WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 484,236.88	\$ -	\$ 484,236.88	\$ 475,369.83	\$ 8,867.05	\$ 484,236.88	\$ -
8040-40	GROUP INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 51,926.68	\$ 409,027.70	\$ -	\$ 409,027.70	\$ 385,838.69	\$ 25,719.00	\$ 411,557.69	\$ 49,396.69
8042-40	BOSTONMU LIFE INS WH	\$ 1,139.52	\$ 15,119.89	\$ -	\$ 15,119.89	\$ 5,027.35	\$ -	\$ 5,027.35	\$ 11,232.06
8045-40	DENTAL INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 2,613.86	\$ 50,587.44	\$ -	\$ 50,587.44	\$ 49,431.31	\$ -	\$ 49,431.31	\$ 3,769.99
8046-40	VISION WITHHOLDINGS	\$ (83.94)	\$ 295,205.05	\$ -	\$ 295,205.05	\$ 272,227.76	\$ -	\$ 2,722.76	\$ 145.35
8050-40	UNIFIED-CONCORD LIFE INSURANCE WH	\$ 301.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.51
8055-40	COLONIAL-UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE WH	\$ 115.95	\$ 301.47	\$ -	\$ 301.47	\$ 301.47	\$ 115.95	\$ 417.42	\$ -
8060-40	AFLAC DISABILITY INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 1,243.86	\$ 15,119.99	\$ -	\$ 15,119.99	\$ 14,765.65	\$ -	\$ 14,765.65	\$ 1,598.20
8065-40	AMERICAN HERITAGE-ALL STATE INSURANCE WH	\$ 54.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54.82
8070-40	HIGHWAY UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 430,148	\$ -	\$ 430,148	\$ 420,948	\$ -	\$ 4,209,48	\$ 92.00
8075-40	CLERICAL UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 7,704.00	\$ -	\$ 7,704.00	\$ 7,542.00	\$ -	\$ 7,542.00	\$ 162.00
8080-40	POLICE UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 437.50	\$ 14,005.00	\$ -	\$ 14,005.00	\$ 13,735.00	\$ -	\$ 13,735.00	\$ 707.50
8090-40	FIRE UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 180.00	\$ 9,540.00	\$ -	\$ 9,540.00	\$ 9,360.00	\$ -	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 360.00
8120/50/60/90	MISCELLANEOUS WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 726.00	\$ 24,881.00	\$ -	\$ 24,881.00	\$ 24,430.00	\$ 451.00	\$ 24,881.00	\$ 726.00
8125-40	FLEX SPENDING WITHHOLDINGS	\$ (726.00)	\$ 12,652.12	\$ -	\$ 12,652.12	\$ 12,652.12	\$ 243.31	\$ 12,895.43	\$ (969.31)
8130-40	DEFERRED COMPENSATION WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 121,247.20	\$ -	\$ 121,247.20	\$ 120,201.95	\$ 2,266.66	\$ 122,468.61	\$ (1,221.41)
8140-40	OBRA WITHHOLDINGS	\$ (215.50)	\$ 47,791.19	\$ -	\$ 47,791.19	\$ 47,285.75	\$ 505.44	\$ 47,791.19	\$ (215.50)
8160-40	INCOME TAX GARNISHMENT	\$ -	\$ 860.00	\$ -	\$ 860.00	\$ 860.00	\$ -	\$ 860.00	\$ -
TOTALS \$	\$ 57,443.27	\$ 2,211,565.73	\$ -	\$ 2,211,565.73	\$ 2,140,058.08	\$ 58,461.74	\$ 2,198,519.82	\$ 70,489.18	
DUET TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS									
1140-40	Due to Districts-Tax Title	\$ 921.16	\$ 11,383.70	\$ -	\$ 11,383.70	\$ 11,883.70	\$ -	\$ 11,883.70	\$ 921.16
8220-40	DWD TAX REVENUE	\$ 637.12	\$ 1,344,50.67	\$ -	\$ 1,344,50.67	\$ 1,345,493.55	\$ 637.12	\$ 1,346,130.67	\$ (1,342,88)
8230-40	DED TAX REVENUE	\$ 226.44	\$ 105,663.74	\$ -	\$ 105,663.74	\$ 106,006.60	\$ 37.59	\$ 106,044.19	\$ (154.01)
8240-40	NDFD TAX REVENUE	\$ 136.90	\$ 100,128.80	\$ -	\$ 100,128.80	\$ 99,939.95	\$ 325.75	\$ 100,265.70	\$ -
8410-40	POLICE FID CARDS	\$ 3,572.50	\$ 16,812.50	\$ -	\$ 16,812.50	\$ 16,450.00	\$ -	\$ 16,450.00	\$ 3,935.00
TOTALS \$	\$ 5,494,112	\$ 1,578,639.41	\$ -	\$ 1,578,639.41	\$ 1,579,773.80	\$ 1,000,46	\$ 1,580,1774.26	\$ 3,359.27	
OTHER LIABILITIES									
8600-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL-POLICE	\$ (71,052.26)	\$ 380,342.52	\$ -	\$ 380,342.52	\$ 383,164.56	\$ 4,104.00	\$ 387,268.56	\$ (77,978.30)
8610-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL-FIRE	\$ (684.00)	\$ 9,740.00	\$ -	\$ 9,740.00	\$ 9,520.00	\$ -	\$ 9,520.00	\$ (464.00)
8700-40	GROUP INSURANCE RECEIPTS PAYABLE	\$ (9,026.86)	\$ 198,041.01	\$ -	\$ 198,041.01	\$ 175,386.29	\$ -	\$ 175,386.29	\$ 13,627.86
8705-40	GATRA PASSSES	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 540.00
8708-40	BIES NUTRITION	\$ 947.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 947.00	\$ -	\$ 947.00	\$ -
8900-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-ANDREWS FARM	\$ 5,169.41	\$ -	\$ 5,169.41	\$ 5,154	\$ 1.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,170.95
8904-40	PERFORMANCE BOND - EL M ST ESTATES	\$ 3,577.64	\$ -	\$ 3,577.64	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,578.72
8910-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-HILL CREST ESTATES	\$ 26,174.36	\$ -	\$ 26,174.36	\$ 7.83	\$ 7.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,182.19
8914-40	MAINT. BOND-HUNTERS HILL HOMEOWNERS TRUST	\$ 75,485.65	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 21,31	\$ 68,021.31	\$ 75,506.46	\$ -	\$ 75,506.46	\$ 68,000.50
8916-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-PALMER RIVER DEV.	\$ 60,030.83	\$ -	\$ 60,030.83	\$ 17.94	\$ 17.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,048.77
8918-40	ISM SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING DEPOST	\$ 20,642.49	\$ -	\$ 20,642.49	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,648.65
8920-40	GRASSHOPPER SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING FUND	\$ 139,399.67	\$ -	\$ 139,399.67	\$ 41.64	\$ 41.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139,441.31
8921-40	GRASSHOPPER SOLAR- DRAINAGE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE	\$ 30,020.13	\$ -	\$ 30,020.13	\$ 8.96	\$ 8.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,029.09
8922-40	GRASSHOPPER SOLAR- LANDSCAPE BASINS & ROADWAY MAINT	\$ 10,006.82	\$ -	\$ 10,006.82	\$ 3.02	\$ 3.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,009.84
8923-40	893 BROOK ST SOLAR- DRAINAGE BASINS & ROADWAY MAINT	\$ 10,003.65	\$ -	\$ 10,003.65	\$ 2.98	\$ 2.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,006.63
8924-40	893 BROOK ST SOLAR- CULVERT & TOWN DITCH MAINT	\$ 5,001.83	\$ -	\$ 5,001.83	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,003.33
TOTALS \$	\$ 308,756.36	\$ 657,203.53	\$ 113,96	\$ 657,317.49	\$ 645,124.31	\$ 4,104.00	\$ 649,228.31	\$ 313,845.54	
UNCLAIMED ITEMS									
8800-40	UNCLAIMED ITEMS-TAILINGS	\$ 2,866.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,866.36
8805-40	UNCLAIMED ITEMS	\$ 8,686.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,686.49
TOTALS \$	\$ 11,552.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,552.85					
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS									
		\$ 380,246.60	\$ 4,447,408.67	\$ 113,96	\$ 4,447,532.63	\$ 4,364,956.19	\$ 63,566.20	\$ 4,428,52.39	\$ 399,246.84

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

	SEWER Enterprise Fund	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 644,248.96	\$ 644,248.96
Investments	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables:		
User Fees	\$ 29,037.07	\$ 29,037.07
Special assessments	\$ -	\$ -
Utility liens added to taxes	\$ 52,562.83	\$ 52,562.83
Tax foreclosures	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Title	\$ 1,969.51	\$ 1,969.51
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave	<u>\$ 16,569.38</u>	<u>\$ 16,569.38</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 744,387.75</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 744,387.75</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -
Warrants payable	\$ 4,667.40	\$ 4,667.40
Accrued payroll and withholdings	\$ -	\$ -
Other liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred revenue:		
User Charges	\$ 29,037.07	\$ 29,037.07
Special assessments	\$ -	\$ -
Utility liens added to taxes	\$ 52,562.83	\$ 52,562.83
Tax foreclosures	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Title	\$ 1,969.51	\$ 1,969.51
Vacation and sick leave liability	<u>\$ 16,569.38</u>	<u>\$ 16,569.38</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 104,806.19</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 104,806.19</u></u>
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 160,794.13	\$ 160,794.13
Reserved for expenditures	\$ 92,430.17	\$ 92,430.17
Unreserved retained earnings	\$ 386,357.26	\$ 386,357.26
Investment in capital assets	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>\$ 639,581.56</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 639,581.56</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u><u>\$ 744,387.75</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 744,387.75</u></u>
PROOF	\$ -	\$ -

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

RECEIPTS

User Fees	\$ 317,266.34
Assessments	\$ -
Interest on Late Payments	\$ 1,128.96
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	\$ 12,565.10
Sewer Liens In Tax Title	\$ -
By-Law Books	\$ -
Permits	\$ 120.00
Drainlayers Permits	\$ 575.00
Connection Fees	\$ 8,000.00
Application Fees	\$ 725.00
Sale of Inventory	\$ -
Earnings on Investments	\$ 5,518.22
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 955.00
 Total FY24 Revenues	 \$ 346,853.62
Total Cash Receipts	 \$ 346,853.62
 Cash Balance 7/1/23	 \$ 561,149.55
 Beginning Cash plus Receipts	 \$ 908,003.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary & Wages	\$ 111,787.37
Expenditures	\$ 112,733.62
Capital Outlay	\$ -
Indirect Costs (Transfer to General Fund)	\$ 19,899.50
 Total FY24 Cash Disbursements	 \$ 244,420.49
Prior Year Expended in FY 2024	\$ 19,992.62
Add: Warrants Payable 6/30/23	\$ 4,008.50
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/24	\$ (4,667.40)
 Total Disbursements	 \$ 263,754.21
 Cash Balance 6/30/24	 \$ 644,248.96
 Ending Cash plus Disbursements	 \$ 908,003.17

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGETARY BASIS - BUDGET VS ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget	Actual	Difference
<u>REVENUES</u>			
User Fees	\$ 273,766.30	\$ 317,266.34	\$ 43,500.04
Interest	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,128.96	\$ (171.04)
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 12,565.10	\$ (5,084.90)
Sewer Liens in Tax Title	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Permits	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Drain Layers Permits	\$ 428.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 147.00
Connection Fees	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,300.00
Application Fees	\$ 225.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 500.00
Earnings on Investments	\$ 3,530.70	\$ 5,518.22	\$ 1,987.52
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 400.00	\$ 955.00	\$ 555.00
 Total Receipts	 \$ 300,000.00	 \$ 346,853.62	 \$ 46,853.62
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>			
Sewer Budget	\$ 371,266.23	\$ 224,595.99	\$ 146,670.24
Prior Year Expended in FY2024	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,992.62	\$ 7.38
Transfer to General Fund-Indirect Costs	\$ 19,899.50	\$ 19,899.50	\$ -
 Total Budget	 \$ 411,165.73	 \$ 264,488.11	 \$ 146,677.62
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>			
Fund Balance 7/1/23		\$ 557,216.05	
Revenues		\$ 346,853.62	
Less Expenditures		\$ (264,488.11)	
 Fund Balance 6/30/24		 \$ 639,581.56	
Fund Balance 6/30/24		\$ 639,581.56	
LESS: Fund Balance Reserved For Encumbrances		\$ (160,794.13)	
LESS: Fund Balance Reserved For Expenditures 6/30/24		\$ (92,430.17)	
 Unreserved Retained Earnings 6/30/24		 \$ 386,357.26	

FY24 Retained Earnings Certified by the Bureau of Accounts on September 25, 2024 was \$ 386,357.00

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (900)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

Date	Loan	Outstanding 7/1/2023	Principal Paid FY 2024	Borrowed FY 2024	Outstanding 6/30/2024
INSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
February, 2018	Police Station	\$ 3,495,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,260,000.00
OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
May, 2013	Title V	\$ 33,278.00	\$ 3,328.00	\$ -	\$ 29,950.00
October, 2019	Title V	\$ 56,780.00	\$ 3,340.00	\$ -	\$ 53,440.00
	Total Outside Debt Limit	\$ 90,058.00	\$ 6,668.00	\$ -	\$ 83,390.00
	Totals	\$ 3,585,058.00	\$ 241,668.00	\$ -	\$ 3,343,390.00
LEASES PAYABLE					
October, 2021	Street Sweeper	\$ 87,213.00	\$ 48,204.00	\$ -	\$ 39,009.00
June, 2021	Fire Engine	\$ 494,064.90	\$ 94,116.68	\$ -	\$ 399,948.22
	Totals	\$ 581,277.90	\$ 142,320.68	\$ -	\$ 438,957.22
OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS					
General Fund					
Accrued Compensated Absences:		\$ 531,116.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 531,116.44
Landfill Post-Closure Care Costs	30 years thru 2031	\$ 123,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,000.00
	Totals	\$ 654,116.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 654,116.44
Sewer Enterprise					
Accrued Compensated Absences:		\$ 16,569.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,569.38

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**TRUST FUNDS**

AS OF
ORIGINAL
PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL TRUST

CHARLES S. CHASE TRUST		
PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
INTEREST EARNED FY 2024	1,625.41	1,625.41
AWARDS PAID	0.71	0.71
ENDING BALANCE	\$ (250.00)	2,376.12

MEMORIAL TRUST LIBRARY		
PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED	\$ 1,410.00	1,410.00
INTEREST EARNED FY 2024	1,499.32	1,499.32
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 0.87	0.87

OPEB LIABILITY TRUST FUND		
PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED	\$ 3,331,812.12	3,331,812.12
INTEREST EARNED FY 2023	349,371.67	349,371.67
FY24 DEPOSITS	125,000.00	125,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 2,215,342.10	2,215,342.10

ELDERLY AND DISABILITY FUND		
PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED	\$ 2,931.98	2,931.98
INTEREST EARNED FY2024	\$ 43.14	43.14
FY 24 DEPOSITS	\$ 0.99	0.99
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 305.00	305.00
	\$ 3,281.11	3,281.11

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE		
JOSHUA BLISS	\$ 5,000.00	5,000.00
SUBMIT BABBITT	150.00	150.00
MARY J. BRIGGS	100.00	100.00
EDGAR A. ESSEX	200.00	200.00
EBENEZER GAY	150.00	150.00
WILLIAM D. GOFF	100.00	100.00
BLISS-ARTHUR HATHAWAY	200.00	200.00
NANCY JONES	150.00	150.00
		100.00
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		100.00
		100.00
		200.00
		100.00
		100.00
		100.00
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6/30/2024

DR. A.J. SMITH	150.00	NELSON HORTON	100.00
MARTHA L. SMITH	50.00	JOB PAULL	100.00
RUFUS P. HORTON	400.00	ROBERT S. WATERMAN	100.00
CHARLES OSMAN GAY	200.00	ETTA WESTCOTT	100.00
SARAH BABBITT	100.00	WESTCOTT & MCNALLY	200.00
JOSEPH GOODING	142.75	FRANCIS J. WHEELER	100.00
JOSEPHINE G. THAXTER	100.00	SHUBEL WHEELER	100.00
WILLIAM WALKER	250.00	THOMAS B. WITHERELL	100.00
JESSE P. GOFF	100.00	HORTON-PAULL	200.00
GEORGE H. HORTON	100.00	GILBERT STRANGE	300.00
E. & J. LINCOLN	200.00	OLIVER P. SIMONS	721.00
JOSIAH R. TALBOT	100.00	CHARLES E. CARR*	500.00
EMERY WHITE	200.00	ISABELLE W. SNOW*	100.00
EMELINE WILLIAMS	100.00	N. ALLEN WALKER	883.00
KAY SMITH	500.00	WILLIAMS	100.00
BRIGGS	125.00	SMITH	50.00
HARRIET M. BRIGGS	200.00	BENNETT	200.00
HELEN C. BRIGGS	75.00	ERNEST H. SMITH	200.00
SYLVANUS JONES	100.00	INGALLS	500.00
NATHAN WALKER	100.00	TOOHEY	500.00
WENDELL WEED	100.00	JONES	500.00
CHARLES & MARY OLNEY	200.00	WALTON	500.00
ASA & HANNAH WATERMAN	200.00	CROTTY	500.00
BLISS-WESTCOTT	200.00	TOTAL	21,396.75
DAVID W. FRANCIS	100.00	PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED	1,226.09
ALBERT F. GOFF	50.00	INTEREST EARN 2024	6.78
ELBRIDGE G. FRANCIS	200.00	ENDING BALANCE	22,629.62
GEORGE E. FRANCIS	100.00	TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	2,246,539.14
JAMES COREY	350.00		
JOHN & ALICE LIMA	700.00		
DIGHTON VETERANS CEM	350.00		
JEFFERY ALLIE	350.00		
ELIZABETH MULLANEY	350.00		
DONNA DEMOURA	350.00		
AUDREY FURTADO	900.00		

NO. DIGITON	BEGINNING	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	JUSTMEN	COLLECTORS	PRINTOUT	CORRECTIONS
FIRE DISTRICT	BALANCE	COMMITMENTS					REPT. BALS.		NEEDED
REAL ESTATE									
FY2024	101,988.66		95,409.01				6,579.65	6,579.65	0.00 BAL
FY2023	5,385.80		606.00		4,779.10		0.70	0.70	(0.00) BAL
FY2022	2,979.89		85.35		2,894.54		-	-	- BAL
FY2021	160.65				160.65		-	-	- BAL
FY2020							-	-	
FY2019							-	-	
PERSONAL PROPERTY									
FY2024	3,733.48		3,733.48				-	-	- BAL
FY2023	-						-	-	- OK
FY2022	-						-	-	- OK
FY2021	-						-	-	
FY2020							-	-	
FY2019							-	-	
ELECTRIC LIGHT									
DISTRICT	BEGINNING	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	JUSTMEN	COLLECTORS	PRINTOUT	CORRECTIONS
REAL ESTATE	BALANCE	COMMITMENTS					REPT. BALS.		NEEDED
FY2024	95,772.95		92,705.59	57.46			\$ 3,009.90	3,009.90	0.00 BAL
FY2023	1,755.24		659.39		1,002.03		\$ 93.82	93.82	(0.00) BAL
FY2022	1,366.88		155.10		1,211.78		0.00	-	0.00 BAL
FY2021	27.31		7.34		12.20		7.77	7.77	- BAL
FY2020							-	-	
FY2019	-						-	-	
PERSONAL PROPERTY									
FY2024	6,840.87		6,823.91	6.72			\$ 10.24	10.24	0.00 BAL
FY2023	4.17		2.28				\$ 1.89	1.89	0.00 BAL
FY2022	1.44						\$ 1.44	1.44	- BAL
FY2021	0.42						\$ 0.42	0.42	- BAL
FY2020	9.72						\$ 9.72	9.72	- BAL
FY2019	12.70						\$ 12.70	12.70	- BAL
FY2018	14.93						\$ 14.93	14.93	- BAL
FY2017	28.18						\$ 28.18	28.18	- BAL
FY2016	11.34						\$ 11.34	11.34	- BAL
FY2015	23.29						\$ 23.29	23.29	- BAL
FY2014	30.29						\$ 30.29	30.29	- BAL
FY2013	25.62						\$ 25.62	25.62	- BAL
FY2012	29.43						\$ 29.43	29.43	- BAL
FY2011	18.20						\$ 18.20	18.20	- BAL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Building Department Annual Report

I respectfully submit this annual report of the Building Department to the people of the Town of Dighton. Year 2024 continued to be challenging due to the high interest rates and economic uncertainty. Permits decreased slightly from last year's count, issuing a total of 735 Permits. Newly constructed homes did increase again from last year with a total with 15 Permits issued.

I appreciate the exceptional effort of the Building Departmental staff throughout each and every year. The dedication and cooperation of our employees allows us the ability to safely maintain inspectional services for the people of Dighton.

Below is a partial list of the permits issued through the Building Department

Total Building Permits	325
New Homes	15
Additions	4
Weatherization	29
Solar Systems	54
Commercial	8
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Electrical Permits	207
Gas Permits	69
Plumbing Permits	78
Sheet Metal Permits	15
Trench Permits	41
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TOTAL	735

Respectfully Submitted

**James D Aguiar Jr.
Building Commissioner**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the citizens of Dighton,

The Dighton Board of Health is a community-focused department with primary goals of protecting and improving the health and quality of life for all Dighton residents, workers, and visitors. To promote public health, the Dighton Board of Health manages and implements education, prevention, and regulatory programs and participates in private and intergovernmental programs as well as regional coalitions. The Board of Health administers health inspections for food establishments, housing, sanitation and enforcement (Title V) including soil evaluations, tobacco control, site planning and operation, health nuisances, abatement (abandoned houses), solid waste disposal, recycling.

The Board of Health is faced with the constant challenge of trash & recycling disposal costs. We are always looking for alternatives or solutions to the increased rate of disposal, but unfortunately economical trash disposal is a nationwide problem. Working closely with the Waste Reduction Committee (formally Solid Waste Committee), the Board of Health is continuously looking to find a solution. There are discussions about creating a swap shed for residents to take or leave good condition used items. It would be helpful if residents would practice proper recycling habits and not dispose of plastic bags or contaminated materials in the recycling. Rejected recycling adds cost. Another great way to save waste is composting. If we can reduce the weight of waste, we reduce the cost. Further information can be found under the Health Departments page on the Town of Dighton website.

During the year, there were several personnel changes, including the resignation of Board of Health Chair Paul Pacheco, Clerk Jo-Ann Wilson and Member Pat McGovern. The Board held interviews for the vacant seats and selected Barbara Catabia as the new chair. Barbara is a long-time resident of Dighton and has septic background and Title V knowledge. Tammy Mello was appointed as the new clerk. Tammy has a background in law and currently runs a farm here in Dighton. Vincent Hebert was appointed and sits as a member. Vinnie comes from a corporate background and is focused on finding ways of saving and identifying areas of need within the department. The Health Department is excited about the coming year and will continue to strive to meet the needs of Dighton residents in a productive, accommodating and transparent manner while continuing its efforts to update and improve the department's overall performance.

In 2024 the Board of Health also received resignation from the Health Agent, Heather Guenard and Health Director James Aguiar. The Board interviewed many candidates for the Health Agent position and selected Mathew Tanis to work part-time. Matt has been working as the Dighton Health Agent per diem for many years. Matt has also sat as a Board Member in the past and is familiar with Dighton regulations and by-laws. He has had a long career as a Health Agent in surrounding towns and the Board of Health is excited to have Matt Tanis as our Health Agent.

The Board of Health is responsible for promoting public health in Dighton and as such, investigations of health and environmental problems are coordinated and conducted. This ensures

that health requirements governing food service establishments, sewage disposal, minimum housing standards, camps, and semi-public swimming areas are met. Aside from this, the Dighton Board of Health submitted food establishment reporting requirements to the MA Department of Public Health as well as responded to nuisances and housing complaints. The following is a list of licenses and related inspections that were conducted during the year:

19 - Food Service Establishments	09 - Septage Hauler
08 - Retail Food Establishments	40 - Septic Installer Licenses
39 - Temporary Food Establishments	47 - Sanitation Permits
06 - Mobile Food Establishments	38 - Soil Exams / Percolation Tests
19 - Milk & Cream Permit	10 - Well Permits
04 - Schools	141 - Inspections of Septic Systems
01 - Group Homes	00 - Title 5 Inspector Licenses
00 - Body Art License	20 - Title 5 Report Reviews
07 - Tobacco	01 - Stormwater Permits
00 - Barn Permits	230 - Bulky Item Stickers Sold
25 - Stable Permits	02 - Marijuana Licenses

In conclusion, the future of the Town will be somewhat influenced by external forces beyond Dighton's control, but we will continue to evolve, add programs and services, and work hard to ensure a good quality of life for all residents and the town itself. We must ensure that the Board of Health functions efficiently and effectively to meet both old and new challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

Dighton Board of Health
Barbara Catabia, Chairperson
Tammy Mello, Clerk
Vincent Hebert, Member

Health Department Office Staff
Matt Tanis, Health Agent
Elizabeth Moreira, Office Manager

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

I continue to work under the general supervision of the Chief of Police. The support of the Dighton Police Department allows me to ensure that MGLS and town bylaws are being followed. On September 20, 2024, Ollies Law was passed. The law regulates updating licensing and regulation of kennels and other pet boarding facilities to protect animals in their care. Over this past year, the Animal Shelter served its purpose by comfortably housing temporary or stray animals. I would like to thank the townspeople adhering to licensing dogs and kennels. Thank you to Bristol Agricultural High School for partnering with us to provide low-cost rabies vaccines during two successful clinics.

Once again, my continuing education has afforded me the ability to keep any required Certification from the State of Massachusetts up-to-date.

This upcoming year I will continue to follow up on complaints, do inspections on farms, barns and kennels, quarantine animals that bite, and catch loose animals, as well educate on care and laws. One of the most important duties I perform is being a voice for those who can't speak for themselves.

In closing, I want to thank the Town for giving me the privilege of serving you and your Animals, the Police Department, Fire Department, the Building Commissioner, the Board of Health, and the Highway Department for always being there to lend a helping hand. I look forward to serving the Town in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ferry,
ACO

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, Christopher J. Maguy, respectfully submit my eighth annual report of the Fire Department as required by Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws. I want to thank the taxpayers for your continued support of this department. We continue to need either a new Fire Station or a renovation/addition to the current station 1. We have long out grown the station we are in and are busting at the seams, making the apparatus bay and living quarters an unsafe working environment. We look forward to continue to work with Fire Station Building Committee to move forward with the Feasibility Study of the fire stations that was approved by the taxpayers. The Board of Selectmen have signed and executed a contract with LiRo Hill Corporation who is currently working on the study.

As our Town continues to grow so do the calls for service for both the Ambulance and on the Fire side of the Department. Ambulance Calls have increased by 7% from 2023 going from 898 runs in 2023 to 957 runs in 2024. The Fire Calls have also increased by 59% from 2023 to 2024 going from 322 call in 2023 to 512 calls in 2024. Total calls for service have increased 20% from 2023 to 2024 with 1,220 total calls in 2023 and 1,469 total calls in 2024. This increase shows the need for additional staffing and results in wear and tear on apparatus. This department desperately needs to increase its fulltime staffing level to add an additional fourth group to the current three group rotation to assist with this increase of calls for service. We are always looking for Call Firefighters so if anyone is 18 and older and willing to dedicate time to your community, please stop by Station 1 or Station 2 and talk with any personnel in the stations or I.

This department continues to train vigorously so we can be proficient in our skills in both Emergency Medical Services and Firefighting. This is an always changing job so we must stand ready for any call we may receive. We train, both in the classroom and with practical skills two to three times a month. Sometimes this training is done locally and other times it is done with our mutual aid partners or with the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. We train annually with Dighton Police, Taunton Police and Fire, Rehoboth Police and Fire, Seekonk Police and Fire and Norton Police and Fire to hone our skills should an active shooter event happen in any one of our communities.

I would like to thank Captain Eric Gagnon who works diligently in his role as the Fire Prevention Officer. His organization and efficiency allowed the department to process several hundred permits and inspections. I continue to look to my entire command staff frequently for their knowledge and support. I would also like to thank Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic Sarah Guilmette who has taken on the role of SAFE/Senior SAFE officer for this department. This role is vital in the education of our youth and senior citizens on fire safety in the community.

The department would like to recognize our newest Probationary Firefighter Andrew Spellman who will be enrolled in the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Call/Volunteer Academy this summer. Congratulations to Call Firefighter Logan Pimentel on successfully completing the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Call/Volunteer Academy Program and receiving his ProBoard Firefighter I/II certification. Thank you to all of you and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you to the departments Executive Assistant/Ambulance Billing Clerk Rebeca Moss. Rebeca continues to work tirelessly on processing all ambulance bills. Without the speedy

processing and billing of runs, the Ambulance Revenues would not be what they are to help support this department. Rebeca is an asset to me in assisting with the day-to-day paperwork of the department and is always willing to go above and beyond what is asked of her.

Thank you, as always to retired Lieutenant Thomas Medeiros, Captain Samuel Pine, Kyle Medeiros, Justin Daigneault, Christopher Caron, Lieutenant Zachary Smus, Alex Clifford and Joshua Desmond for their dedication to the Dighton Junior Firefighter program. Without their commitment to training the young members of this organization, it would not be a success. Membership has stayed consistent over the past year, that is a true testament to the time and effort put into the program. This program is integral in laying the foundation of knowledge and enthusiasm for the fire service. It has produced several firefighters for this department and surrounding communities in years past. Recruiting new members to our department is vital to maintain and improve the level of support we provide to the community. The Junior Firefighter program is a great avenue for recruitment.

This year we continued to proudly host, participate and volunteer in various events in town: the MDA Fill the Boot, the Annual Santa Run, the Pan Mass Challenge, Lions Club Cow Chip Festival, Veteran's Day Services, 9/11 Ceremony, Annual Touch-a-truck event and the Annual Police/Fire Toy Drive are just to name a few. The men and women of our department enjoy being able to give back and we are excited that we have been provided with opportunities to do so.

Thank you to Chief George Nichols, Deputy Chief Ryan Richard and all the members of the Police Department, Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry and the all members of the Highway Department for their support throughout the year. Thank you to all the hardworking personnel in the Dighton Communications Center for the difficult jobs they do in receiving and dispatching calls in a timely and professional manner. Having the support and cooperation of the dedicated men and women of these departments makes the job of this department much easier.

I would also like to say a sincere thank you to, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Ralph Vitacco, all elected and appointed town officials, all the Town Hall employees and the townspeople for their continued support.

Most of all, thanks to all the members of the Fire Department for your time and dedication. Without your commitment to this department, the services and responses provided to the townspeople in their time of need would not be possible. As always it has been a pleasure working with the men and women of this department. A heartfelt THANK YOU to you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher J. Maguy
Chief of the Fire Department

Dighton Fire Department

Official Roster as of December 31, 2024

Christopher J. Maguy, Chief of the Fire Department

Andrade, Noah +
Campanella, Kevin #*
Caron, Christopher +
Carr, Matthew +***
Clifford, Alex +
Daigneault, Justin #*
Desmond, Joshua +***
Desmond, Sarah #*
Finney, Samuel +*
Fournier, Colbey +
Gauthier, John (Lieutenant) #*
Gagnon, Eric (Captain) #*
Greene, Alexander (Lieutenant) #*
Guilmette, Sarah #*
Grassie, Nicholas +
Hathaway, John (Lieutenant) +
Jacob, Ruben ***

Jacob, Ruben +*** (probationary)
Maguy, Christopher (Chief) #***
Medeiros, Kyle +
Medeiros, Michael +***
Medeiros, Thomas (Jr. FF Director)
Moss, Rebeca (Amb. Billing Clerk)
Pine Jr., Samuel (Captain) +
Santos, Jerry #*
Silva, Matthew +*
Silveira, Sarah ***
Silvia, David +*
Smus, Zachary (Lieutenant) +**
Spellman, Andrew + (probationary)
StLaurent, Melissa ***
Tanis, Matthew +**
Urban, Shawn +

Full Time Firefighter + Call Firefighter
* Paramedic ** AEMT
*** EMT-B

Permits for Year Ending 2024

Open Air Burning Permits	268
Blasting Permits	1
Fire Alarm System Commercial & Repairs	0
Fire Protection Commercial Sprinkler	4
Fire Protection Residential Sprinkler	1
Fire Warning Residential (all permits)	76
Flammable Combustible Material Storage	1
Flammable Storage Above Ground Commercial	3
Flammable Storage Underground Commercial	6
Flammable Storage Above Ground Residential	27
Flammable Storage Underground Residential	7
Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Display	1
Battery Energy Storage Systems	2
Hazardous Material Processing	0
Oil Burner Installs / Alterations	38
Oil Tank Replacement/Installs Residential	0
LP Gas Equipment	3
Torches and Heating Devices	0
Fuel Tank Vehicle	3

Transfer Tank	0
Fire Safety Inspections	8
Above Ground Tank Removal	0
Underground Tank Removal	0
Waste Oil Storage	<u>0</u>

Total Permits: 449

Miscellaneous for Year Ending 2024

Car Seat Installations	20
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Fire Department Call Information for 2024

<u>Fire</u>	<u>17</u>
Building Fire	2
Outside Trash/Waste Fire	6
Brush Fire	3
Vehicle Fire	1
Fuel Burner Malfunction	1
Fire, Other	4

<u>Rescue and EMS</u>	<u>251</u>
Assist EMS Call	196
Motor Vehicle Collision	52
Search for Person	0
Extrication of Victim from a Structure/Building	1
Removal of Victim from Stalled Elevator	1
Swimming Water Area Rescue	1

<u>Hazardous Conditions</u>	<u>23</u>
Gas Leak	0
Carbon Monoxide Incident	14
Electrical Wiring/Equipment	2
Structure Weakened or Collapsed	0
Power Line Down	7

<u>Service Call</u>	<u>221</u>
Service Call, Other	10
Lock-out	2
Water Leak/Removal	6
Animal Problem	1
Smoke or Odor Removal	13
HazMat Release Investigation w/no HazMat	2
Public Assist	7
Assist Police	1
Public Service	6

Unauthorized Burning	15
Cover Assignment, Standby, Move up	14
Odor of Smoke	13
Alarm Activation	113
Good Intent Call/No Incident Found	7
Dispatched & Cancelled Enroute	4
No Incident Found on Arrival at Dispatch Address	1
Authorized Controlled Burning	1
Lightning Strike (no fire)	0
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster, Other	1
Wind Storm, Tornado/Hurricane Assessment	1
Special Type of Incident	1
Citizen Complaint	2

Ambulance Calls 957

Total Call for Assistance 2024: 1,469

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARBOR MASTER

The Harbor Master is appointed under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 102. He enforces Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90B, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulation 323, and Coast Guard Federal Law “Rules of the Road” (72COLREGS) which are incorporated into the Massachusetts laws Chapter 90B and 323CMR. The Office of the Harbor Master is under the supervision of the Dighton Police Department. The Harbor Master and the Assistant Harbor Masters represent the Town of Dighton in the Cape and Islands Harbor Master Association (CIHMA) and participate on and off the water with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, U.S. Coast Guard, Maritime Security Council, state and local law enforcement, first responder agencies, and with the Department of Homeland Security. There are currently two Assistant Harbor Masters: Captain Alex Cembalisty, and Captain Mark Marino. Mark Marino holds the position of Mooring Officer. The Mooring Officer is an Assistant Harbor Master and is responsible for the management and enforcement of the town’s mooring program.

The Harbor Master and the Assistant Harbor Masters each hold one or more of the following credentials: compliance with the Massachusetts Harbor Master Training Council (HTC), United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credentials (Captain’s licenses), Transportation Worker’s Identification Cards (TWIC), Person In Charge as a tankerman rating, Tugs and Towing endorsement, Fire Fighting training (ship board training), First Aid and CPR training, Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary training, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Basic Seamanship course, Enhanced Vessel Operator’s course, NASBLA Boating Search and Rescue course, and Harbor Master Law & Procedure in Massachusetts training (through Commonwealth Police Services, Inc.). Harbor Master Marino holds an Advanced Open Water diving certification issued through the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). Assistant Harbor Master Mark Marino holds the rank of Second Mate of unlimited tonnage vessels upon oceans and Master 1600 GT upon near coastal waters. Assistant Harbor Master Cembalisty holds an Instrument Rated private airplane pilots’ license. The Harbor Master and Assistant Harbor Masters have also participated and been trained in Geographic Response Plan #169 with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding simulated water-based fuel spills in the Town of Dighton area of responsibility (AOR).

The Harbor Master department continued on-water training/education with the Dighton Police officers this past summer. The Harbor Masters have each shared this responsibility and have continued to instruct the officers in the more advanced elements of boating knowledge, boating safety, local knowledge of Dighton harbor and the Taunton River, as well as advanced boat handling, marlinspike, and typical Harbor Master routines on the water. The officers were instructed on evolution risk assessment (GAR), missing vessel/person search techniques, recovery techniques, and advanced boat handling skills. In addition, the officers demonstrated proficient use of on-board electronics during search and rescue/recovery evolutions (global positioning system, radar, depth finder, and multi-window display characteristics).

There are approximately eighty moorings and nine private aids to navigation (ATONS) in Dighton Harbor. The Taunton Yacht Club and Shawomet Yacht Club own and maintain the majority. The Town of Dighton charges a \$50.00 mooring fee and the monies from those fees go into a town managed Municipal Waterways account. Some budget funding for the office of the Harbor Master does come from that account. The moorings owned by Shaw's Boat Yard are in Berkley waters and are therefore subject to Berkley fees, rules, and regulations.

Floating dock applications (10A Permits issued by the Office of the Harbor Master) are subject to a courtesy review by the Building Department for constructability review and the Conservation Commission for land-based compliance when the docks are attached to the shoreline by an access ramp (or equal). The Town of Dighton Harbor Bylaws, mooring permit applications, 10A dock permit applications, and Harbor Master/Mooring Officer contact information are all on-line under the Town of Dighton website.

The Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormasters would like to thank all the elected and appointed officials and residents for their continued support this past year. We look forward to serving the community each season and your support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Marino

Dighton Harbor Master

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

I am pleased to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

Police – Communications – Animal Control – Harbor Master

Administration/Leadership

Chief – George L. Nichols
Deputy Chief – Ryan Richards

Executive Administrative Assistant

Karlene L. Bourque

Appointed Full-Time Police Officers:

Sergeant - Christopher Magan, Jason McGovern, Nicholas Barros

Detective – Gregory Steele

Patrol Officers - Steven Ferreira, Todd Kuczewski, Stephen Hathaway (SRO), Alyssa Bennett (SRO), Aaron Swartz, Julia Horton, Kenneth Almeida, Nicholas Faria, Jillian Amorim and Comfort K9 Oakie.

Appointed Reserve Police Officers:

Timothy O’Leary, Jared Jackson, Justin Jackson, Marc Charbonneau, Samantha Marie Maguire, Jorge Vernal.

Full-Time Communications Dispatchers

Theresa Costa
Vanessa Smith
Paul Reed
Andrew Lapointe

Part-Time Communications Dispatchers:

Dalton Johnson
Barbara Greve
Christopher Caron
Susan Randazzo

Animal Control Officer:

ACO Stacy Ferry

Harbor Masters:

HM Ronald Marino
Asst. Mark Marino
Asst. Alex Cembalisty

The start of the New Year the department was still in a transition state. As Acting Chief, I had a good handle on the Justice, Equity and Accountability Act and the department maintained MA State POST-C compliance. On March 13, 2024, with the support of elected officials and overwhelming support of the towns people and neighboring agencies, I was appointed Chief of Police. In my new role as Chief of Police there was a need to re-visit the adequacy of our supervisory staffing. With Town Administrator, Michael Mullen, we restructured the department Administrative Leadership. On June 26, 2024, Detective Ryan Richards was appointed to a new implement position of Deputy Chief. Patrolman Gregory Steele agreed to take on the role as Detective and he was appointed on July 5, 2024. With

a strong Administrative Staff in place, we can continue to see that the Department is equipped and trained to meet the needs, not only for the overseeing State agencies but more importantly, of our community

As Chief of Police, building a strong relationship between law enforcement and the community is essential. I firmly believe in the power of community interaction and partnerships for fostering trust, safety and positive change, especially when it comes to engaging with our youth. Our Community Outreach Officers, Patrolman Steven Ferreira, Patrolman Kenneth Almeida, School Resources Officers, Patrolman Stephen Hathaway and Patrolwoman Alyssa Bennett are dedicated to strengthening these connections. We will continually develop programs that benefit not only our young people, but also our residents. My goal is to improve our presence within the community. By working together we can create meaningful opportunities, provide guidance, to ensure a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Our Court Officer Steven Ferreira, Detective Ryan Richards, Detective Greg Steele and our SRO/Juvenile Detective Stephen Hathaway continued to prosecute our court cases with the District Attorney's Office. Our appointed SRO Officers, Patrolwoman Alyssa Bennett and Patrolman Stephen Hathaway have been working very closely with the school faculty, students and parents to maintain safety within the school walls and on the grounds. Oakie, our black English Labrador Retriever, continues to be a valuable asset to our department. He has proved to be an incredible addition to both our ranks and to the Community and seems to have quite the following on social media. I'd like to formally thank and praise Ptlm. Stephen Hathaway for his work and efforts ensuring that Oakie is a positive and beneficial team member here in Town.

Deputy Chief Richards, with the support of our Software Administrator, Patrolman Nicholas Faria, manages the administration and integration of software within the complex and ever-evolving network of modern police technology. Their efforts to ensure the department operates efficiently, leveraging the latest advancements to enhance public safety and law enforcement capabilities. Dighton Police Department officers remain highly trained and up-to-date with ongoing professional development, including annual in-service training, specialized programs, and compliance with POST (Peace Officers Standards & Training) requirements. These training sessions occur multiple times throughout the year, covering critical areas such as de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention, legal updates, and advancements in investigative technology. This commitment to continuous education ensures that officers are well-equipped to serve and protect the community with professionalism and integrity.

The Dighton Police Department remains a member of S.E.M.L.E.C. (Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council). The purpose of S.E.M.L.E.C. is to provide various mutual aid services to participating agencies in the event of any natural or man-made incident that would require resources beyond the capacity of any one police agency. Deputy Chief Ryan Richards, Sergeant Jason McGovern, Patrolman Aaron Swartz Patrolman/SRO Stephen Hathaway and Patrolwoman/SRO Alyssa Bennett, Sergeant Nicholas Barros, Detective Greg Steele, and Patrolman Kenneth Almeida are active

members of S.E.M.L.E.C. As a contributing member agency, this gives us the invaluable opportunity for extra resources when needed.

Deputy Chief Ryan Richards and Detective Greg Steele are part of the Northern Bristol County Drug Task Force. As a member, Deputy Chief Richards oversees the grant-funded, Med Project. The funds that the project generates has helped supplement community projects. If you're looking to get a new, or to renew, a License to Carry Permit, Sgt. Christopher Magan and Patrolman Steven Ferreira are responsible for that program and are always happy to assist.

I would like to compliment Dispatch Liaison Theresa Costa for her efforts in ensuring that the Communications Department is always ready to literally answer the call and to dispatch necessary emergency services every minute of every day. All of our Communications staff, both full-time and part-time dispatchers (Theresa Costa, Vanessa Smith, our 911 Supervisor Paul Reed, Andrew LaPointe, Dalton Johnson, Matthew Tannis, Barbara Greve) deserve an incredible amount of thanks and respect for their professional and dedicated support of the Dighton Police and Communications Departments to ensure safety and security in Town.

During the Holiday Season, the Dighton Police Officers Local 306 collaborated with the Dighton Fire Association and hosted the 9th Annual Stuff-A-Cruiser event on December 7, 2024 at Old Town Hall. Once again, the Community involvement was incredible, we were able to increase the number of families to whom assistance was provided. The funds raised during this event were donated and given to youth organizations and scholarship committees in and around Dighton.

The department logged 14,300 calls for service in 2024. The Chief of Police responsibilities is to see that our department is equipped and trained to meet the needs of the people as the Town of Dighton continues to grow. My goal for the upcoming year is to further strengthen our department through continued training and building strong relationships within the community. I am committed to ensuring that Dighton remains a safe and welcoming place for all who live and raise their families here. I kindly ask for your continued support as we work together to make our town the best it can be. Please do not hesitate to contact the Dighton Police Department if you notice anything suspicious or if you suspect a crime—your vigilance helps keep our community safe. Dial 911 for emergencies to stop a crime, save a life, and to report a fire. You may use 508-669-6711 for all other business.

I would genuinely like to recognize and thank Executive Administrative Assistant, Karlene Bourque. There is seemingly an unending number of things that come up daily and her experience and pride in her work have proved invaluable during this pass year. She gives 100% to all of the members of the Department and for that, we are very grateful. Special thanks to Fire Chief Christopher Maguy and to fire department personnel for their service and support; Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry and his staff, especially Mark Carr for being up and current on repairs and maintenance to our fleet of cruisers. To the town Administrators, I would like to express my gratitude for their ongoing support to our department and the trust they placed in me. I also extend my thanks to the Board of

Selectmen, for believing in my ability to lead the dedicated teams of DPD, Communications, ACO and Harbor Master Departments.

In closing, I ask for your continued support as we navigate the increasingly complex challenges that lie ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

George L. Nichols

Chief of Police

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICERS

Chief George L. Nichols,

SRO Bennett and SRO Hathaway continue to play a vital role in promoting a safe and supportive environment within the Dighton-Rehoboth School District. By working closely with administrators, faculty and students we not only ensure the physical safety of the campus but also foster positive relationships that help build trust and understanding. These ongoing partnerships enhance both security and the overall learning atmosphere, contributing to a nurturing space where students feel protected and supported.

SCHOOL SAFETY

- SRO Hathaway and SRO Bennett continue to teach CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Train-the-trainer).
- Training was held with new school staff to familiarize them with the safety protocols.
- Continued to assist staff in the use of Crisis Go to better communication in crisis.
- The Rehoboth Police Department continues to play a vital role and members of both departments continue to work closely together to ensure the safety and security of our schools.
- Hold and Secure drills were completed across all schools with the help of the Dighton Fire Department, Dighton Police Department, and the Rehoboth Police Department.
- Debriefed with all stake holders after drills to improve efficiency and address any issues.
- Helped facilitate professional development for teachers and staff on safety protocols.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS

- Continued to have weekly meetings with school administrators.
- Attended sporting events, extracurricular events, and after school meetings.
- High Five Fridays were held at the Middle School and Elementary School.
- Department members again participated in the “Stuff a Cruiser” event.
- Continued to build positive and professional rapport with the students, faculty, and parents of the school district.
- Bus safety was taught to the children in the Elementary and Middle School which included evaluation drills.
- Worked with IT with the implementation of new security cameras.
- SRO Bennett and SRO Hathaway held a RadKIDS class in the summer for our community's children. Children completed safety drills and learned physical skills to resist or stop violence or harm, and dynamic simulation.
- SRO Hathaway held a L.E.A.D.S. class with 4th graders. This is an age-appropriate class that teaches Goal Setting, Decision Making, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and help builds self-esteem.

CONTINUED EDUCATION/TRAINING

- SRO Bennett & SRO Hathaway continued to attend training specific to MA Juvenile Law.
- SRO Bennett & SRO Hathaway attended L.E.A.D.S. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence) class and became certified teachers.
- SRO Bennett & SRO Hathaway attended state recert training specific to SROs in Massachusetts.

INVESTIGATIONS

- Annual K-9 Sweeps were conducted at the High School.
- SRO Bennett and SRO Hathaway continued to complete investigations on assaults, destruction of property, motor vehicle accidents, domestic violence, sexual assaults, substance abuse, child neglect, and illicit drug sales.
- Assisted school administration with restraining orders.
- Continued our partnership with **South Coast Youth Courts**¹ to provide our students with juvenile delinquency diversion programs in attempts to avoid juvenile criminal court.

CLOSING REMARKS

We would like to extend our thanks to Chief Nichols, Superintendent Runey, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sousa, and the rest of the school district for their unwavering support. Your continued commitment plays a vital role in creating a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for both our students and teachers. Together, we remain dedicated to fostering a secure atmosphere where learning and growth can thrive, and we look forward to continuing this important partnership in the future. Thank you for your collaboration and ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community.

SRO Bennett & SRO Hathaway would like to thank the community for their continued support~

Respectfully Submitted,

School Resource Officer Alyssa Bennett
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School SRO

School Resource Officer Stephen Hathaway
Dighton Middle/Elementary SRO

Dighton Police Department

¹ www.southcoastyouthcourts.org

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department consists of ten (10) full-time employees, and one (1) part-time employee: Foreman; Mike, Asst. Foreman; Nick, Erik, Mechanic; Mark, Rick, Jim, Jeff, Dakota, Office Manager; Heather, and Transfer Station Attendant; Connor. This year we welcomed a co-op student; Angeliz, from Durfee High School, who assists wherever she can. We also have seasonal employees that support us with snow and ice removal/treatment, so all trucks can be on the road, which includes six (6) drivers, and two (2) hired trucks.

Mark, our mechanic, maintains our Highway vehicle fleet of the following: 1992 International, 1995 International, 1996 Ford, 1997 Ford, 2002 Chevy, 2004 Ford, (2) 2005 Ford, 2009 Chevy, 2010 Freight Liner, 2011 Ford, 2015 Ford, 2016 Ford, 2018 Ford, 2019 Ford, 2020 Ford and a 2022 International. He also maintains our trailers and heavy equipment. In addition, he continues to repair and maintain eighty-two (82) registered Town vehicles (Highway, Fire, Police, Building Commissioner, and Animal Control).

The Highway Department is responsible for Road Maintenance, Snow and Ice removal, Storm Water maintenance, which includes; street sweeping, catch basin repairs, monitoring and reporting.

We also manage the Transfer Station, which consists of monitoring gas and water at the two (old) landfills, and day to day operations. The days we are open to residents are Fridays and Saturdays. In addition to checks, we accept credit/debit cards for payment.

Your Highway Department continues to be involved in many duties to serve our community other than just road maintenance. To name a few, but not limited to; Town Building's maintenance, repairs and groundskeeping of all town properties. For snow removal, we plow and treat the following; Library, Fire stations, Town Hall, Prime Time, Police Department, and plow and treat the delinquent developments that are currently under construction with occupying residents, as needed. We assist the Park and Recreation Commission and Trails Committee, with repairing and installing equipment and maintain mowing in our playgrounds, parks and trails.

Other tasks include repairs to the Town Cemeteries, interments in Veterans' Cemetery, as needed. And, assisting the Animal Control Officer, with picking up the deceased wildlife off our roads. So, as you can see, we are often stretched thin, depending upon the time of year, although, we don't have a slow time of year.

Tree work continues weekly, throughout the Town to remove the potential hazardous trees as needed, and tree maintenance.

Work continues on the new Main Street Library building. We will continue to assist, as needed.

In addition, we have begun drainage work on Main Street. Through a town vote, we were able to purchase a mini excavator to assist with the basin work.

One area that we continue to need assistance and cooperation from the townspeople, is the area that deals with trash and roadside litter. We have spent many hours cleaning up town properties and roads for something that is everyone's responsibility. We are aware that some of the trash is generated from people passing through town. We ask residents to do what they can to keep our roadsides clean, and to use trash receptacles when they attend activities on Town property. Let's keep our parks, monuments, cemeteries and waterfront clean, leaving only footprints behind. Also, if anyone is interested in cleaning up any roadside and would need assistance, either equipment or scheduling a pickup of trash, please don't hesitate to contact me at 774-218-5339.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to our Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, all elected and appointed Officials, and the Townspeople for their continued support.

Serving our Town,

Thomas Ferry
Superintendent of Streets
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tferry@dighton-ma.gov

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT
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ANNUAL REPORT -DIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The Project continues to make investments in new technologies that increase our efficiency and accuracy when fulfilling our mandate. We remain committed to applying environmentally responsible larvicide and adulticide products. Our surveillance program, along with service request data and updated GPS and computer equipment, allow us to focus our pesticide applications to targeted areas.

Disease risk from mosquitoes changes greatly from year to year. Because of this constant change in risk, BCMCP works in close relationship with the MA Dept. of Public Health to analyze disease risk in current and future years.

During the 2024 mosquito season, 12,216 individual mosquitoes in 447 samples were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 6 isolations of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had 32 mosquito samples test positive for WNV with 1 reported human case. There were no reported equine cases for EEE or WNV.

The Project continues its year-round efforts to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. Our goal is to remove debris, silt and vegetation from drainage ditches to improve water flow, thus eliminating standing water conducive to larval development. Work is conducted using mechanized machines and by hand.

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed the following work in the Town of Dighton during the time period of January 1, 2024– December 31, 2024.

- Sprayed over 2,182 acres
- Treated 19.59 acres in 34 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received and completed 149 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 4,990 feet of brush
- Mowed 3.68 acres of brush by machine
- Treated 840 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways residents can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs available including speaking at public health events, radio/newspaper interviews, visiting local schools, senior centers, and creating informational handouts for distribution. Be sure to check out our website: www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol for updates and information.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Dighton for their continued support and cooperation. Our Project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the Project's efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton
Superintendent

December 27, 2024

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Joseph Barile, Chairman
Gregory D. Dorrance
Christine A. Fagan
Henry R. Vaillancourt
Joseph Carvalho

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) COORDINATOR

Over this past year, the roll of the Dighton ADA Coordinator has evolved as the position has slowly shifted to one of mostly an advisory capacity, to one that has now included more of an enforcement position to ensure that the Americans with Disabilities Act is followed, and compliant with both state and federal codes. The ADA coordinator is now serving the Dighton ADA Commission on Disability in an advisory capacity, as this enables Jonathan Gale, our ADA Coordinator, to now assume other responsibilities that are more aligned with the ADA act.

Over this past year, the ADA Coordinator has received over three hundred calls and or requests from you, our residents and friends, asking questions about our town's ADA services and resources, programs and activities, projects and plans, and ideas and suggestions on what, how, and where we can make changes and or improvements to make our town more inclusive. Jonathan has spent many hours meeting with some of you, walking our sidewalks and intersections, talking about signage, helping you find a program or resource that you or a friend or family member needed, and educating you about our town, state, or federal policies that may have had a direct impact on your family's needs.

The ADA Coordinator, is working on the new library building committee and has played an active role in insuring that our new library will be fully accessible to all of our residents. From the ramps to the electric doors, to lighting, wider isles between bookshelves for wheelchairs, accessible restrooms, and adaptive technology and computer stations, our library will now once open be open for all to use and enjoy.

We continue to work with our Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Kevin Smith Jr., and the rest of the commission to ensure that every effort is made to add and repair equipment that is inclusive for all of our children to enjoy.

At the request of our Police Chief, we are in the beginning stages of working with our state partners to propose an engineering study that would improve the intersection of Center Street and Route 138, including the addition of audible signals for the cross walks.

As the Main Street project continues, Jonathan will be working with Tom Ferry, our Highway Commissioner, to make sure that the new sidewalks and down street crossing ramps are fully compliant. He will also be working with Mr. Ferry to look at other future projects that will improve our sidewalks and street crossings for not just our residents with disability, but for everyone both young and older.

Jonathan will continue to serve on the Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund Committee to ensure that our neediest of residents, elderly and or disabled are able to receive some additional assistance with their property tax bills so long as they are financially eligible. He will continue to work with all of our town standing committees and commissions to ensure that they are compliant with the Public Meeting Laws both in-person and via Zoom to ensure that people with a disability can continue to be full participants in all of our town's meetings.

Working with our Town Administrator, and our personnel administrator, Jonathan will review our town's policies and procedures to ensure ADA compliance, and he will continue to monitor our town's website as we remain one of the most accessible town websites in Massachusetts. This next year, Jonathan will be visiting all of the streets and neighborhoods where there are currently sidewalks to evaluate the overgrowth of brush, trees, bushes, and branches that are impeding our residents who use a wheelchair or other devices such as a white blind cane from safely navigating the sidewalk. Jonathan, the Commission on Disability, (COD) and the Police Chief will be looking at ways to enforce the parking regulations for those who are without a placard or plate park in a handicap designated spot, or park in a way such as to block an established curb cut. Jonathan will work with our school superintendent, and the school committee to suggest ways that our schools can be compliant with the ADA code. He will work with private businesses that offer public access to advise them as to the requirements of the ADA Act title III.

As your towns ADA Coordinator, I pledge to you our residents, to continue to make every effort to ensure that we continue to make our towns best efforts not to just be compliant with the ADA required laws, but to make our little town a place where anyone with a disability would want to visit, work, or live.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Gale, ADA Coordinator

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Staffing Update:

In 2024, longtime Dighton Public Library (DPL) Circulation Librarian Britt Greash-Rust retired. The DPL hired Laura Reynolds in October as the new Circulation Librarian. The Library also hired Kathryn Molinsky in early 2025 as the Library Page, a position previously held by Fuchsia Haskell up until December 2024.

Dighton Public Library 207 Main Street Building Project Update:

Renovations on the new Library at 207 Main Street made great progress throughout 2024. In late 2023, the Library received a state budget earmark of \$87,500 sponsored by then State Representative Pat Haddad. This earmark funded purchases throughout 2024 of shelving, tables, chairs, and other furniture, fixtures, and equipment that will fit out the new Library. In July, the project received a \$200,000 grant from the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency to fund the building's necessary HVAC work. The building project was also fortunate to engage students enrolled in Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School's Carpentry Program and Electrical Technology Program to assist with the renovations. We are grateful for their hard work in moving the project closer to completion and look forward to their continued engagement throughout 2025. The DPL, Trustees, and Building Committee are thankful for the support of the Friends of the Dighton Public Library, who contributed \$10,000 to the project in 2024 thanks to another successful golf tournament fundraiser. A big thank you is also due to the hardworking Dighton Highway Department in recognition for all of their assistance on a number of facets related to this project. While 2024 marked a banner year for the project, 2025 will prove even more substantial as we eye the project's completion and the new Library's Grand Opening.

General Services:

While the ongoing renovations at 207 Main Street bring us closer to our new Library, staff continued to offer services out of our two temporary locations from the modular unit adjacent to Dighton Town Hall and the Youth Services section located in the lower level of Dighton Town Hall. Both locations are open for 37 hours each week. The DPL's collection consists of over 34,981 books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, ebooks, wi-fi hotspots, maker kits, downloadable audiobooks, and streaming movies. The DPL offers digital library resources for Dighton library cardholders available all hours of the day. These resources include eBooks and audiobooks, continuing education classes, recipes, crafting tutorials, travel guides, and streaming services.

Programs and Events:

Throughout the course of 2024, the Library offered 299 programs attracting a total of 2,676 attendees with the following breakdown:

Children's programs:	188	Children attendees:	1,038
Teen programs:	46	Teen attendees:	146
Adult programs:	50	Adult attendees:	1,492
Family programs:	15		

These statistics reflect not only the regular weekly programs offered by Youth Services Librarian Lorie Van Hook, but also include evening lectures, weekend programs, school vacation activities, book clubs, and summer reading. Additionally, the DPL offered 19 different varieties of take-home crafts, distributing 583 total craft kits throughout 2024.

Friends of the Dighton Public Library:

The DPL is deeply grateful for the steadfast support of the Friends who continued to meet regularly throughout 2024 and supported the Library's ongoing operations by sponsoring various lectures, programs, and museum passes. In 2024, the Friends once again spearheaded another successful gift card fundraiser, participated in the Festival of Trees, and hosted floral decorating programs with Araujo Farms. They also held their second annual Golf Tournament and raised another \$10,000 for the 207 Main Street building project. Funds raised by the Friends will go towards the purchase of a smartboard for the new Reading Room and audiovisual equipment for the new Program Room, among other valued additions for the new Library.

Statistics:

Total Physical Items:	34,981
Physical Items Added in 2024:	1,370 (Adult: 724, Young Adult: 74, Juvenile: 572)
Total Physical Circulation:	20,609
Total Digital Circulation:	10,427
Cardholders Registered:	553

The DPL also received \$19,746.77 from the MBLC's State Aid program for the library's Fiscal Year 24 certification. To qualify for state aid, a municipality and its library must be certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and be in compliance with state statutes.

Special Thanks:

Special recognition is due to Britt Grealish-Rust, Lorie Van Hook, Phyllis Haskell, and Fuchsia Haskell who worked tirelessly throughout 2024 to meet the needs of all Library patrons. Their hard work does not go unnoticed, and Dighton is fortunate to have a staff as committed to their patrons as this one. Special thanks are also due to Mason Tavares, who volunteered 41.5 hours towards assorted programs, Logan Tavares, who volunteered 78.25 hours running the Dungeons and Dragons program, and Spencer Powers, who volunteered 57 hours towards assorted summer programs and movie nights. Other volunteers who assisted with programs include Kendra Waterman, who volunteered 12 hours, Roan King, who volunteered 3 hours, and Willow Gouldstone and Angela Chang, who volunteered 1 hour. Britt Grealish-Rust, following her retirement, began contributing as a volunteer and logged 20 hours inventorying the contents at the 395 Main Street building. The DPL is grateful to all of its volunteers and the work they do.

Thank you to the Friends of the Dighton Public Library for their unwavering support and advocacy. Thank you also to Library Trustees Ron O'Connor, Rita Araujo, and Ann Meitzen for their leadership and advocacy throughout the year. The Library would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Building Commissioner, Library Building Committee co-chaired by Ron O'Connor and Ken Pacheco, Highway Department, Finance Committee, Parks and Recreation Department, and all department heads, in addition to all elected officials, appointed officials, and residents for supporting the DPL during 2024. A big thank you goes out to Bristol-Plymouth and all the students assisting with the renovations in addition to all who contributed to the Library Building Project in 2024. The list of contributors to the building project is certainly extensive, but no contribution goes unnoticed, and we are sincerely grateful to everybody associated with the project. The DPL would also like to thank Britt Grealish-Rust for her many years of tireless dedication to the Library, and we wish her well in retirement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark D. Procknik, Library Director
Rita Araujo, Library Trustee

Ron O'Connor, Library Trustee
Ann Elaine Meitzen, Library Trustee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON COUNCIL ON AGING

To the residents of the Town of Dighton:

The mission of the Dighton Council on Aging is to promote, evaluate and encourage new and existing activities and services that will enhance the quality of life for elders living in the Town of Dighton.

The Council on Aging is governed by a board appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The open meeting law applies to our meetings, which are open to the public. All meetings are posted at the Town Hall, and the Town of Dighton's Council on Aging's web page www.dighton-ma.gov. You may also visit our page on Facebook: @DightonCOA.

The Council on Aging is a resource for any resident 60 years of age or older. We continue to work in partnership with Bristol Aging and Wellness, Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA), AARP Tax Aide Program, Dighton Lion's Club, Cooperative Production (CO-OP) and Bristol Plymouth Regional High School Nursing Program and Dighton-Rehoboth Regional Public Schools for intergenerational programming.

The Council on Aging continues to provide numerous resources and services to Dighton residents including but not limited to our supportive adult day program, Prime Time, assistance with SNAP, energy & fuel applications, transportation, free legal consult, health benefits counseling through our SHINE counselors, exercise and movement classes such as Zumba, Tai Chi, Yoga, and so much more. Our vibrant, active Council on Aging is made possible with the collaboration of our excellent staff, many volunteers, Town departments and local organizations.

Due to successfully securing over \$200,000 in grant funding over the past 2 years, we were able to fund new and existing programs, renovate our building both inside and out with new bathrooms, new dining chairs, tables and storage cabinets, a new and safe entranceway including a patio area, patio furnishings, a storage shed for our medical equipment loan program and more.

The Council on Aging located at 1059 Somerset Avenue operates Monday – Friday 8 am – 3 pm. Office hours are held on Wednesdays at Lincoln Village Housing for the Elderly located at 300 Lincoln Avenue. Prime Time, our supportive adult day program, operates Tuesday – Thursday 8 am – 3 pm.

The Council on Aging would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, all the town departments, devoted volunteers and the citizens of Dighton who have always been supportive of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anabela Powell, Executive Director
Thomas Ferry, Chairman
Jeffrey Allie, Vice Chairman

James DeArruda, Secretary
Dr. James Hoye
Patricia Olsen

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS SERVICES

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Veteran Services had six active cases for the year ending December 31, 2024, who received M.G.L. Chapter 115 Benefits, for a total of \$42,984.85. The Town of Dighton is reimbursed 75% as regards to Veterans' Benefits by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

We celebrated our Veterans with a free breakfast at Old Town Hall on November 9, 2024 with a turnout that included sixty Veterans in attendance. It was catered by Alice's Last Stop with assistance from the Dighton Lions Club, the Board of Selectmen, and many other volunteers.

Town Officials and Dignitaries honored our Veterans who served our country on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024 at the Veterans Memorial Park.

The Veteran Services acknowledged a generous gift from the Taunton Lodge of Antler Elks #150 as regards to gift cards that were distributed to our Veterans in need and their Widows. As you know our Veterans our very proud individuals who will benefit greatly with these donations.

I wish to express thanks to Town Officials, Employees, Residents, and the various Organizations that have and continue to support our Dighton Veterans.

Respectively submitted,

Raymond E. Hague
Director of Veterans' Services



Bristol County Agricultural High School

Kevin P. Braga
Assistant Superintendent/Principal

Derek Costa
Superintendent

Samantha Stone
Business Manager

Ryan Miranda
Facilities Director

Andrew Kingsland
Technology Director

2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL



BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

[Bristol Aggie Video Tour](#)



BRISTOL AGGIE

The impact of Agricultural Education

- Reimagined Campus
- Governor's Skills Cabinet | Workforce Skills Funding
- Access to 21st Century Agricultural Tools



Overview of the campus:

The Bristol County Agricultural High School campus, is a 220 Acre campus where we are the only high school in the Commonwealth with a working farm and with Vocational Agricultural programs who immerse students in hands on learning, with all facets of our campus functioning as teaching tools for students, providing them with workforce ready and post-secondary experiences in six new and renovated facilities in a recent \$105 Million MSBA Project. Bristol County Agricultural High School continues to serve the twenty cities and towns of Bristol County.

We believe agricultural education offers a unique pathway to prepare students for lifelong learning. We offer vocational training in Six areas: Agricultural Mechanics/Diesel Technology, Animal Science, Floriculture, Arboriculture, Landscape Design and Contracting and Environmental Conservation.

Meet the Bristol County Agricultural High School's Administrative Team



Mr. Derek Costa Superintendent | Director

Mr. Costa is humbled to serve the students, faculty, staff, and community at Bristol County Agricultural High School. He values that our campus is a center of historical agricultural traditions and that its principles are interwoven into the communities we serve in the Commonwealth. Mr. Costa grew up in Dartmouth, Ma and as a first-generation student, Mr. Costa

earned his Bachelor of Art and then his Masters of Education Administration at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Upon receiving his degrees, he worked first at UMass Lowell and then the UMass Dartmouth campus for 17 years as an administrator in the areas of student affairs and administration and finance. Mr. Costa and his wife Kristin are the parents of two very active children, Tyler and Meghan, who are both involved in various sports which include ice hockey, baseball and softball. Mr. Costa deeply cares for the region and has served the local area for many years as a youth baseball coach in Berkley, an assistant volunteer coach for the Somerset Berkley High School Baseball team, participation with the Berkley K-8 Strategic planning committee, and most recently will be assisting the Town of Berkley in the development of their Master Plan. Mr. Costa is excited to be a part of the Bristol County Agricultural High School and looks forward to supporting the campus.

Mr. Kevin P. Braga- Principal | Assistant Superintendent



Mr. Braga looks forward to working with the Bristol Aggie community for many years to come. Mr. Braga enjoys seeing students excel both in and out of the classroom. He served in the United States Navy honorably for four years. He received both his Bachelor and Master's degree from Bridgewater State University (College), where he received his Bachelor of Science in History, and his Master's degree in Educational Leadership. His professional experiences include being a mentor to inner-city youth in Brockton for ten years, teaching history in the classroom, working as an Assistant Principal, and as Principal for one school district prior to arriving at Bristol Aggie.



Mrs. Samantha Stone - Business Manager | Treasurer

Mrs. Stone brings a wealth of expertise and enthusiasm to her role as the School Business Manager at Bristol Aggie. With deep roots in the local community and a profound appreciation for the school's exceptional offerings, she is thrilled to contribute her talents to this remarkable educational institution. Holding a bachelor's degree in communication Disorders from Bridgewater State University and a master's in business administration from Southern New Hampshire University, Mrs. Stone possesses a unique blend of academic knowledge and business expertise. Having transitioned from a finance career in a large healthcare company to the school system six years ago, she has since excelled in various pivotal roles, including grant management, special education budget management, and transportation coordination. Mrs. Stone's commitment to ensuring efficient operations and resource allocation in education is unwavering. In her personal time, she finds joy in cooking, gardening, and spending time with her wife, son, and two dogs. It is with utmost pride and gratitude that Mrs. Stone embraces the opportunity to be an integral part of the Bristol Aggie community, where she looks forward to making a positive impact and contributing to the collective success of students, faculty, and staff alike.



Mr. Kingsland- Technology Director

Mr. Kingsland is thrilled to be joining the Bristol Aggie community as the Director of Technology, coming from Easton Public Schools. I have grown up attending events at Bristol Aggie so this is definitely what I would consider a "dream job". With a background in educational technology and infrastructure, I'm passionate about creating seamless, innovative, and secure digital experiences for both students and staff. Throughout my career, I've worked on everything from integrating classroom technology to ensuring strong network security and improving system efficiency. My goal at Bristol Aggie is to enhance the school's technology resources, making sure they support both learning and everyday operations in the best way possible. I'm especially excited to collaborate with teachers, students, and families to help make technology a powerful tool for education. Whether it's troubleshooting issues, introducing new tools, or simply finding ways to make tech work better for everyone, I'm here to help! Outside of Bristol Aggie, I enjoy traveling to Maine to be at our cabin by the lake and spending time outside.



Mr. Ryan Miranda-Facilities Director

Mr. Miranda has deep roots in Bristol. His long-standing relationships with the staff and students, as well as a thorough familiarity with the school's culture were developed not only by his employment here since 2011, but also from his personal student experience as one of the *Natural Resource Management* Graduates of the Class of '96. Along with himself, two of his siblings, and both of Ryan's children have

also passed through the doors of the school, making the "Aggie Education" a family tradition. His passion for building management comes from a lifetime of Commercial and Residential Construction, as well as 15 years in Construction and Building Management. After Bristol Aggie he went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science with an emphasis in Theology. Ryan believes in work well done, and aids in the school's stride for excellence. Mr. Miranda, his wife Jacci (also previously Aggie staff), and his family love the outdoors, spending their spare time in their hometown of Westport at the beach, in the woods, Biking around town or gardening on their property. He looks forward to his time keeping things running smoothly for the students and staff here at Bristol Aggie.



Ms. Beth Sylvia-Assistant Principal

Ms. Sylvia has been in education for over 2 decades and 13 of those years has been in the role of Assistant Principal. She has her undergraduate degree in Criminology from Saint Leo University in Florida. Ms. Sylvia also holds 2 masters degrees, in counseling psychology and education leadership from Cambridge College and Endicott College. Ms. Sylvia grew up in Taunton, adding a local connection to Bristol Aggie. Ms. Sylvia is passionate about working with teenagers. She loves contributing to their educational

journey by turning a setback into a growth opportunity. Ms. Sylvia is very proud of her Portuguese heritage and brings farming roots from Kansas, enriching her respect for the importance of agricultural education. She is passionate about sharks, the beach and cruising on her Harley. What she loves most about Bristol Aggie is that she gets to combine her passion for working with teenagers and a deep love for animals. As she puts it, "I get the best of both worlds"! Ms. Sylvia loves being a part of the Bristol Aggie family.

Mrs. Ashley Fullen- Vocational Coordinator



I am both honored and excited to join the Bristol Aggie team as the first Vocational Director. Joining the "Ag" has been a dream for quite some time now as "working the land" has always been a part of my life. My grandfather, the biggest influence in my life, was an Acushnet native and dairy farmer, who later started his own construction company. Most of my values and work ethic have come from him. During high school I discovered, much like my grandfather, I thrived when working in a hands-on way. My first introduction to clay, my freshman year, led to every spare moment spent in the art department, creating,

working, and later pursuing a BFA degree at the UMass Dartmouth in Art Education with a concentration in ceramics. I studied clay & glaze formulation, firing techniques and how to build and operate kilns. My first "professional" role was working part-time as a paraprofessional at a special education school for students in grades 5-12, who had been impacted by severe trauma. I took some additional classes in special education and then took on a Special Education teaching role. I taught a variety of subjects including Math, Sciences, Art, Animal Husbandry and Gardening at this same school. I fell in love with the work of helping kids to regulate, build connections & develop competencies to overcome the challenges they faced, and become the very best versions of themselves. I then pursued a Masters in Educational Leadership at Bridgewater State University and was promoted to Director of Educational and Vocational Programming at Meadowridge Academy. I served 7 more years in that role for a total of 11. Also, during this time, I married a young Landscape Construction entrepreneur and at the beginning of our relationship I spent much time helping him create his company, known as T-Scape Inc. Landscape Services, out of Dighton, which has been in operation for 21 years now. My husband and I have two amazing children Max (a BA student), and our pre-teen Maya. After my kids were born, I shifted careers and spent 10 years serving as an Assistant Principal in the Dighton schools, a very rewarding role.



Ms. Kellie Costa, Student Services Coordinator

Ms. Costa is beyond thrilled to continue at Bristol Aggie in a different role as Student Services Coordinator after being a school counselor here for over six years. She loves the supportive and compassionate nature of the school community and is consistently amazed by the talent and skill of both the faculty and students. Ms.

Costa earned both her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Masters of Education in School Counseling from Bridgewater State University (College), go Bears! She enjoys seeing students in their element and always recommends the public to come to the Fall Show each year to see a glimpse of the magic she gets to see each day. Previously, Ms. Costa worked in several roles at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and was able to see all aspects of how vocational education looks from multiple perspectives. She looks forward to blending some of what she has done to her new role and is looking forward to building connections that support families, students, and staff.



What's New?

Exciting Developments: Our New Veterinary Center!

- **Grant Funded | Educational Facility:** Designed to enhance hands-on learning and provide care for animals.
- **Advanced Resources:** Access to cutting-edge equipment and real-world training opportunities.
- **Real-world experiences:** Learn from industry-seasoned faculty dedicated to student success.
- **Career Preparation:** Gain essential skills for careers in veterinary technology, animal science, and related fields.
- **Industry Support:** Helping students become workforce-ready for the animal care industry.
- **Community Impact:** Supporting 50+ veterinary care facilities in Bristol County and serving our local communities.



Campus Updates

Academic Achievement

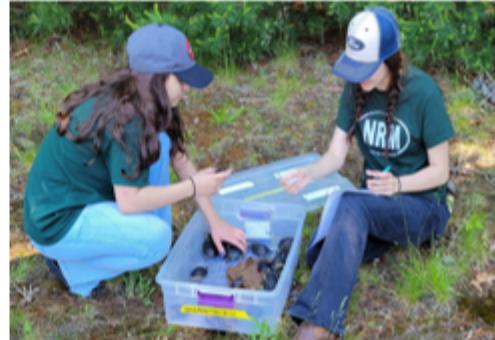
- **Top-ranked vocational school in the Commonwealth** based on MCAS performance.
- Bristol Aggie students consistently achieve **high scores in ELA, Math, and Science**, surpassing state averages.

Interdisciplinary Project

- Collaboration between **Arbor, Landscape Contracting & Design, and Ag Mechanics**.
 - Creation of a **Topiary Project Sculpting Green Art** – The Topiary Project involves **pruning and training shrubs or vines** into ornamental shapes, creating visually striking, living sculptures.

Environmental Conservation

- Partnership with **MassWildlife** and **Bristol Aggie** for the **Northern Red-bellied Cooter Headstart Program**.



Campus Updates



Landscape Contracting & Design

- Responsible for campus-wide landscape gardens and plantings.

Ag Mechanics

- Diverse shop work including Small & large engine and machinery repairs.
- Welding and CNC plasma machine work.

Animal Science - Livestock and Equine

- Winner of the Top Milk Producer Award in the Northeast. Recognized for overall best milk quality, surpassing 40 farms in the Northeast.
- Livestock & Dairy Management students assisted in processing Bristol Aggie's milk at Westport Dairy.
- Fall Show: Sold 750 pints of regular, coffee, and chocolate milk.

Animal Science - Companion animals

- Community & educational engagement with kindergarten students. Teaching about animal care and handling for students from sending communities.



Campus Updates

Floriculture

- Selection to showcase at the Newport International Flower Show at Rosecliff.
 - Theme: "At Home" – Celebrating floral and horticultural beauty in homes.
 - Students were invited to create a large spring-themed exhibition piece at the event entrance.
- Our students entered the **flower cake competition** (designs must be at least 60% fresh flowers, with dried flowers and accessories allowed).



Arboriculture

- Managing all campus tree species.
- Identification of diseases, care, and treatment.
- Climbing Safety and equipment operations





What's Next?

Savings to our students - Credit for Prior Learning

- Our Bristol Aggie's vocational courses are aligned **UMass Amherst's Stockbridge School of Agriculture and College of Natural Sciences**.
- Provide students the opportunity to earn **12-15 college credits** for coursework completed at Bristol Aggie.
- Reduce the **financial burden of higher education** by allowing students to enter UMass Amherst with earned credits.



Strengthening Industry Partnerships

- Collaborate with **UMass Amherst** and industry partners to enhance post-graduation job placement.
- Expand career pathways in **agriculture, animal science, environmental conservation, and horticulture**.



UMass Amherst Students at Bristol Aggie

- Develop a **UMass Amherst Study In-broad Program** at Bristol Aggie.
- Provide UMass students with hands-on experience in: **Veterinary Science, Animal Science, Environmental Conservation, and Horticulture**

Keith Hall Renovation & Agricultural Institute

- Partner with **UMass Amherst, the Commonwealth, and private industry** to renovate **Keith Hall**.
- Establish an **Agricultural Institute** to serve the **Southeastern Massachusetts region**.
- House extension services, **private industry incubator projects**, and a **regional farmers market**.
- These initiatives will **expand opportunities for Bristol Aggie students, strengthen industry connections, and position the campus as a hub for agricultural innovation and education**.



Student Achievement

Our MCAS scores are excellent. Bristol County Agricultural High School has been recognized as one of the top schools in the state regarding student achievement on MCAS. One Hundred Percent of our seniors have passed MCAS each year since it became a state requirement for graduation.

Strategic increase in enrollment

In the 2023-2024 school year we had a total enrollment of five hundred eighty nine (589) students.

Spotlight of Dighton

In the 2023-2024 school year we had twenty-nine students from Dighton.

In June 2024 six students from Dighton graduated.

- Madeline Beerman
- Mallory Ethier
- Logan Tavares
- Michael Bruzzi
- Nicole Silva
- Xai Vanderhoof

Enrollment:

Last year we had six hundred fifty three applications for our freshmen class with space for one hundred sixty-one seats.

Campus Virtual Tour

We are pleased to share with you all the new [Admission Virtual Tour video](#) for the campus. (*Click on the link to see this video*) This video provides an immersive experience for prospective students and their families to explore our campus.

We believe that this video will offer a firsthand look into the inner workings of our programs and the exceptional education our campus provides.

We are excited about the opportunity it presents to connect with prospective students and families as it showcases the outstanding educational experience awaiting them at our campus.

If you are interested in learning more about our school and the admissions process you can contact our Admissions Coordinator, Karen Minster, extension 3203, or you can visit us on our website www.bristolaggie.org.

Bristol County Agricultural High School's Work Based Learning Program:

The Bristol County Agricultural Work Based Learning (WBL) Program consists of 3 opportunities for students to learn real-world skills in industry while being supervised throughout the experience. Our three types of WBL are: Co-Op, Internship, and Job Shadows.

Join these wonderful local and national businesses and organizations that have participated in the Bristol Aggie Vocational Program! [COMPREHENSIVE LIST LINK](#)

Host a student in a CO-OP or Internship **[SUBMIT A CO-OP/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY LINK](#)**

Become a partner with Bristol Aggie in other ways (Sponsorship, Fall Show, Donations, etc.) **[SUBMIT A PARTNERSHIP INQUIRY](#)**



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BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

2024 Annual Report

As we look back on the accomplishments and growth of the past academic year, we are pleased to share with you the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School Annual Report for 2024. This report highlights the hard work, creativity, and progress we have made in our ongoing commitment to crafting an inclusive and dynamic learning environment that supports the success of every student.

At Bristol-Plymouth, we foster a supportive learning community that equips our students with the skills needed for both personal and professional success in today's competitive global economy. Through a comprehensive approach that blends vocational-technical training with academic excellence, we ensure our students are well-prepared for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Our annual report not only presents the key data of our operations but also highlights how our programs are designed and optimized to ensure that students are fully prepared for both their careers and life upon graduation. Through their successes and accomplishments, we demonstrate the positive impact on our community's investment. The mastery of our trained young adults allows for them to choose multiple pathways in many high-demand industries.

As we progress with our new school building project, we recognize the importance of preserving our past while nurturing the present. This year's achievements reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a dynamic educational experience. Moving forward, we will continue to shape a high school environment that fosters knowledge, rigor, and creativity for all students.

Thank you for your continued support. We eagerly anticipate another year of growth, achievement, and collective success.

Academic Achievement

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School is a vibrant learning community where hands-on technical education and rigorous academic instruction come together to prepare students for success in an ever-changing world. With a mission to inspire students to achieve their personal best while embracing the core values of belonging, persistence, teamwork, excellence, creativity, and honor, the school officers a dynamic environment that cultivates both career-ready skills and academic excellence. Academic classes challenge students to think critically, communicate effectively, and persist in the face of challenges.

Bristol-Plymouth's academic curriculum emphasizes relevance and rigor, connecting classroom content to real-world applications. From math, science, and language arts to humanities, health, physical education, and Spanish, students acquire the knowledge and analytical abilities necessary for both higher education and professional success. Advanced Placement (AP) and dual-enrollment courses provide pathways for students aiming to achieve at the highest academic levels while preparing for future college endeavors.



The school's emphasis on core values is evident in its culture of mutual respect and support. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and demonstrate excellence and honor in their pursuits. Activities, including athletics, a robotics team, and Civics projects – to name a few – further enrich the student experience, fostering a sense of belonging and school pride.

By seamlessly integrating technical and academic learning with a strong emphasis on character development, Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School equips students with the tools and mindset to thrive as lifelong learners and leaders. The result is a generation of graduates ready to contribute meaningfully to their communities and adapt to the demands of a rapidly evolving world.

Academic Achievement Continued

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School is committed to incorporating Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles in classrooms to create an inclusive and equitable learning environment. By focusing on the three tenets of the UDL framework – multiple means of engagement, representation, and action and expression – the school ensures that all students can access deeper learning experiences tailored to their diverse needs and strengths.

To address engagement, Bristol-Plymouth leverages strategies that spark curiosity and sustain motivation across its academic programs. Teachers offer students choices in how they approach assignments, allowing them to pursue topics that resonate with their interests and goals. Collaborative projects in classrooms emphasize teamwork, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose.

In terms of representation, educators at Bristol-Plymouth present information using a variety of formats to meet the needs of all learners. Visual aids, hands-on demonstrations, digital resources, and verbal explanations are integrated into lessons to ensure accessibility for students with diverse learning styles. For example, academic instructors might offer step-by-step video tutorials alongside live demonstrations. Teachers may also utilize graphic organizers, interactive tools, and multimedia content to clarify complex concepts. By offering these varied approaches, the school ensures that students can access and comprehend material effectively.

Finally, Bristol-Plymouth supports action and expression by providing students with multiple ways to demonstrate their understanding. In academics, students can showcase their skills through projects, essays, presentations, videos, or group projects, depending on their strengths and preferences. These options allow students to exercise creativity and honor their individual talents while meeting high expectations for excellence.

By embedding UDL principles into its teaching practices, Bristol-Plymouth is cultivating an environment where all learners can achieve deeper understanding and personal growth. This commitment not only supports students in meeting academic standards but also prepares them to adapt and thrive in a diverse and ever-evolving world.

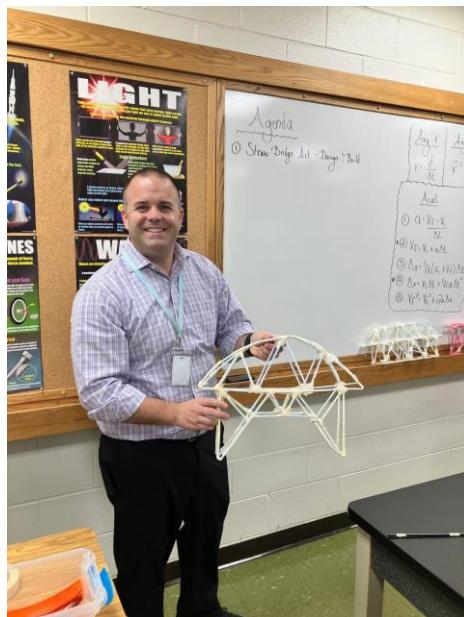


Academic Achievement Continued

High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)

In alignment with its commitment to academic excellence, Bristol-Plymouth has successfully implemented High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) in Algebra I, Geometry, and Grade 9 and 10 English Language Arts. These materials have enhanced instructional coherence and promoted deeper learning, with instructional coaches and educators closely monitoring their impact to ensure successful adoption. This year, the school is preparing to expand its HQIM implementation to include Algebra II and Grade 11 English Language Arts, reflecting its ongoing dedication to providing rigorous, standards-aligned resources.

Additionally, Bristol-Plymouth continues to explore HQIM options for Biology, aligning with its goal of equipping science educators with exceptional resources that support inquiry-based learning. Content teams in Language Arts, Science, and Mathematics are leveraging the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) "Implement" process to evaluate potential materials. This rigorous approach involves analyzing curriculum endorsed by EdReports, DESE's "CuRaTe" (Curriculum Ratings by Teachers), and other reputable organizations. These efforts ensure that adopted resources meet state frameworks, incorporate best practices, and effectively support student success.



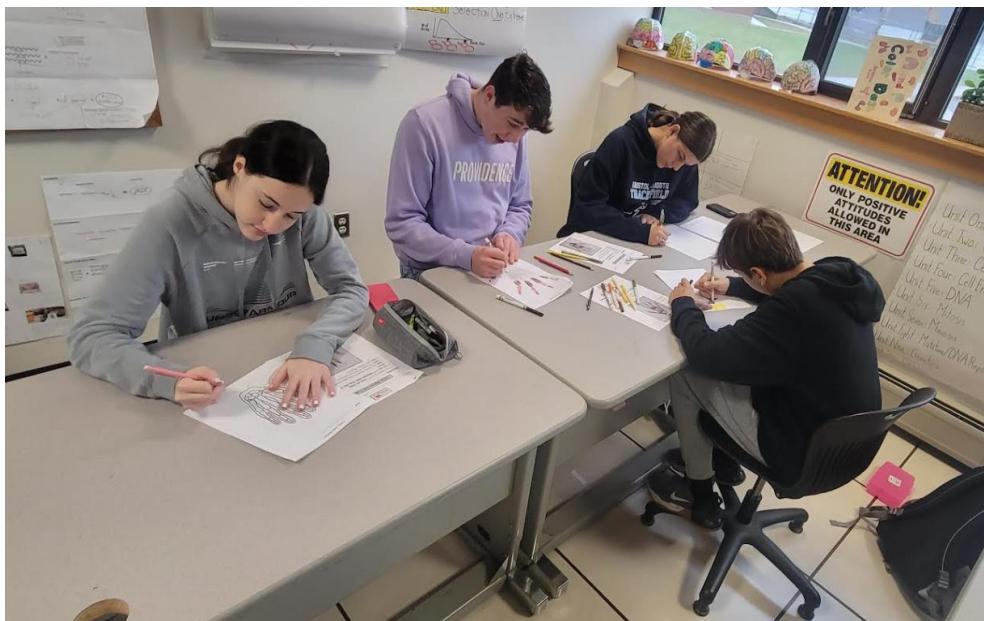
Through its strategic use of HQIM, Bristol-Plymouth demonstrates its commitment to delivering high-quality, equitable instruction that prepares students for academic and professional achievement.

Academic Achievement Continued

Advancing Academic Standards

Bristol-Plymouth continues to set ambitious academic goals by adapting to updates in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and changes to MCAS examinations in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Advanced Placement (AP) courses now include Biology, Calculus, U.S. History, Psychology, and Statistics, offering students rigorous, college-level learning experiences.

In addition, juniors and seniors can participate in the Early College Access Program through Massasoit Community College, earning college credits by completing courses such as English 101, English 102, Psychology, and Communications. This program provides students with invaluable exposure to higher education, fostering their academic growth and enhancing their preparedness for postsecondary success.



MCAS Performance and Curriculum Development

The graduating Class of 2025 has demonstrated commendable achievement, with 99% of students meeting the minimum competency determination (CD) requirements across all content areas. Instructional teams continue to analyze MCAS, District Shared Assessment, and STAR Assessment data to identify strengths, address gaps, and implement timely curriculum adjustments. This year, specific focus areas include:

- **English Language Arts:** Implementation of new Grade 10 curriculum materials with an emphasis on essay writing and integrating UDL principles.

Academic Achievement Continued

- **Biology:** Implementing new course sequences to spiral curriculum topics, reinforcing key concepts to better prepare students for the MCAS Biology examination.
- **Mathematics:** Adopting new Geometry materials and maintaining a spiraled review of core topics in Algebra I and Geometry to enhance student readiness for the MCAS Mathematics exam.

The Class of 2025 also boasts 81 round-one recipients of the prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, awarded to students scoring in the “Exceeding” category on one MCAS exam, “Meeting or Exceeding” on the remaining two, and ranking in the top 25% of District test-takers.

MCAS Results

- **ELA (2024):** 11% Exceeding Expectations, 47% Meeting Expectations, 37% Partially Meeting, 5% Not Meeting.
- **Mathematics (2024):** 12% Exceeding Expectations, 48% Meeting Expectations, 35% Partially Meeting, 4% Not Meeting.
- **Next Generation STE (Biology, 2024):** 5% Exceeding Expectations, 34% Meeting Expectations, 50% Partially Meeting, 11% Not Meeting.

To address the evolving demands of MCAS testing, Bristol-Plymouth educators are continuously adapting instructional strategies, curriculum materials, and assessment practices to meet the rigorous expectations outlined in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. These concerted efforts reflect the school’s unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success.

Information Regarding Ballot Question 2

In response to the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s reported results of Massachusetts Ballot Question 2, DESE is providing a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document relating to competency determination awards to offer guidance to districts and families. As of the November 6, communication:

Questions and Answers

When does the new law take effect?

According to guidance provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the earliest the law would take effect is December 5, 2024.

Academic Achievement Continued

Do high school students still need to earn a Competency Determination (CD) in order to Graduate?

Yes, high school students will still need to earn a CD in order to graduate. Since 2003, the CD has been based on achieving qualifying scores on relevant MCAS tests. When the new law takes effect, the CD will be based on “satisfactorily completing coursework that has been certified by the student’s district” as written in the ballot question. Guidance on certification will be forthcoming.

What is the impact of the new law on students who have previously earned a CD before the date that the new law goes into effect?

Students who have already achieved the qualifying MCAS scores in math, ELA, and science by the effective date have earned their CD and are eligible to earn a high school diploma provided they meet their local graduation requirements.

What is the impact of the new law on students who have not earned a CD before the date that the new law goes into effect?

As of the date the new law takes effect, students who have not yet earned the CD would be eligible to do so through “satisfactorily completing coursework that has been certified by the student’s district.” Guidance on certification will be forthcoming.

Technical Achievement

Vocational-technical education at Bristol-Plymouth continues to be robust and rigorous in 2024. In each of our nineteen programs, students engaged in deep theoretical learning, participated in interactive, hands-on projects, and extended their learning through guest speakers and field trips.

Some examples of field trips and guest speakers for our students:

- Students from Metal Fab, Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, and CAD/CAM attended the Massachusetts Girls in the Trades Conference & Career Fair at IBEW Local 103 in Dorchester.



Technical Achievement Continued

- B-P Engineering & Robotics sophomores and seniors had an outstanding day during their annual Boston Bridge and Architecture Tour.
- Our 10th Grade Cosmetology students were able to see first hand how a full-service salon operates as they were guided through Charles David Salon & Spa.
- The Culinary Arts Senior class visited the Pelham House in Dennisport. Executive Chef Dan Cote, a 2007 B-P Culinary graduate, gave them a tour of the facility and discussed the many opportunities in the Hospitality field.
- Honorable John S. Spinal, First Justice, and Probation Officer Steven Rebello, both with the Fall River District Court, visited the students in Early Childhood Education. Students learned about young children related to gang activity, the 51A process, and their responsibilities as new educators.
- CNT Juniors welcomed alumni for breakfast to share their career paths, opportunities, and experiences. The alumni represented industries such as software development, game design, cybersecurity, networking, and general IT technician.
- The Business and Applied Technologies program students pitched their marketing plans to the Marketing and Operations Director at the Hall at Patriot Place.
- Biotechnology Juniors visited Broad Institute labs to learn more about cutting-edge research, specifically in cancer therapeutics.
- Our Plumbing students traveled to visit Biogen Headquarters to see the intricacies of systems that support research and development labs.

Our students earned nearly 800 certifications in the 2023-2024 school year. These are industry-recognized credentials that demonstrate our students are prepared. They include OSHA 10-hour safety credentials and other safety credentials such as First Aid, CPR, Hot Work, and ServSafe Food Handler. They also have earned career-specific certifications such as: SolidWorks Associate, AutoDesk Inventor, First Responder, DANB OCE & RHS, EPA 608 and 410, Microsoft Office, Nursing Assisting, Early Childhood Infant and Preschool Teacher, Cosmetology State Board license, as well as hours toward state licenses in HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing.

Integrated projects are the result of collaboration between multiple programs. Some examples of integration projects this year include:

- Grade 9 Dental students were assigned to develop a “dental charting” game to learn terminology and dentition. They also collaborated with Engineering to make “Dental Mancala.” Students will be using this to practice and review their charting skills.
- Community Health came to check up on the Early Childhood Education’s stuffed animals in a Teddy Bear Clinic.

Technical Achievement Continued

- The Graphic Communications and Culinary Arts programs collaborated to design and create custom pastry boxes.
- Collision Technology and Carpentry students rebuilt the school sign at our County Street entrance.
- Mrs. Ostiguy's Grade 10 AP class visited Biotechnology for an immune system lab.

We also look for opportunities for our students to use their skills in relevant area competitions:

- DVC Sophomore Serenity Cross, who has received recognition for her outstanding contribution in the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health and the Massachusetts Health Council's Mental Health Matters: Student Expression Contest.
- Jake Aumock, Grade 11, was the winner of the City of Taunton's Lights on Festival Logo Creation Contest.



- Metal Fabrication students won first place in Downtown Taunton Scarecrow Contest.
- Metal Fabrication students participated in the Fitchburg Forge competition in Fitchburg, MA.
- Our Culinary Arts students participated in a BBQ competition at Upper Cape Cod Tech and a Slider competition at Assabet Valley Tech.
- Computer & Networking Technologies students participated in the CyberPatriot Cybersecurity competition.

Students were able to strengthen their technical skills further by participating in work-based learning opportunities such as internships, cooperative education, and live work projects for our school and for members of our community.

Technical Achievement Continued

Students in our Early Childhood Education program participate in internships at the Leddy School in Taunton, Head Start, and other Early Childhood learning centers. Our Community Health students intern at various locations such as Berkley Community School, Prime Time Adult Daycare of Dighton, All American Assisted Living of Raynham, and other locations where they provide health-related services. Our Dental students earn their internship hours through various dental partnerships in our community.

Many of our vocational-technical programs provide services to the public. These programs include our Automotive Technology, Collision Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Carpentry, Graphic Communications, and Metal Fabrication departments. This work provides authentic learning opportunities for our students. All services must involve practical skill development for students and be aligned with the Massachusetts Vocational Curriculum Frameworks for the associated program. Each project request will be evaluated based on the curricular needs of the department at the time of the request. Requests for services can be made by completing the respective online form on the Community Resources page of our school website.

Some examples of live work by other programs include:

- The Metal Fabrication program created a roof prop for the Berkley Fire Department. This prop will allow use and re-use of the frame for trainings. They also fabricated replacement wrought iron fence for the Padelford Cemetery in East Taunton.
- Our Carpentry students built a new podium for the Bristol County Agricultural School.



Some of our programs take their skill on the road to complete projects for municipal agencies and non-profit organizations in our community.

Technical Achievement Continued

- Our Carpentry and Electrical students worked to rehab a historical building in Dighton as it is being transformed into a library.
- Our Electrical students worked to install electrical service outlets on the Middleborough Town Hall lawn for their holiday tree lighting.
- Cosmetology Juniors spent the day providing manicures at the Raynham Senior Center.
- Our HVAC Seniors installed a ductless mini-split unit for Bristol-Plymouth's IT server room.

We are proud to provide these authentic skill-building experiences for our students that also provide a real and valuable service to the members of our District community.

Post-Secondary

The evening post-secondary Dental Assisting program graduated two students in June. Both have shared that they were employed by area dental offices. The current class of students are expected to graduate in June 2025.



Post-Secondary Continued

Twenty-nine students graduated in June from the Practical Nurse Program. The program has achieved a 96% pass rate on the national licensure exam for this year. The majority of these graduates are employed in a variety of healthcare settings. Several have shared that they plan to continue their education and are seeking enrollment into a registered nurse (RN) program. Currently, there are 34 students enrolled in the full-time day program and 19 students enrolled in the part-time evening program. The full-time and part-time programs are both expected to graduate in June 2025.



Special Education

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) committee continued its work for another year, expanding its membership to include four administrators and eight staff members. This year, the committee took on the significant task of developing a comprehensive handbook and a three-year action plan to guide our MTSS efforts.

The handbook serves as a foundational resource, incorporating an annual assessment map that aligns with District and school goals. It also outlines tiered support across three key domains: academic, social-emotional, and behavioral. These supports are designed to ensure that all students have access to appropriate interventions and resources tailored to their individual needs.

Special Education Continued

Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, the committee will focus on refining processes for identifying students in need of support. This includes developing clear entry and exit criteria for interventions to ensure that students receive timely and effective assistance. Additionally, the committee will explore enhanced behavioral support activities to address the diverse needs of our school community.

As part of our long-term planning, the committee will also begin examining future scheduling needs to better accommodate the integration of MTSS strategies. This exploration aims to optimize the allocation of time and resources, ensuring that the system is both sustainable and impactful.

Special Education

The Special Education Department continued its collaborative efforts with local agencies to support students transitioning to adult living and employment. During the 2023-2024 school year, 58 students were referred to the Southeast Center for Independent Living (SCIL) to participate in its Pre-Employment Training Services (Pre-ETS) and Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP). These programs provided individualized services in key areas such as self-advocacy, job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, post-secondary education and training, and workplace readiness training.

In addition to individualized support, the department partnered with SCIL to offer large group workshops covering topics like financial literacy, job exploration, vision statement planning, housing and insurance options, and driver's permit test preparation. Bristol-Plymouth referred several students with disabilities to adult agencies for ongoing assistance with education, employment, and housing.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) held five meetings during the 2023-2024 school year. Membership in SEPAC is open to all parents of children with disabilities and other interested parties. The meetings featured presentations on key topics, including parents' basic rights and procedural safeguards, an introduction to the new IEP form, transition services for students with disabilities entering adulthood, and prepared for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Tiered Focused Monitoring Visit that took place last spring.

These initiatives reflect the department's ongoing commitment to equipping students and families with the tools and resources needed for successful transitions and continued growth.

Special Education Continued

Tiered Focused Monitoring Visit from DESE

Tiered Focused Monitoring (TFM) is the review of select policies, procedures, student records, and building facilities to see if schools and districts are in compliance with, or following, the state and federal laws and regulations for special education and civil rights. Every three years, Bristol-Plymouth follows a cycle of self-assessment, onsite monitoring, and corrective action.

On May 23, 2024, DESE representatives conducted an onsite record review, completed parent and staff interviews, and toured the facilities. The process went very smoothly and we received many favorable comments by the DESE representatives:

- Our paraprofessionals are fully engaged in classes, sharing responsibility for student support with the lead teacher.
- Our co-teaching pairs (special education and general education teachers) exhibit respect and trust in one another, with equal control and leadership in the classes.
- Our students and faculty participate in spirit week activities in a positive, fun, and interactive way.
- We foster an inclusive atmosphere. This was noted after seeing the chair lift we installed on the stage for our student who uses a wheelchair and participates in our Performing Arts Club. Parent and faculty interview responses also affirmed their observations of inclusivity.
- Our students are well represented in non-traditional shops. Females in Metal Fabrication and Electrical were observed.
- Our special education procedural manual is a particularly helpful reference document.
- Our manifestation determination meeting documents are thorough. They asked if they could share them with other schools.
- Our curriculum bias review tool is also a great resource. They asked if this could be shared with other schools as well.
- Our updated District Curriculum Accommodation Plan that includes accommodations for English Learners and alignment with Universal Design for Learning principles is thorough.

Cooperative Education Program

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School's Cooperative Education Program's mission is always to empower students to become skilled professionals in a global workforce. In the past 5 years, the Cooperative Education program has doubled the number of students out working. Our objective is to engage students in a process of attaining on-the-job skills from their vocational teachers and then to utilize these traits while working in the surrounding communities in high-pace environments. Students have been immensely interested in the idea of co-op and many have set their sights on taking on new and exciting challenges. Some of the new companies that have supported Bristol-Plymouth's Cooperative Education Program are: The Portland Group, CVS, LLIW, and Topham Automotive.

Student Cooperative Education Placement

Year	Seniors	Juniors	Companies
2024	139	102	196
2023	118	98	152
2022	121	68	131
2021	101	48	113
2020	101	23	103

Total Amount Earned at Co-op Jobs Over the Past Year

\$619,020

In October, students in all grade levels participated in a resume and self-advocating workshop with Mr. Shuman, the Co-Op Coordinator. Several of the students are very excited about starting their co-op journeys in February 2025 with 15 junior students already in possession of co-op offers from employers.

This year was another record year for Cooperative Education at Bristol-Plymouth with 241 students employed simultaneously by the end of the school year. The Plumbing, Automotive Technology, Biotechnology, Dental Assisting, Early Childhood, and Community Health programs all had record years. These shops have excelled in the work life ready exercises of Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education Program Continued



John Hanley in Electrical worked for the Middleborough Gas and Electric Department.

Dorian Conroy is still working and thriving at Calderone Hearing and Cooling, which is owned and operated by a B-P Alumni, Alex Calderone.



Ava Rodrigues working at Dental Dreams in Raynham. The managers at Dental Dreams enjoyed having Ava as an employee!

Student Services

The Student Services Department continued to assist all students in the areas of academic achievement, career, and social/emotional development both in small groups and through many opportunities to ensure our students stay on track with their future career goals and aspirations. Our Naviance program allowed us the ability to reach and notify students of college, career, and scholarship opportunities on a regular basis whereby students and families were able to access the information. Our Career Center, connected to the Student Services Department, operates with small group presentations covering college application skills and scholarship workshops. Our in-house college fairs in the month of September were attended by over 50 colleges, professional programs, and universities. All grade 11 and 12 students attended this event. Guidance counselors continue to support the wellness of our entire student population.

The Credit for Life Fair, an interactive financial literacy program, took place in-person in June. Bristol-Plymouth was sponsored by FitMoney, an organization that provides an interactive financial literacy experience through the use of a website which students were able to access through their Chromebooks. All members from the Class of 2024 participated in this program which was designed to help high school students develop personal financial management skills that they will use throughout their lives. This event was a success with the help of over 20 local business professionals from our community.

A Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) subcommittee consisting of a Student Services administrator, counselor, and several teachers continued to work on resources to support the District initiative to build a robust MTSS program. Specifically, this subcommittee updated the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan to align with the Universal Design for Learning standards.

This subcommittee is continuing through the 2024-2025 school year to create a multi-year and multi-faceted MTSS plan that integrates an assessment map, identifies tiered supports in academic, social/emotional, and behavioral areas, and addresses implications for future resources, staffing, and scheduling needs.

Student Life

We believe that the achievement of our goals can also be measured by interest in our school and the success of our graduates. Within the eight member communities of our District, the number of students interested in attending Bristol-Plymouth continued to be high. The number of students accepted to the Class of 2028 was 356. Our online admissions process, utilizing go2cte.org, continued to be a positive asset to the admissions process. It has been found to be essential in tracking applications and

Student Life Continued

supporting paperwork for review. It has also provided additional pathways to communicating information, upcoming events, and periodic notices to potential students and their parents/guardians. Interviews were successfully conducted throughout the admissions period.

This year, each class retained a high percentage of its students bringing the October 1 population of the school to 1,330. At Bristol-Plymouth's 51st commencement in June, 305 members of the class graduated with 42% continuing on to post-secondary education or training, 32% to the work force, 19% to apprenticeships, and 2% to the military.

The Community Service Club continues to be a very active and involved organization within our district communities. Some of the work highlighted for this year included designing and painting rocks that were sent to Arbours residents, cards for a B-P student's brother with Pantothenate kinase-associated neurodegeneration disease, sent over 25 birthday cards a month to children that have visited Give Kids the World, a collection of over 300 pairs of socks in Socktober donated for the homeless, and an event to help foster children with holiday gifts. Whether collecting, donating, or volunteering, our advisors and students in this club continue to be rewarded with the many meaningful ways that they are supporting our communities.

Fiscal Outlook

The District met its fiscal year net school spending requirement established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and closed out the fiscal year on June 30, 2024 with a surplus. The District anticipates the Excess and Deficiency (E&D) account to be approved by the Department of Revenue for the full 5% allowance for fiscal year 2024.

On July 1, 2024, the Town of Freetown officially joined as the eighth member of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District.

The new school building project for Bristol-Plymouth, under the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) grant program, is in full swing and construction is well underway. The School Building Committee continues to work alongside the District's Owner's Project Manager, PMA Consultants, and design firm, HMFH Architects, while construction is in progress and to finalize the design of the interior floors and walls. The purchase of fixtures and furnishings are on-going and will be finalized in the upcoming year to ensure the new school building project remains on schedule for a completion target date for the Spring of 2026. The Superintendent will continue to keep the School Committee and member communities up-to-date on the progress of the building project.

Fiscal Outlook Continued

The District is fortunate to have supportive member communities and an engaged School Committee who always have the students' best interests at heart. Thankfully, their support allows Bristol-Plymouth to continue to offer diverse, high-level educational programs to every student who attends. The District continues to be fiscally responsible and will continue to investigate methods to reduce costs while exploring additional revenue sources to prepare for the future. The District will continue to apply for federal, state, and competitive grants as they become available.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2024**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six (6) years of age or who will become six (6) years of age on or before August 31. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least five (5) years of age or who will become five (5) years of age on or before August 31 of the year the child is entering kindergarten.

Birth Certificate

Every child who enters school for the first time **must** present a birth certificate.

Medical Records

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, and polio, **or** a statement from his/her physician that vaccination is unadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are also required to have a physical examination. Students engaging in sporting activities must have a physical examination / doctor's certificate before participating in any sporting activity(ies), including tryouts.

SCHOOL DELAYS / CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Weather Alerts

This is a reminder the Dighton Rehoboth schools will use the Apptegy alerts system for weather-related messages. It is not our plan to use local media outlets. All messages will be sent through Apptegy via text, RoboCall, and email. Apptegy uses the contact information in Aspen. To modify your contact information, please contact the school for help.

**DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOTAL ENROLLMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Palmer River Elementary and D. L. Beckwith Middle Schools	
Grade	Enrollment
Pre-K	51
K	120
1	122
2	117
3	117
4	123
5	117
6	126
7	109
8	122
TOTAL	1124

Dighton Elementary and Dighton Middle Schools	
Grade	Enrollment
Pre-K	31
K	78
1	96
2	80
3	85
4	107
5	77
6	88
7	98
8	91
TOTAL	831

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School			
Grade	D	R	
Pre-K			Enrollment
			19
9	56	87	142
10	62	80	145
11	60	82	147
12	56	112	171
TOTAL			624

District OOD	10
School Choice 9-12	12
TOTAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	2601

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2024-2025

As approved by the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee

	# OF DAYS
School opens September 4, 2024	
Closes December 20, 2024	73 days
School opens January 02, 2025	
Closes February 17, 2025	31 days
School opens February 24, 2025	
Closes April 18, 2025	38 days
Opens April 28, 2025	
Closes June 20, 2025*	38 days
Total number of days attended	180 days

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

September 3, 2024 - Teacher Orientation - No School
October 14, 2024 - Columbus Day - No School
November 5, 2023 - Teacher Professional Development - No School
November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day Observed - No School
November 28-29, 2024 - Thanksgiving Recess - No School
December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025 Holiday Recess - No School
January 20, 2025 - Martin Luther King Day - No School
February 17-21, 2025 - Winter Recess - No School
April 3, 2025 - Teacher Professional Development - No School
April 18, 2025 - Good Friday - No School
April 21- 25, 2025 - Spring Recess - No School
May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day - No School
June 20, 2025 - Last Day of School*

K START DATE - September 5, 2024

PRE-K START DATE - September 9, 2024

Class of 2024 Graduation Date - June 6, 2025

***The last day of school may change, depending upon school cancellations.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Members of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Community,

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District. It has been a year of remarkable progress and achievement, and I am proud to use this document to memorialize our successes with you.

In 2022, we launched the "***We Are DR***" initiative, which aims to strengthen the bonds between the District and the two towns of Dighton and Rehoboth. The initiative has been a tremendous success, and we have seen a remarkable increase in community engagement and involvement in our schools. We are thrilled to see how the initiative has brought us closer as a community and created a shared sense of purpose and pride in our District. Having everyone feel that they belong is important to me.

In 2023, our School Committee approved the District's new Portrait of a Graduate (POG). The community-based process to develop the POG has put us in a position to embark upon the ***DRiving Toward 2030*** strategic planning initiative.

Our students continue to excel academically, with a high percentage of our graduates being accepted into top colleges and universities while others are proudly representing us in the workforce and military. We have also made significant progress with the implementation of new programs and initiatives that help our students develop the skills and competencies they need to succeed in life.

In these challenging financial times, we are grateful to the taxpayers and town leaders for their magnanimous support of the education of our young people! We are committed to running an efficient and effective operation that still provides a high-quality education for our students and shapes them into collaborators, communicators, and critical thinkers. We have an obligation to guide them in an understanding of themselves and others while building awareness of the world beyond Dighton-Rehoboth.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our talented and committed faculty and staff, who go above and beyond every day to ignite the fire of learning in the minds of our students, ensuring their success.

As we anticipate the future, we are enthusiastic about the possibilities that await us. We remain steadfast in our dedication to empowering our students by providing an excellent education that inspires them to be resilient, responsible, and independent, preparing them for a quality experience on their next path.

Thank you for your continued support of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District. We look forward to working together to build on our successes and achieve even greater things in the years to come!

Together, we are DR!

Bill Runey
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PERSONNEL

There have been notable changes in personnel at Dighton Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.

I am grateful for being appointed the new Principal of Dighton Elementary School. This year we also hired a new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Christine McGourty, from Dighton Middle School.

In response to shifting student enrollment, we closed a third grade classroom and opened a fourth grade classroom. We had a few internal staff transfers within the building. Ms. Lauren DellaVilla transitioned from a Grade 3 position to Grade 4, Mrs. Kimberly Harr transitioned from a Grade K position to a Grade 2 position, Mr. Trocchio transitioned from a Grade 2 position to a Grade 3 position, and Mrs. Gustafson transitioned from a Grade 3 position to become our new Librarian. Additionally, we expanded our support staff with the hiring of a new SPED secretary Ms. Allison Hanson.

We also welcomed a new paraprofessional to our team, Ms. Tiffany Dias. These personnel changes reflect our commitment to adapting and optimizing our team to best serve the needs of our evolving school community.

ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment as of December 31st, 2024 is as follows:

Pre-K	31
Kindergarten	78
First Grade	96
Second Grade	80
Third Grade	85
Fourth Grade	107
TOTAL	477

The Dighton Community has experienced a modest rise in the number of new residents, which is contributing to steady annual growth in school enrollment. Our student body currently stands at 477, reflecting an increase from prior years. This rise underscores the vibrant character of our community and the ability of our educational system to adapt to changing circumstances.

DES TEACHING AND LEARNING

Dighton Elementary School (DES) has rolled out a Writing Professional Development (PD) program aimed at enhancing writing skills in grades 3 and 4. In addition, staff members have the opportunity to collaborate with a Math Consultant to refine their focus on standards and lesson planning.

Committed to academic excellence, DES has restructured its inclusion model for this year, resulting in balanced classrooms. This restructuring enables Special Education teachers to

concentrate on two classrooms, thereby providing more effective support for student needs. Furthermore, we have revamped our Student Support Team (SST) model, now incorporating clear guidelines and dedicated staff to streamline the process.

In terms of technology integration, DES incorporates digital tools into instruction through assignments and project-based learning. Ongoing student assessments throughout the year help guide targeted teaching in both math and literacy, fostering a well-rounded approach that blends traditional methods with technology. This strategy ensures a dynamic and comprehensive learning environment for our students.

Regular collaboration is a cornerstone of our approach at DES. Through "TEAM Collaboration," grade-level teams, the Reading Team, and administration come together to analyze data and adjust instructional practices. This year, DES and Palmer River have synchronized their Team Collaboration times, promoting horizontal alignment and facilitating collaboration among grade-level teachers from both schools.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our ongoing commitment to fostering collaboration between teachers and administration at Dighton Elementary School (DES) underscores our dedication to the continuous improvement of instructional best practices that benefit every student. Over the past year, our focused efforts in professional development have created a variety of opportunities that extend throughout the district.

Teachers at DES have actively engaged in meaningful professional development, taking on leadership roles by facilitating DREAM Seminars and contributing significantly to initiatives like the Portrait of a Graduate and the Strategic Plan DRiving to 2030. This year's professional development initiatives—both school-wide and district-wide—address key topics such as crafting engaging lesson plans, enhancing phonemic awareness, ensuring consistent writing alignment both horizontally and vertically, incorporating high-impact instructional strategies like the Orton-Gillingham approach, implementing the Science of Reading, and providing targeted Writing and Literacy professional development funded through Grants and Title I.

Looking ahead, our professional development focus will be on aligning writing rubrics, increasing academic rigor, emphasizing the science of reading through our newly adopted Reading Program, and strengthening our Response to Intervention (RTI) and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) frameworks. These targeted initiatives are strategically designed to advance our ongoing mission to provide a high-quality education for all students at DES.

DATA AND ASSESSMENT

Our commitment to educational excellence at Dighton Elementary School (DES) persists as we embark on the continued administration and analysis of district-wide benchmarks and common digital assessments. This ongoing effort aims to ensure the alignment of subject areas' scope and sequence, emphasizing the focus on standards that drive daily core and supplementary

instruction. Through this strategic approach, we strive to enhance the effectiveness and coherence of our instructional practices, fostering a comprehensive and targeted learning experience for every student.

TECHNOLOGY

Our dedication to enhancing technology integration at Dighton Elementary School (DES) is evident in our ongoing efforts to expand and improve technological resources. Currently, we provide Chromebook carts with 1-to-1 devices for students in Grades K-4. Moreover, our STEAM classroom has been enhanced with a green screen and new tools to enrich the curriculum. Our mission focuses on evaluating the existing technological landscape within the school. By conducting thorough research on the evolving needs of our students and gathering valuable feedback from teachers across all grade levels, we are developing a strategic technology plan. This plan aims to empower teachers to meet student needs effectively, promote the development of 21st-century skills, and increase technology integration throughout the curriculum and classroom.

SAFE SCHOOL AND CLIMATE

Dighton Elementary School, as a Feinstein Leadership School, proudly launched the "Bird Bucks" program last year. This initiative is designed to promote a culture of accountability and kindness throughout the school. By establishing consistent behavioral expectations based on the "3 to Be" — three key characteristics students are encouraged to demonstrate — the program supports effective classroom management. Students have the opportunity to earn "bird bucks," which can be redeemed for rewards at the Bird Buck Store, visiting classrooms on Friday's. The program also extends into individual classrooms, setting goals and offering incentives such as extra recess or a no-homework day. This year, "bird bucks" are featured in yellow and green to align with our #WeAreDR initiative.

INFRASTRUCTURE

At Dighton Elementary School (DES), we are dedicated to improving our learning environment. This summer, we installed security cameras throughout the building, an important enhancement that will help ensure the safety of our students and staff. We have also introduced new tables for use during recess and are in the process of repairing and upgrading some of the playground structures that were damaged. Furthermore, DES is actively participating in the MSBA project in collaboration with the state to explore the potential for a new school. Following the recent vote in favor of the feasibility study, we are eager to determine whether a new school or renovations to the current facility are the best path forward. We are excited about the journey ahead and committed to creating a school that meets the needs of all our students.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During the fall and winter, Dighton Elementary School has been soaring with activities, all geared towards supporting our community. Our incredible teachers have put in a lot of time to make a positive impact, and it's been nothing short of fantastic!

Our team enthusiastically embraced "Casual Dress Fridays," actively participating in initiatives that contribute to significant causes. Among the various causes we are backing this year, our

focus was on supporting our own. This year we donated to the Alpha-1 Foundation, John Durkee, and Oakie. This is a clear example of how our staff support each other.

Dr. Michaud and the Grade 3 & 4 chorus students actively participated in community gatherings like the Dighton Tree Lighting, Dighton Arts Festival, and an outstanding Holiday Concert to cap off the year. Ms. Rubano and our talented students exhibited their creativity at the Dighton Art Festival held at Araujo's farm, featuring a captivating theme inspired by Scale and Insects. These efforts not only highlight our commitment to academic excellence but also underscore our dedication to being a vital part of the broader community.

Notably, our Kindergarten students visited the Dighton Council on Aging in December, bringing joy to the community elders. It's been a year filled with giving back and actively making a difference. A special highlight was our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive led by Mrs. Castonguay and DES staff/students. Our involvement in initiatives like the "Feinstein Jr. Scholar Pantry" and the "Feinstein Jr. Scholar Kindness Tree" demonstrates our ongoing commitment to creating a caring community. Together, we've turned this year into a heartfelt journey of giving and being there for one another.

DES SCHOOL COUNCIL

The DES School Council has been actively working on significant plans for the 2024-2025 academic year. Our primary focus is the development of our School Improvement Plan (SIP), which will target key areas for enhancement. Our four main goals center around curriculum development, professional growth, fostering an inclusive school environment, and strengthening community and family outreach.

In our recent meetings, we outlined the structure of the School Improvement Plan and identified specific benchmarks and outcomes we hope to achieve. Additionally, we examined the District Strategic Plan, "Driving Towards 2030," to ensure our School Improvement Plan aligns with its objectives.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Becoming the Principal of Dighton Elementary School fills me with both excitement and gratitude. I recognize the incredible potential that our school possesses and have seen firsthand the outstanding efforts of our teachers and staff in support of our students. The active involvement and commitment of our parents and the community highlight the strong collaboration between DES and the greater Dighton community. As we move into the upcoming year, I am enthusiastic about the professional development opportunities that await our staff. Together, we will empower our educators to ignite curiosity in our students, helping to shape bright futures for all.

#WeAreDR!
Respectfully,
Katelyn Lima, Principal
Dighton Elementary School

ANNUAL REPORT DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Personnel

- In August 2024, we welcomed a new Assistant Principal, Sean Kinney.
- In September 2024, we welcomed a new 6th grade Social Studies teacher, Cassandra Gaughan.
- We have also welcomed two new staff who support our district Special Education programs in paraprofessionals, Lori Fournier and Katia Thomas, both of whom transferred from DRRHS.
- We have also welcomed Allison Hanson to her new role of Special Education Secretary.

Enrollment

Our enrollment as of December 1, 2024 is as follows:

● Grade 5	77
● Grade 6	88
● Grade 7	98
● Grade 8	91
TOTAL	354 Students

DMS Teaching and Learning

DMS teachers and staff continue to collaborate on best teaching practices, set goals for student learning and professional practice that are relevant and high, as well as analyze benchmark assessment data to inform their teaching practices.

- In alignment with the district's DRiving Towards 2030 Strategic Plan, we continue to put a focus on student achievement in a rigorous and safe learning environment. DMS staff have been challenged to set high Student Learning and Professional Practice goals that assess student growth over the course of the school year, and challenge them as professionals in continuing to develop their practice.
- General classroom goals include a vision for enhanced collaboration amongst students, as well as the implementation of engaging lessons that promote academic discourse, and ensure student mastery of grade level standards.
- ELA and Social Studies teachers continue to collaborate on grade level writing goals in response to their review and analysis of benchmark assessment data.
- Science teachers continue to provide opportunities for students that include hands-on stations and lab- based experiences that require critical thinking skills and application-based tasks, as well as writing experiences that require students to provide a claim, evidence and reasoning.
- Math teachers continue to work to close gaps in achievement through department collaboration on vertical alignment, as well as Math coaching opportunities. While we

have seen some growth in specific areas of Math, we continue to work towards further growth in the areas that still show gaps.

- Students also experience five Unified Arts classes within a six day cycle: Art, STEM, Music/Band, Physical Education/Health, and Library. We have also been able to create a schedule in which students receive a full year of chorus. This is a change from the 2023-2024 school year when Chorus was only offered for the second half of the year at DMS.
- In addition, we continue to work on our systems of support for students, both for academic and social emotional purposes. At this time, we are working to educate staff further in order to establish systems of support that provide three tiers of interventions in supporting student success, both academically and socially.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

The Dighton Middle School Lions continue to participate in the Massasoit League, competing in soccer, basketball and baseball/softball. We are proud of our student athletes, who commit a great deal of time and put in a whole lot of work to represent our school on the playing courts and fields. We hope to be able to increase our athletic opportunities over the next few years, as there are a variety of athletics that we do not currently participate in through the league, but would like to look into in future years.

In addition, a variety of clubs are offered at DMS after school, including Debate, Yearbook, Student Government, Newspaper and Art Club. In addition, teachers have created their own clubs through our after school ACE program, offering Chess Club, Lego Club, Sign- Language, Scrapbooking, Hydroponics, and many more opportunities.

We are thankful to the DMS staff and members of the community, who are willing to spend time with our students as athletic coaches and after school club advisors. The extra- curricular opportunities support students in their skill development beyond the classroom, and are integral to the development of the whole child.

Professional Development

We continue to work diligently to provide opportunities for our staff to collaborate and engage in professional development opportunities that are beneficial and productive.

- Teachers continue to participate in the Science of Reading Professional Development Opportunity. In addition, we will have a writing coach join our Social Studies and ELA teachers in our endeavor to enhance writing opportunities across the grade levels, as well as improve assessment scores in these areas.
- We will also continue to work with a Math coach at DMS. In the past, this has not been implemented consistently across the grade levels. For the 2024-2025 school year, we have created a monthly schedule for math coaching, both outside of and inside of the classroom, across all four grade levels.

- On each of our half day Professional Development days, building administration continues to provide opportunities for staff development and growth through professional collaboration. We continue to place our focus on engaging students in their learning, as well as providing opportunities for more formative checks for understanding that produce on- demand data of student mastery.
- DMS teachers and staff continue to join their district colleagues at Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School on full day Professional Development Days. District staff have come together on each full day of professional development in attending Keynote Speakers and department- based meetings, as well as a variety of hour-long sessions of their choice. The sessions are run by district staff, including administrators, teachers and support staff, as well as outside vendors, and include professional development in sharing best practices, becoming trauma- informed restorative educators, supporting executive functioning needs, as well as classroom management and de-escalation strategies. Professional development opportunities are in alignment with the knowledge and skills set out in our district's Portrait of a Graduate, as well as our DRiving Towards 2030 Strategic Plan.

Data and Assessment

We continue to administer and analyze district benchmark assessments three times a year. We have, and will continue, to utilize Faculty Meeting time to review and analyze benchmark assessment data. Within this time, and in collaboration with department level teams, we will work to create action plans in the areas in which the data shows gaps. Over the course of analyzing the Spring 2024 MCAS scores, we have noticed improvements in five of eight areas, three of which were in ELA and two of which were in Math. In addition, we noted that overall student growth percentages increased in seven of eight of the grade level assessments within ELA and Math. In addition, grade 8 students participated in the pilot version of the Civics exam in Spring 2024, which will be officially added to the MCAS testing for grade 8 students in Spring 2025.

Technology

- Students are provided with a new chromebook upon entering 5th grade. This provides access for all students to have 1:1 chromebooks each day.
- We continue to encourage staff to utilize blended learning strategies with the implementation of instruction by utilizing instructional technology in conjunction with typical paper and project- based tasks.
- Students continue to participate in learning opportunities in both their STEM and Library class, as well as within their academic classes. While academic classrooms focus on the Google platform for education, as well as other instructional technology, the STEM class continues to work with structural engineering platforms. Digital citizenship education is a focus of overall technology use at DMS.

- We continue to explore a variety of instructional technology tools, as we work to provide opportunities to students that ensure productive and safe learning experiences.

Safe Schools, Culture and Climate

- DMS has made some significant safety upgrades with security by installing cameras outside, and in the common areas throughout the building. In addition, badge security access has been added to additional doors and staff badges are being updated to match the new security access at exterior doors.
- DMS continues to implement the Satchel Pulse Universal Screener consistently over the course of the school year, as well as grade level lessons that strengthen students' social emotional learning competencies: self-awareness, social-awareness, self-management, relationship building and responsible decision making. The lessons also proactively educate students on bullying prevention and intervention.
- DMS continues to implement our PBIS initiatives, and reward students for their positive behaviors. Data is tracked each week for the purpose of ensuring that this system is proactively targeting positive behaviors within DMS. We also continue to partner with the Feinstein Foundation in creating our DMS Kindness Tree and Food Drive, as well as other opportunities for improving school culture.
- DMS administration, in conjunction with the Dighton Fire Department and Dighton Police Department continue to collaborate on the reviewing, monitoring and implementation of school safety protocols, and practice with students and staff throughout the course of the school year. This also includes bus evacuation drills in the event of an emergency on the bus.
- Each month, two students from each grade level are recognized as Students of the Month. Predetermined themes are in alignment with the schools motto of DMS Lions ROAR, as well as the indicators within our district's Portrait of a Graduate. This includes: Rising to the Occasion, Owning Actions, Always Working Together, and Respecting Themselves and Others, as well as being Collaborators, Communicators, Critical Thinkers, Self and Socially Aware, Globally Minded and Future Ready. Students who model behaviors that support the themes are selected at each grade level, and then participate in a Student of the Month breakfast with the DMS Administrators, Officer Hathaway and Oakie.

Community Involvement

DMS has been working to strengthen its ties to the community over the past year. We continue to work in collaboration with the Feinstein Foundation and local food pantry, and we were able to support local families throughout November and December by hosting a schoolwide collection of items. We have communicated with the Old Colony YMCA to provide families with resources and opportunities through their organization, as well as with Habitat for Humanity, and we continue to collaborate with the Dighton Lions Club.

In addition, DMS Unified Arts teachers collaborate with the Dighton Arts Festival to highlight the amazing art and music that is produced at our school. We have also begun a Principal's Advisory Council that will continue to work to build bridges between school and the community, in conjunction with our Student Government.

School Council

Our School Council continues to meet to discuss the DRiving Towards 2030 Initiative, and its impact on our School Improvement Plan. Throughout our conversations, we have discussed specific school improvement goals that align with our district's strategic plan. We will continue to work on creating a common vision for DMS stakeholders through the development of the School Improvement Plans Strategies and Action Steps. At this time the focus of our School Improvement discussion includes:

- Strengthening Standards-Based Instructional Practices
- Establishing a Data-Driven Culture with Tiered Supports
- Developing a Positive and Inclusive School-Culture
- Enhancing School Facilities and Infrastructure

Being in the development year of this plan, staff voice in the form of initial feedback on the priority areas for improvement at DMS continues to be at the forefront of our work as a committee for the 2024-2025 school year.

Concluding Remarks

It continues to be a pleasure to work with the DMS team, as well as the Dighton community in general. Students, staff and families continue to make a positive impact on supporting the success of Dighton Middle School students and programs. I have truly enjoyed being a part of this community over the last year and a half, and look forward to continued collaboration with all stakeholders within the school and community as we DRive Towards 2030, and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianne Kelleher, Principal
Dighton Middle School

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The 2023-2024 school year at Palmer River Elementary School was a resounding success, reflecting the collective effort and commitment of our students, staff, parents, and community members. Their dedication played a pivotal role in fostering a positive and enriching learning environment.

Palmer River Elementary School began the year on January 1, 2024, with a total enrollment of 600 students, distributed across the following grades:

- Preschool: 23 students
- Kindergarten: 116 students
- First Grade: 112 students
- Second Grade: 114 students
- Third Grade: 121 students
- Fourth Grade: 114 students

By the end of the year, on December 31, 2024, total enrollment increased to 650 students, with the following enrollment by grade:

- Preschool: 51 students
- Kindergarten: 120 students
- First Grade: 122 students
- Second Grade: 117 students
- Third Grade: 117 students
- Fourth Grade: 123 students

This reflects an overall growth of 50 students across all grade levels from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

As we embarked on this academic year, we embraced the opportunity to continue traditions that enhance our school culture and strengthen our community ties. We continue to look for new ways to encourage more family and community engagement. These initiatives have not only celebrated our past, but have also paved the way for a vibrant future, contributing to a supportive and dynamic educational experience for all.

New staff members for the 2023-2024 school year included: Jenn Gill, paraprofessional and Francesca Facenda, speech pathologist.

In the fall, we received and analyzed the MCAS results for grades 3 and 4. Throughout the school year, all students underwent assessments in literacy and mathematics on three occasions. These assessments were essential for monitoring student progress toward grade-level benchmarks and state learning standards.

Following this data collection, teachers and administrators conducted a thorough analysis to identify students who would benefit from targeted interventions and enrichment opportunities. The students identified through this process were incorporated into our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), a framework designed to address the holistic needs of each child, including their social, emotional, and behavioral development.

Additionally, our administrators, reading specialists, general and special education teachers, and paraprofessionals collaborated to identify, support, and instruct students in key priority areas highlighted by our assessments. We employed an "all hands on deck" approach to ensure comprehensive support for all students, dedicating thirty minutes each day to a grade-level common Intervention and Enrichment Block (CIB). By dedicating this time in our master schedule to intervention and enrichment in core academic content, we ensured that all students were supported consistently, in smaller instructional groups, and at their "just right" level.

The Palmer River staff participated in a range of professional development activities throughout the year. These included a course on the Science of Reading, workshops focused on our new reading curriculum, Wonders, and district-wide "DReam Seminars." The DReam Seminars were designed by district staff for their colleagues, and took place during dedicated professional development days and facilitated collaboration among staff from across the district.

During the DReam Seminars, Palmer River educators explored a variety of topics, including writing, technology, movement, wellness, and behavior management techniques. Feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing that they gained practical strategies that could be implemented immediately in their classrooms.

Palmer River Elementary School benefited significantly from the support and assistance of the Rehoboth Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Throughout the school year, the PTSA sponsored a variety of engaging and educational events, including field trips to Sheep Pasture, Capron Park and Zoo, Roger Williams Zoo, Plimoth Patuxet Museum, and The Carpenter Museum.

In addition, with the support of our PTSA, students enjoyed visits from the Toe Jam Puppet Band, Barn Babies, The Bubble Man, and representatives from the Easton Children's Museum. After-school PTSAs activities included Trunk or Treat, the You and Me Dance, USA Skate Nights, and the Holiday Craft Fair.

We would also like to acknowledge our exceptional parents at Palmer River School. Parent volunteers played a vital role in fundraising, helping in classrooms, organizing celebrations, and contributed to field day activities. We are immensely grateful for the support and dedication provided by our parent community this year.

Palmer River Elementary School takes pride in being a Feinstein School. Our students actively engage in various leadership and community service initiatives. To facilitate these efforts, the administration has utilized the Palmer River Student Council, composed of our fourth-grade students.

Throughout the school year, these students played a vital role in organizing a range of events, including the collection and assembly of food for Thanksgiving baskets, volunteering in classrooms, enhancing our courtyard, contributing to the development of the yearbook, and hosting spirit days. We continue to be immensely proud of our fourth graders for their exemplary leadership skills and their commitment to giving back to our community.

This year at Palmer River Elementary School, we celebrated a variety of engaging and meaningful activities. The entire school participated in a poignant Veterans Day Tribute, which resonated deeply within our community. Mrs. Grant, our music teacher, organized a drum performance at the Seekonk Home Depot, as well as a whole-school sing-along and a Chinese New Year performance.

Additionally, Mrs. Beaulieu, our art teacher, hosted a fourth-grade art night that showcased the exceptional artwork of our students. Mr. Kepnes led our annual field day event, with valuable assistance from staff and parent volunteers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all staff members for their dedication in facilitating these special activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Kefor
Principal Palmer River Elementary School

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE D.L. BECKWITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

As Principal of the Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle School, I hereby submit my Annual Report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2024.

Personnel

On March 13, 2024 Jennifer Gartrell resigned as a paraprofessional. Alonna Young filled that position on March 25, 2024. On March 18, Katy Sleckowski was hired as Beckwith's Special Education Coordinator, filling the position left vacant by Ashley Dodd on February 7 when Ashley left to work in another district. Gina Day resigned as grade 6 special education teacher on March 22, 2024. Michaela Cook started maternity leave on March 25, 2024.

At the end of the 2023-2024 school year Beckwith had a number of staff members retire. Debra Woodard retired as Grade 6 Teacher. Her position was filled by Sara McNaughton. Janice McPartland retired as a Grade 5 Teacher. This position was not filled, and sixth grade had some changes. Sarah Boutsady transitioned from Grade 6 Special Education to Grade 6 Math/Science. Rachel Whittemore was hired and began September 3, 2024 as Grade 6 Special Education. Meghan Coyne went from Grade 5 Special Education to Grade 5/Grade 6 Special Education on September 3, 2024. STEM Teacher Michael Kenny retired at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. STEM and Computers were eliminated, and combined into an Applied Technology class starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Gail Darmody who previously taught Computers now taught the Applied Technology course. Karen McNutt retired from her position as a Grade 7 Special Education Teacher. This position was not filled. Michaela Cook returned from maternity leave in September and took on the role of Grade 7/Grade 8 Special Education teacher. Sheryl Vincellette retired from the Main Office School -Year Secretary Position on June 29th. Sheril Hays accepted the Secretary position on June 13th and transitioned from Paraprofessional to Secretary on July 1, 2024. Linda Reed left the district at the end of the school year and Timothy Lynch filled that positon as the RISE ELA/Math Teacher. Kristen Estes resigned from her position as secretary on August 30, 2024 to pursue a career in nursing. Tiffany Jodoin-Blais accepted this position and began August 27, 2024. Melissa Goulart transitioned from being a long time substitute at Beckwith to paraprofessional on September 2, 2024. Jenna Ziegelmayer resigned from her position as ESL teacher at the end of the school year and Jolie Streeter, a long-time substitute accepted the position and began in the district on October 1, 2024.

New Hires and New Assignments

Sara McNaughton	Grade 6 Teacher
Rachel Whittemore	Grade 6 Special Education Teacher
Timothy Lynch	Partial Inclusion Special Education Teacher
Melissa Goulart	TLC (1-1) Paraprofessional
Tiffany Jodoin	Secretary

New Assignments

Sheril Hays	Secretary
Meghan Coyne	Grade 5/6 Special Education Teacher
Michaela Cook	Grade 7/8 Special Education Teacher
Gail Darmody	Applied Technology
Lisa Abbott	Grade 6 Paraprofessional
Kim Murphy	Grade 6/7 Paraprofessional
Kerry Sullivan	Grade 5 Paraprofessional
Kristen Noons	Grade 7 Paraprofessional
Sarah Boutsady	Grade 6 Teacher

Student Activities and Achievements

Our traditional Activity Clubs for Enrichment (ACE) Program was once again offered to Beckwith students in 2024. This program provides students from varying grade levels and backgrounds the opportunity to join together and make new friends in an atmosphere that promotes acceptance, learning enrichment, and camaraderie. As in the past, a one-time for the school year fee was required except for financial hardship. Offerings included: Kickball, Board Games, Yoyo Club, Walking Club, Flag Football, Community Service, Photography Club, Cheerleading Club.

Due to inclement weather Beckwith's 2023/2024 SY winter Chorus Concert was held January 18, 2024 instead of December 18, 2023. The performance began with a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and continued with many memorable selections, including "Candy Cane Christmas", "Hanukkah Tonight", "A Million Dreams", and "Carol of the Bells." The performance concluded with an impressive 8 1/2 minute medley of songs from Disney's "Aladdin." The chorus was led by our music teacher, Lynnette Lopez.

The 2024/2025 SY winter Chorus Concert was held on December 16, 2024 at the Dighton Rehoboth High School Auditorium, Ms. Lopez and her students did an amazing performance.

The 2024 winter Band Concert was held on December 9, 2024 also in the Dighton Rehoboth High School auditorium, Mr. Francese and his students wowed the audience with their performance.

Beckwith choral students Olivia Couto, Claire Kiselica, Cole Nystrom, Abbie Oldmixon, and Annie Reed, along with trombonist Elijah Polychronis, represented Beckwith Middle School in the Junior SEMSBA Music Festival held on May 3rd and 4th at East Middle School in Braintree. Under the direction of choral conductor, Ms. Jennifer Hartnett, and instrumental conductor, Ms. Maria Varonko, the students rehearsed with other middle and high school musicians from the Southeastern Massachusetts area to prepare a variety of musical selections. This two-day festival concluded with a concert that was enjoyed by family and friends.

Beckwith choral students Emma Dalpe, Claire Kiselica, Cole Nystrom, Abbie Oldmixon, and Annie Reed as well as trombonist Elijah Polychronis auditioned against several middle and high school students from Southeastern Massachusetts and were selected to represent Beckwith and participate in the annual Southeastern Massachusetts Junior District Music Festival which was held on March 8 and 9, 2024 at New Bedford High School. Under the direction of a guest conductor, the students rehearsed with other middle and high school students from the Southeastern Massachusetts area to prepare a variety of musical selections. The two-day festival concluded with a concert that was enjoyed by family and friends.

On March 22nd, the following members of our Math Club traveled to Joseph Case Junior High School in Swansea where they competed against six other schools from the Massasoit League in the 2024 Math Meet: Bonnie Arrigo, Gabrielle Assi, Thomas Azevedo, Jacob Bourgoin, Devin Dagnese, James Holt, Derek Howland, Louis Kent, Logan Lindberg, Elijah Polychronis, Annie Reed, Logan Silva, and Alexandra Thompson. Our Math Team Advisor was Mrs. Pamela Zalk. The Beckwith Math Team came in first place at the meet and took home the Massasoit Math League championship cup for 2024. Beckwith had some of the competition's highest individual scorers. Jacob Bourgoin won a gold medal for a perfect score on the individual rounds. James Holt, Elijah Polychronis and Annie Reed tied for the third highest score on the individual rounds and each got a bronze medal.

Our Unified Beckwith Believers Basketball Team played games against Berkley, Swansea, Somerset, and Seekonk in 2024. They also played with members of the staff during the annual Blue and White Game. Lastly, on March 7, the Beckwith Middle School Unified Basketball Team hosted the 4th Annual Massasoit League Jamboree at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. All the aforementioned teams took part in this Special Olympics-sponsored event. Beckwith students on our 2024 Unified Team were Hayden Bonilla, Brayden Cheverie, Bailey D'Alessio, Shane DaPonte, Tenley Ferreira, Leah Hyder, James Johnson, Richard Karvelas, Lanie, Kazanjian, Reece Kotch, Quinn Kotch, Robbie Monteforte, Brendyn Murphy, Abbie Oldmixon, Cece Oliveira, Davi Oliveira, Brody Palazzi, Connor Quinn, Katie Silva, Aiden Ware, and Blake Young.

The D.L. Beckwith Girls basketball team complete their season with a 17 - 4 record, the third best in school's history and a second place finish in the Massasoit League. They also competed in the Hurley Middle School tournament and took home the second place trophy. Members of the 2023-2024 year team were: Addison Barios, Imelia Berwick, Courtney Botelho, Campbell Cordeiro, Bailey D'Alessio, Alyssa Daniels, Alexis Flood, Zoe Fortin, Hayleigh Guthrie, Leah Hyder, Lanie Kazanjian, Quinn Kotch, Reece Kotch, Natalia Regan, and Annie Reed. The team was coached by Carol Jerauld.

The boys' basketball team at Beckwith Middle School worked hard throughout the year. The record of 3 and 13 does not reflect the dedication and commitment the players had this year. Members of the 2023-2024 team included Eric Lin, James Whittle, Keegan Sellers, Stephen Bentley, Aiden Beagan, Cole LeBlanc, Sam Baker, Connor Ruhle, Miles Trexler, Domenic

Andreozzi, Jonathan Bennett, and Alexander Warren. The boys were coached by Robert Hamilton.

On April 26, 2024 Beckwith's Debate Team participated in the Massasoit League Debate Meet held at Hurley Middle School in Seekonk. Debate Team members Abbie Oldmixon, Skylar Duvally, Connor Levinson, Kaelyn Reed and Rylie Vickey made it to the Semi-Finals. It is a record first for every team member to make it to the Semi Finals. Two Beckwith teams made it to the Finals, they were Abbie Oldmixon and Skylar Duvally on Rehoboth 1 and Connor Levinson and Rylie Vickey on Rehoboth 2. Abbie Oldmixon and Skylar Duvally came in 1st Place. Connor Levinson and Rylie Vickey came in 2nd Place. The Beckwith Teams also had the greatest number of overall points in the Meet so Beckwith was awarded the Massasoit League Debate Trophy as the Massasoit League champions. Our Debate Team advisor is Patricia Stillerman.

The 2024 season for the D.L.Beachwith softball team was certainly a memorable experience. The team ended the season with 13 wins and 1 loss and collected the Massasoit League Championship for the 4th time in the school's history. Team members included: 8th grade - Courtney Botelho, Zoe Fortin, Marissa Rioux, and Katie Silva, 7th grade - Addison Bairois, Olivia Callahan, Hannah Courtemanche, Alyssa Daniels, Haley Gomes, Abbie Oldmixon, and Jenna Sidok, 6th grade - Julia Cameron, Amelia Choquette, Kassidy Duarte and Mackenna Johnson. Mrs. Carol Jerauld again coached the 2024 Lady Raiders Softball Team. Mr. Stephen Patrick was the Assistant Coach.

The 2024 Raiders Baseball Team, coached by Mr. Alan Jerauld and Mr. Jesse Francese, consisted of Samuel Baker, Bryce Bouchard, Landon Ferreira, Zackary Bacon, James Boulay, Jax Fogel, Liam Kelley, Nicholas Miller, Robert Sanford, Ryan White, Damin Carey, Dylan Cordeiro, Patrick D'Aiello, Brian Leduc, Conor Lynch, Chase Moniz, and Jagger Xavier. Manager was Blake Cordeiro. They finished their season with 0 wins, 13 losses, and 1 tie.

The 2024 Raiders Cross Country Team was coached by Mrs. Helen Mahoney-Correia in the Spring. The BMS Girls XC Team went undefeated this season!! Our own Leah Hyder was the number one seed out of the entire Massasoit Spring XC League! Also, Quinn Kotch took the number two spot!!

We had one sixth grader Maeve Santos qualify for our top seven, along with Bonnie Arrigo, Bailey D'Alessio Vanessa Escobar, Leah Hyder, Quinn Kotch, Reece Kotch !!Our other runners were Tenley Ferreira, Brooke Martel, Zahra Petrone, Abigail Polychronis, Jada Raphino, and Amelia Trexler!! The girls team was crowned Massasoit League champions.

The cross country season was moved from the spring to the fall to better align with the cross country season at the high school level and because there are more teams to compete with in the fall versus the spring. This fall, both teams had successful seasons. At the final meet in Lakeville, where all of the teams in the Massasoit League participated, Alyssa Daniels came in first with a

time of 9:29 and Felix Gore led the boys with an 18th place finish at 9:23. The team consisted of Alyssa Daniels, Tenley Ferreira, Quinn Kotch, Reece Kotch, Brooke Martel, Mia Megan, Jada Raphino, Hayleigh Guthrie, Amelia Trexler, Aubrey Brady, Cali Castro, Farrah Lopes, Lila Magee, Aubrey Medeiros, Christina Thomas, Felix Gore, Blake Young, Luke DeMoura, Dane Galloway, Kassin Lewis, Conor Lynch, Dane Medeiros, Quinn Sellers, Mason Angelini, Ethan Auricchio, William Botelho, Brycen Boucher, Devin Cravero and Colton Fleming.

The girls soccer team had another successful season after winning the Massasoit League the year before. In 2024, they finished as the runner-up in the Massasoit League just three points shy of the top finisher. Best wishes to our 8th graders on the team, Brynn, Cassidy, Leah, Lyla, and Vanessa. The team was coached by Cedric Hasenfratz.

The boys soccer team captured the Massasoit League championship by posting an impressive 11 win 1 loss and 1 tie record. Congratulations to our 8th graders on the team, Markos, Zack, Jax, Quinn, Gyor, Andrew, Nicholas, Connor, Bradley, Alex, and Ryan. The team was coached by Jesse Francese.

In November, 2024, Felix Gore was selected to be D.L. Beckwith's Project 351 Ambassador. Felix, along with eighth grade Ambassadors from every middle school throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts launched their year of service. Felix will be organizing a clothing drive at Beckwith for his spring 2025 service project.

The 2023-2024 school year marked the first time in many years that Drama Club was an option for Beckwith students. Our students' production of Into the Woods, Jr. was held on May 31 and June 1, 2024 under the direction of Kasey Rocha.

Eighth graders Lilyan Zink and Alexandria Thompson were selected as D.L. Beckwith Middle School's NELMS Middle Level Distinguished Student Award recipients. This prestigious award is given to students from schools throughout New England who demonstrate academic achievement, provide service to classmates and school, is a positive role model for peers, and demonstrates integrity, honesty, self-discipline, empathy, and courage.

Beckwith Middle School was so happy to celebrate the success, hard work, and growth of our 8th grade students on June 20th during our Annual Promotion. Students received awards and certificates, and received yearbooks which were provided for free by the PTSA. Cole LeBlanc and Aiden Beagan were awarded the Dorothy L. Beckwith Award for their outstanding accomplishments . Lucas Rodrigues and Bailey D'Alessio received the Anthony Ferreira Citizenship Award for outstanding citizenship and contribution to school culture.

For their commitment to academic excellence and achievement, the following 8th grade students were awarded certificates and pins and were treated to our traditional Presidential Breakfast this year: Domenic Andreozzi, Thomas Azevedo, Alexis Flood, James Holt, Moiz Ishfaq, Logan

Lindberg, Anne Reed, Lilyan Zink, Emily Harris, Jacob Bourgoin, and Abram Bonin were awarded the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.

Bonnie Arrigo, Aiden Beagan, Bryce Bouchard, Ella Danforth, Cole LeBlanc, Jameson Murphy, Taylor Pierce, Emma Rapp, Mayukha Reddy, Isabella Rego, Logan Silva, and Annalie Zink were awarded the Presidential Award for Academic Achievement.

This year's recipients of The Linda Sousa Unity Award were Brayden Cheverie and Katherine Silva. This award was given out at the Beckwith Believers Potluck.

School Council

The Beckwith Middle School School Council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the Building Principal, teachers, and community members established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 59C. The 2024-2025 BMS School Council members are Dr. Stephen Donovan (Principal), Christina Mitnik (Teacher), Jennifer Ruhle (Parent), and Melissa Tavares (Parent).

Rehoboth Parent Teacher Student Association

The Rehoboth Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) supports Palmer River Elementary School and Beckwith Middle School. Some of the purposes of this organization are to fundraise for various school-sponsored activities and school needs, provide PTSA-sponsored enrichment and staff appreciation events, volunteer time for school events and projects, and provide a forum where parents, educators, students, and other citizens can be active in their schools and communities. The Rehoboth PTSA is a local PTSA organized under the authority of the Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association, which is a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The PTSA President for the 2023-2024 school year was Courtney St. Germain. The Beckwith Vice President was Kelli Trexler, the Treasurer was Julie Johnson, and the Secretary was Andria Medeiros.

The PTSA sponsored many different events that benefited Beckwith students in 2024, Ski Club, the Read-A-Thon, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, Parties at USA Skates, Trunk or Treat, the Beckwith Book Fair, the You and Me Dance, various end of the year activities, the Eighth Grade End of the Year Dance, and other Beckwith Middle School dances. The PTSA also helped to fund various field trips, which included the following in 2023: Grade 5 - Freedom Trail , Grade 6 - Boston Museum of Science, Grade 7 - Whale Watch and A Christmas Carol and Grade 8 - Canobie Lake Park.

Miscellaneous

Universal free school meals were extended in Massachusetts indefinitely.

Beginning this year, the school has focused on refining their Multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS), which is a framework that integrates instruction and data to support students' social, emotional, behavioral, and academic needs.

Beginning in July of 2024, Mr. Camillo's lone seventh grade room was moved upstairs where the rest of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade academic classes are located. This classroom and another classroom was rented out by the South Coast Educational Collaborative (SCEC) to provide a collaborative sub-separate special education program at the school for SCEC member districts of which Dighton-Rehoboth is one.

In regard to the 2024 MCAS, overall proficiency went up in Science but down in Math and English/Language Arts. However, when looking at the Student Growth Percentile (SGP), a metric used by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to measure how much student academic achievement improved from one year to the next, the average SGP for ELA increased by 4% and was at 50.3 and increased by .6% from the previous year for math at 49.7. According to DESE, the range for moderate or typical growth is between 40 and 60.

Our student enrollment as of October 1, 2024 was as follows:

Grade 5	117
Grade 6	126
Grade 7	109
Grade 8	122
Total	474 students

Closing Remarks

All told, 2024 was another great year at Beckwith Middle School. We have a lot to be thankful for. We have a dedicated and talented staff with great students. We look forward to another amazing year in 2025!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Donovan, Ed.D., Principal
D.L. Beckwith Middle School

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

As acting principal of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, I hereby submit my annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2024.

Personnel: New Hires and Transitions

Administration

- Dustin Demers took on the role of acting Principal on October 24, 2024 (Principal Jacqueline Ash went out on FMLA, October 24, 2024).
- Richard Dineen was hired as Interim Assistant Principal on November 7, 2024.
- Michael Strojny replaced John Herald as CTE Director on October 7, 2024

Faculty

- New Hires
 - Tiffany Levesque - Transition Coordinator for the Merits Program
 - Joanna Poole was hired as 1 year Math Teacher, December 2, 2024 (LOA, Nichole Smith)
 - Michael Inman was hired as Automotive Teacher, November 18, 2024
- Transitions
 - Denise Peloquin-Burns (Retired) - Librarian
 - Karen Rose (Retired) - Science
 - Shana Goldstein (Non-Renewal) - History
 - Cheryl Howard (Non-Renewal) - Math
 - Conor Regan (Non-Renewal) Merits Program

Staff

- Transitions
 - Lori Fournier transferred to DMS - Paraprofessional
 - Katia Thomas transferred to DMS - Paraprofessional

Enrollment: *As of October 1, 2024*

Grade 12	171
Grade 11	147
Grade 10	145
Grade 9	142

Total	605
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Curriculum and Instruction:

Overview

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School is the only comprehensive high school in the region. DRRHS offers a wide variety of courses at varying levels of rigor ranging from college prep, honors, and AP (Advanced Placement). As a comprehensive high school, DRRHS also offers a full array of Chapter 74 endorsed Career and Technical Education (CTE) options from which to choose, including: Advanced Manufacturing; Automotive Technology; Carpentry; Early Childhood Education; Engineering, Drafting, and Design; Marketing; and Media Studies. In addition to core curricular options, the DRRHS curriculum includes a wide range of visual arts courses, performing arts courses, and electives. Our programming gives students a lot of flexibility to explore their interests and prepare for their future.

Advanced Placement

In 2023-2024, 33.3% of our juniors and seniors (106 out of 318) took advantage of Advanced Coursework. 106 students participated in the AP program. This cohort took 195 AP exams, with an overall success rate (scoring a 3 or higher) of 70.75%. Please see the chart below to view the AP Score 5 Year Summary for further context regarding the success of our AP programs.



SCHOOL SUMMARY

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total AP Students	137	118	123	103	106
Number of Exams	254	247	260	201	195
AP Students with Scores 3+	120	80	91	73	75
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	87.59	67.80	73.98	70.87	70.75

MASSCORE Completion and Student Success

The Class of 2024 consisted of 158 graduates, all of whom successfully completed the MassCore requirements and standards. Of the graduates, 81.6% planned to enroll in post secondary education. As evidence of the strength of programming at DRRHS, DESE reports that 81.6% of the Class of 2024 enrolled in a college or university.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Our CTE programs continue to empower students with skills and confidence for fulfilling careers, while simultaneously strengthening our community's economic fabric and fostering an environment of innovation and collaboration. We saw 81 students enrolled in Exploratory signifying a growing interest in our programming.

CTE highlights from this past year include:

Mr. Nardozzi, Media Studies teacher, started the National Technical Honor Society. Last year was the first year with 10 Members. This year he inducted 7 more members.

Automotive:

- Ford ACE sponsored school (Automotive Career Exploration)
- Tasca Ford interning opportunities and co-op programs are getting implemented
- Other opportunities for factory training are in the works now with Subaru, Hyundai and General Motors
- MACS 609 certification (Mobile Air Conditioning Service)

Advanced Manufacturing:

- New Certification Program through NC3 and Snap-on tools.
- Two new HAAS Machines CNC that are automated, this is what Industry uses. Students have to build programs then run the project to finish all while following industry standards.
- Zspace computers learn to make projects. Learn how to manufacture objects with a 3D view, dissect projects to better understand the objects. Learn and improve designs.
- Hot Works
- MACWIC Certified

Carpentry:

- New Equipment from Skills Capital Grant for \$316,000
- Shaper handheld CNC router
- Axiom CNC Machine that is automated using a computer programming option
- Powermatic large band saw, new 8" and 12" planer and drill press. (all with the latest safety measures that are build into the tools)
- Powermatic 3' belt sander
- All equipment aligns with industry as well as DECE frameworks curriculum.

Early Childhood Education:

- Updated curriculum maps
- Obtained Red Cross CPR, First Aid and Stop Bleeding
- Students received Red Cross Babysitting Certification

- The Program received the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) preschool Teacher Certification

Engineering, Design & Drafting:

- Students learn how to 3D model parts and assemblies in software such as Autodesk Inventor, Solidworks, and Onshape.
- Students learn how to design and develop buildings and detailed construction drawings utilizing state of the art BIM software, Autodesk Revit
Students learn how to iterate their designs utilizing rapid prototyping 3D printers, such as the new BambuLab Carbon X-1 Printer, that was generously donated to us by Bill Dalpe of Applico Engineering in Rehoboth.
- Students learn soft skills in addition to those hard skills, such as time management, team work, public speaking, and digital literacy in order to prepare them for the next steps.
- Members of our Engineering, Drafting and Design CTE program were honored to participate in the Dighton Council on Aging's celebration for their newly renovated entranceway. This project was designed by our talented DRRHS students.

Marketing:

- Class enrollment is up from last year.
- The School store “The Falcon’s Nest”, the sales have quadrupled since 2022.
- Pop up stores with students and teachers at sporting events.
- Marketing students started a new non profit organization which is a community project whose mission is to fundraise and provide sports equipment for girls’ sports.

Media Studies:

- Added New Cinema Camera with cinematography lens.
- Students are producing independent short form content.
- Community involvement: Live streamed Veterans Day event at Palmer River. Elementary and created a news package for Dighton Cable on the Dighton’s Lions at Festival at Araujo’s Farm.
- In Progress updating Curriculum based on New CTE Frameworks (Lessons, syllabi, & Maps).

Student Support Services (Guidance, counseling and school nurse)

DRRHS has a well-rounded team of support staff beyond teachers that includes a school psychologist, a school nurse, two school adjustment counselors, and three guidance counselors. Our diverse team offers a range of expertise, covering mental health assessments, physical health care, social-emotional support, academic guidance, and crisis intervention. This ensures students can receive appropriate support for various needs. The DRRHS Student Support Team fosters a more positive, inclusive, and supportive school environment where all students feel empowered to reach their full potential.

Professional Development and NEASC

Dr. Frederick Souza continued to lead the DReam Professional Development days for the district. Several faculty members lead Dream Seminars for the District.

The DRRHS faculty completed our NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) self study this past May. A visiting team from NEASC came to DRRHS for a Collaborative Conference visit in October. The visiting team was impressed by many aspects of DRRHS and will be issuing their findings in a Collaborative Conference Report this winter.

Safety and Security

Our school continues to train with Crisis Go, a communication app ready to flash into action during any emergency. This proactive measure complements our ongoing collaboration with local police and fire departments, ensuring a coordinated response when it matters most. We regularly drill students and staff, honing their response skills and ensuring everyone knows their role in an emergency. SRO Bennett remains a pillar of our safety plan. We work closely with her and her colleagues, reviewing protocols and conducting collaborative perimeter checks. This strong partnership fosters trust and swift communication, further bolstering our safety network.

A new door key card system was installed in the building helping ensure the security of everyone inside our building

The DRRHS Safety committee meets each month to discuss safety event planning and current challenges within the building. The team is a collection of teachers from differing areas of the building and the administration team. Highlighted meeting notes:

- Discussion on Vaping and proactive interventions we can implement.
- Exterior door/window security.
- Stop the bleed training/CPR/AED planning with Dighton Fire.
- Provide continued training to staff on CrisisGo.

Technology

This year, the Technology Department made significant strides in enhancing security, educational tools, and student safety across our institution. Key updates include:

1. Enhanced Security Systems:

- Installed new, state-of-the-art security cameras with improved functionality, providing higher resolution and better coverage to ensure campus safety.
- Implemented a new, advanced door access system to bolster physical security and streamline building access management.

2. Innovative Learning Tools:

- Deployed Zspace machines in Advanced Manufacturing and Carpentry programs, offering students immersive and interactive learning experiences that bridge the gap between theory and hands-on application.

3. Online Safety Initiatives:

- Introduced new monitoring software designed to safeguard students while navigating online resources, ensuring compliance with safety standards and promoting a secure digital learning environment.

These advancements underscore our commitment to leveraging technology for safety, innovation, and enhanced learning opportunities, positioning our institution as a leader in providing a secure and forward-thinking educational experience.

Performing Arts

Our award-winning Theatre Company, recognized as the Premier Theatre Community by the Educational Theatre Association, led the charge, showcasing exceptional productions and fostering future thespians. Marching band filled the air with energy, our jazz band grooved with infectious rhythms, and our orchestra and chorus captivated audiences with their musical prowess. Beyond performances, our dedicated arts program provided valuable learning experiences. Middle schoolers explored their inner actors in workshops, while guest artists from Trinity Rep shared their expertise. The auditorium's recent upgrade, complete with state-of-the-art sound, lighting, and acoustics, amplifies the impact of our arts program, creating a truly immersive experience for students and audiences alike. The generous support from local cultural councils, Rehoboth Cultural Council and The Dighton Cultural Council not only helped to bolster our resources but also underscored the community's appreciation for the transformative power of the arts. Members of the musical competed at the Ocean State Awards where our students were recognized for their talent.

A group of students attended workshops at PPAC to work with the touring companies of To Kill A Mockingbird and Frozen. Students also went to see A Christmas Carol at Trinity Rep.

Athletics and Activities

The passion and dedication of athletes and activity participants contribute to a vibrant and positive school culture. Their achievements inspire, their spirits unite, and their events become rallying points for the entire community. This sense of shared purpose and pride fosters a dynamic DRRHS learning environment that benefits all students.

Highlights from this past year include:

- Upgraded facilities:
 - We have upgraded our cameras in both the gym and the stadium, replacing the old system with new high definition HUDL cameras. This allows for enhanced live streaming capabilities for events.
 - The stadium scoreboard has been retrofitted with a wireless control panel, giving more flexibility and reliability during athletic events.
- Teams:
 - 56% of our programs qualified for the MIAA postseason
 - The softball team completed an exciting postseason run and won the Division 3 MIAA State Championship
 - The Boys Soccer team made it to the final four of the Division 3 MIAA State Championships.
 - The football program had its first season as a co-op, welcoming players from Bristol Aggie
- Activities:
 - Mock Trial is back this year and we have a new club, Glam Girls Club.
 - Our DECA club had a very successful year with Kylie Smith being invited to the DECA International Conference in California after winning the DECA regional award.
 - At last check, 82% of our students are involved in afterschool activities or a sport at some point in the school year.

Additional Falcon Highlights

Civics Project

- In June 2024, the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District was awarded another Civics Grant, which is shared with the middle and elementary schools. On Monday May 20, 2024, students in U.S. History II participated in the second annual Local Civics Showcase. Members of the community, school committee, and boards of selectmen from both towns attended the event. Three groups of students were chosen to attend the Regional Civics Showcase at Bridgewater. One of these groups, comprised of Nicholas DeCilio, Jack Swan, and Alex Verma, received a special commendation and was invited to present at the National Council of Social Studies in Boston.

Languages Department

- The World Language Department hosted a Multicultural Night in November to celebrate the different foods, cultures, and languages of the world. Over 40 students and parents attended. The Department also highlighted National Hispanic Heritage week with a Hispanic themed lunch, music, and trivia contest.
- Ten Latin students from Latin I-AP received awards after taking the National Latin Exam, which is administered to over 100,000 students worldwide each year.
- The Portuguese Club held its annual coat drive to donate warm coats to people in need.

- The Latin classes went to the Museum of Fine Arts through the generous support of the Rehoboth Cultural Council

English Language Arts Department

- The ELA department purchased new books and an updated curriculum for grades 9 and 10.

Student Engagement and Leadership (Just a sampling because there is a lot!)

- Peer Leaders and Student Government volunteered to attend the annual soup kitchen in January. Volunteers met up in Fall River to serve community members hot meals and desserts to nearly 130 congregants. The community expressed their gratitude for all of their hard work in organizing and working the soup kitchen.
- Student & Staff Appreciation Days: Student Government worked on writing a handwritten and personal message to each student at DR. The notes conveyed a message about how great that student was and they were handed out to each student during first period. In addition, using shout outs from the student body and personal anecdotes, the officers prepared personalized magnets for every staff member highlighting the impact they have had on our school community
- Blood Drive: On March 8th Student Government organized the 20th annual Blood Drive with our partnership with the American Red Cross. Student government representatives volunteered to go down to the gymnasium to facilitate the drive and the 25 members of the student body/faculty donated blood, each unit of blood provided saves up to three lives. We had a great turn out and helped with the current blood shortage. In total our school has facilitated the donation of over 803 donors throughout our partnership, including many first time donors.
- Student Government Day: Caraline Corvi and Lorelei Kellum were elected to attend MA's annual Student Government day on April 5, 2024. They were able to participate in the day and learn about the operations of the state government. As outlined by DESE, Student Government Day enables government officials to have contact with students and allows students to voice their positions on important current issues through prepared debates. It enables students to participate in the legislative process through simulated committee hearings and House and Senate formal sessions. It also provides the opportunity for students to exchange views with their peers throughout the state on statewide issues. Both students spoke on the senate floor to express their views during the simulations.
- Annual Talent Show: On April 25, musicians, singers, dancers, actors and more showcased their talents and competed for first place. Everyone who participated did an outstanding job and blew the crowd away!
- Faculty/Staff vs Student Pickleball Tournament was held on May 30th. The competition was fierce but the sun was shining and everyone that participated had fun together.
- Anti-Bullying Week - Through the week of October 28th-November 1st, Student government held activities for each day for students to partake in. On Tuesday, students wore their favorite jerseys to "team up against bullying" and identified stakeholders in

the building that would help support students. On “Wondering Wednesday” students completed a quiz during lunch to learn about the impact of bullying in schools and on students. They were eligible for a prize if they participated in the activity.. Thursday was a self-care day, to take “time out”. Coloring pages were available during lunches for students to color and decompress and they were also offered to download the self-care planner created as a resource for students. Lastly, Friday was a day that all students and staff were encouraged to wear neon to “brighten someone’s day” and complete an act of kindness.

- Green & Gold Night: October 19th was the annual Green & Gold Night! Student government along with other volunteers joined each other in a night dedicated to showing off what DR has to offer! Middle school students traveled to Dighton-Rehoboth High school to see what DR has to offer. Clubs and sports created tri-fold posters to display for students, and students were encouraged to take a tour around the school to visit different aspects like CTE, Foreign Language floor, and all that the school offers.
- Spirit Week & Pep Rally: The annual Spirit Week Can Drive was a huge success as the school was able to donate over 2,000 canned goods to the local food pantries in both Dighton and Rehoboth. The student body also participated in Penny Wars during all lunches to raise additional funds for the pantries and to help fund Thanksgiving baskets for families in need at DRRHS. Overall, the school was able to collect nearly \$350 in donations. Despite the seniors officially winning spirit week, the entire school community came together at our pep rally to celebrate what it means to be a falcon.
- Holiday Giving Project 2024: Peer Leaders collected over 200 toys/gifts to distribute to the local towns. Donations were supplied to Rehoboth Blizzard of Giving and the Dighton Lions.

Closing Remarks:

As you can see it was a very productive year here at DRRHS. The students, faculty, and staff are very proud of all of their accomplishments. Thank you to the School Committee, Central Office, and the great communities of Dighton and Rehoboth for all of your support as we continue to grow DRRHS into an even better school each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dustin Demers
Acting Principal
DRRHS

**DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIALS
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

OPERATING BUDGET JAN-DEC24	Total	Transportation	Capital	Operating	Dighton	Rehoboth	% Total Budget
HIGH SCHOOL	24,122,006	1,006,514	577,780	22,537,712			48.19%
DIGHTON K-8	12,512,735	865,657	137,625	11,509,453			24.61%
REHOBOTH K-8	14,221,436	1,161,244	335,413	12,724,779			27.21%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGETS	50,856,177	3,033,415	1,050,818	46,771,945			
MINIMUM LOCAL CONTRIBUTION				22,502,125	9,392,387	13,109,738	
OPERATING LESS MIN LOCAL				24,269,820			
Chapter 70	13,468,780						
Transportation Reimbursement	1,432,061						
Charter School Reim	19,757						
Medicaid Reimbursement	144,602						
Circuit Breaker	764,732						
Energy SREC/TREC Rev	79,144						
E&D	750,000						
Total Other Revenues	16,659,076						
Above Local Minimum Contribution	7,610,743						
K-8	3,943,401			1,872,821	2,070,579		
K-8 - Percentage of total Budget				24.61%	27.21%		
High School - Percentage of total Budget	48.19%						
High School Operation Budget over Min Assess	3,667,343			1,443,277	2,224,066		
High School Enrollment	620			244	376		
High School - Percentage enrollment	100.00%			39.35%	60.65%		
				3,316,098	4,294,645		
Transportation Actual Cost	3,033,415			1,347,192	1,710,752		
Total Above Minimum Contribution	10,644,158			4,663,290	6,005,398		

Total Operating Assessment	33,146,283				14,055,677	19,115,136	
Total Operating (less Capital + CB)	49,805,360						
Capital Requests							
Recurring Capital Expense (Debt Service)	1,050,818				337,891	706,806	
Capital	1,050,818				337,891	706,806	
Total Proposed Operating inc Capital	50,856,177						
Total FY25SR Assessment	34,197,101				14,393,568	19,821,942	
FY24 Act Assessment					11,370,296	19,799,989	
Proposed Increase	3,045,225				3,023,272	21,953	
					26.60%	0.10%	
ENROLLMENT	DIGHTON	REHOBOTH		SCHOOL CHOICE			
ELEM/MID	838	1134	1972		1972		
	42.49%	57.51%			0		
HS	244	376	620	14	634		
	39.35%	60.65%					
TOTAL	1082	1510	2592		2606		
	41.74%	58.26%					
	9000						
	PROGRA						
	MS WITH						
	OTHER						
	SCHOOL						
	DISTRICT						
	S						
1	384,903						
2	514,472	899,374	DIGHTON K-8				
3	89,457						
4	193,388	282,845	REHOBOTH K-8				

5	630,986						
6	-						
7	319,492	950,478	HS				
8	-	-					
TOTAL BUDGET	2,132,697	2,132,697					
LESS TRANSP		1,972,234					
TOTAL OP LESS TRANSP		160,463		50,695,714			
ENROLLMENT AS OF 12/31/2024							
GRADE	DIGHTON	REHOBOTH					
PK	41	63					
K	78	119					
1	96	123					
2	80	117					
3	85	117					
4	107	124					
5	78	118					
6	88	129					
7	100	109					
8	93	126					
9	56	89					
10	63	80					
11	61	81					
12	56	115					
TOTAL	1082	1510					
SCHOOL CHOICE		15					
		2607					

Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District Salaries 2024

DAC	Classification	Name	Budget
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	ABBOTT, LISA A	\$29,015.61
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Admin	ABRAMS, AMY L	\$93,779.61
	Certified Non-Admin		
Dighton Elementary School	Admin	ALBERTO, ALLISON	\$90,360.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	ALVES, KAREN	\$45,593.60
	Certified Non-Admin		
Dighton Middle School	Admin	ANDRADE, AARON	\$100,742.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	ANDRADE, KATIE L	\$27,880.71
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	ANDREWS, SHARON	\$100,742.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	ANUSZCZYK, DONNA	\$29,419.13
	Certified Non-Admin		
Vocational High School	Admin	ARNOLD, JONATHAN D	\$80,860.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	ARRUDA, DAVID	\$53,123.20
	Certified Non-Admin		
Palmer River Elementary	Admin	ARRUDA, NICOLE	\$92,248.00
	Classified	ARSENAULT, AMBRA LEE	\$23,858.12
Dighton Elementary School			
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Admin	ASH, JACQUELINE E	\$124,200.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	ASHLEY, JENNIFER H	\$100,000.00
	Certified Non-Admin		
Palmer River Elementary	Admin	AUGUSTYN, ERIKA	\$87,124.00
	Certified Non-Admin		
Dighton Elementary School	Admin	BADGER, RAYMOND	\$96,074.00
	Certified Non-Admin		
Dighton Elementary School	Admin	BAGLINI, JENNIE	\$92,248.00
	Certified Non-Admin		
Dighton Elementary School	Admin	BANDERA, JULIA R	\$47,804.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BARBER, ABIGAIL J	\$56,153.00
	Certified Non-Admin		
Dighton Middle School	Admin	BARBOZA, RENEE	\$90,360.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	BAXTER, ROBERT C	\$131,902.50
	Certified Non-Admin		
Palmer River Elementary	Admin	BEAULIEU, ACACIA C	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	BEAULIEU, TIFFINY	\$28,246.40
	Certified Non-Admin		
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Admin	BECKETT, KATHERINE A	\$92,248.00
	Certified Non-Admin		
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Admin	BEHM, ABIGAIL ROSE	\$47,804.00

Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	BELLAVANCE, DEENA	\$92,248.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	BELLORA, ALYSON J	\$84,988.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BENEDUCE, REBECCA E	\$62,049.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	BLACKBURN, MICHELE D	\$75,000.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	BLISS, PAMELA T	\$28,246.40
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BODNAR-MARTIN, ZACHARY M	\$35,000.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BOOTH, MORGAN	\$37,187.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BOSCO, KARA	\$90,101.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BOTELHO, JOSEPH	\$84,988.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	BOUCHARD, KENNETH W	\$51,792.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BOUTIN, ALFRED	\$96,074.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BOUTSADY, SARAH	\$69,930.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	BREHM, LEO G	\$109,250.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BRUCE, VICTORIA	\$92,248.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BRUNDAGE, TYLER L	\$63,166.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	BURGESS, KENNETH M	\$45,448.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BURNHAM, HILARY	\$102,141.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	BURR, ABIGAIL R	\$25,951.38
Dighton Middle School	Classified	BURT, JESSICA	\$29,419.13
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	BURTCH, LYNDSEY	\$56,153.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	BUSH, EMILY	\$96,074.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CABRAL, ANDREA	\$100,742.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CABRAL, CINDY C	\$23,858.12
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	CABRAL, JENNIFER L	\$0.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CABRAL, KIM A	\$102,141.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CABRAL, TIMOTHY J	\$97,953.00

Dighton Elementary School	Classified	CALDEIRA, KRISTIN M	\$51,708.80
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	CALVIN, BRUCE W	\$88,705.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CAMILLO, WILLIAM A	\$60,954.29
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CAMPBELL, CHRISTINA	\$68,354.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	CAMPBELL, KYLEE	\$96,074.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CAPAR, EMILY MARGARET	\$56,153.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CARAMANICA, KRISTEN	\$60,954.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CARPENTER, ASHLEY	\$92,248.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	CARPENTER, CAROLYN F	\$51,792.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CARTER, JENNIFER	\$96,074.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CASTERGINI, JILL A	\$102,141.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CASTONGUAY, ANDREA	\$97,953.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CETENICH, STEVEN	\$92,248.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CHACE, LIZETTE	\$25,951.38
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	CHAMANLAL, ARNOLD	\$100,000.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CHAMBERLAIN, CATERINA	\$62,049.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	CHANG, AI-LING	\$93,000.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CHARLAND, TERESA	\$92,248.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CHAVES, DONNA	\$29,419.13
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CIMBRON, AMANDA L	\$92,248.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CLARK, GARRETT L	\$64,318.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CLARK, KATHRYN	\$100,742.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CLEARY, VALERIE	\$99,348.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CLIFFORD DUARTE, CHRISTINA	\$100,742.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	COBLE, WILLIAM	\$53,123.20
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	COHEN, JENNIFER M	\$90,360.00

Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	COIRIER, JESSICA A	\$97,953.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	COLLARD, JEFFREY	\$90,360.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	COLLINS, LORI P	\$62,049.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	COLLINS, TAMMY	\$96,074.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	COMEAU, AMY M	\$96,074.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CONNOLLY, WILLIAM	\$100,742.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	CONNORS, DONNA L	\$56,305.60
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	COOK, MICHAELA	\$45,715.41
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	COOKE, MICHAEL	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CORDEIRO, JOSEPH	\$53,123.20
Dighton Middle School	Classified	COREY, KIMBERLY A	\$28,624.70
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CORNELL, SARA E	\$60,954.29
Dighton Middle School	Classified	CORREIA, ANA M	\$29,419.13
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CORREIA, REBECCA M	\$35,232.34
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CORVI, KIMBERLY	\$84,988.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	COSTA, PAUL J	\$40,976.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	COTE, DANIELLE	\$53,751.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	COX, KELLY J	\$25,951.38
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	COX, SALLY	\$90,360.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	COYNE, MEGHAN E	\$96,074.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CROHAN, ELIZABETH	\$92,248.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CRONAN, LISA	\$29,419.13
Dighton Middle School	Classified	CROSSLEY, JARYD C	\$51,792.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CROWLEY, BRIANNA N	\$53,751.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CURTIS, STEPHANIE	\$90,360.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	DACOSTA, ELISABETH	\$29,419.13
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DAILEY BEGIN, DAWN	\$99,348.00

Beckwith Middle School	Classified	DAPONTE, RAMIE	\$27,162.14
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DARMODY, GAIL B.T	\$96,074.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DAY, GINA	\$63,202.62
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DEADY, MICHAELA L	\$62,049.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DEARY, JENNA	\$92,248.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Admin	DECECCO, GAIL J	\$121,749.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	DEGAETANO, WENDY	\$38,137.44
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DELANO, BRANDON D	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	DELEO, LINDA	\$56,305.60
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	DELLA VILLA, LAUREN D	\$74,374.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DELROSSO, CARLY C	\$74,374.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	deMATOS, JENNIFER	\$54,341.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DEMERS, DUSTIN	\$99,250.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	DESISTO, MATTHEW J	\$26,661.20
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Admin	DESSERT, LYNN A	\$110,676.42
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	DIAS, JOHN F	\$51,043.20
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DIFILIPPO, MELISSA	\$97,953.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	DIGIOIA, MARIE JUANITA D	\$121,500.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	DIPALMA, SANDRA	\$90,360.00
Vocational High School	Classified	DISHON, TRACY L	\$51,708.80
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DODD, ASHLEY E F	\$55,667.28
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	DONAHUE TAYLOR, ERIN	\$92,248.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DONAHUE, LINDA	\$100,742.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Admin	DONOVAN, STEPHEN R	\$118,000.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	DRURY, PAULA	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	DUPONT, JENNIFER L	\$26,216.19

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	ELIZARDO, GREGORY S	\$25,951.38
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	ENOS, KAREN	\$100,742.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	ESTES, KRISTIN	\$42,556.80
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	EVANS, ERICA D	\$102,141.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	FACENDA, FRANCESCA LUCIA	\$74,374.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	FALCON - ST.LAURENT, ALEXIS	\$24,967.80
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	FALETRA, JENNIFER L	\$82,369.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	FARIA, JANELLE R	\$97,953.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	FEELEY, CLAUDIA	\$99,348.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	FERNANDES, HEATHER	\$100,742.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	FERREIRA, AMANDA	\$99,348.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	FERREIRA, SUZY P	\$27,515.02
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	FLEET, SANDRA	\$99,348.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	FOGEL, KELLY P	\$99,348.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	FONTAINE, KERRI LYN	\$25,951.38
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	FORGET, ALYSSA	\$24,967.80
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	FORTIER, RIAN	\$23,858.12
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	FOURNIER, LORI ANN	\$25,951.38
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	FRANCESE, JESSE D	\$66,829.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	FREDERICKS, CHRISTIAN	\$52,416.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	FURNESS, KIM	\$99,348.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	GALEGO, KATHRYN M	\$29,419.13
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	GALLEGOS, JENNIFER L	\$29,419.13
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	GARTRELL, JENNIFER L	\$17,297.28
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	GASKA, SUSAN	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	GATES, SARAH A	\$97,953.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	GENDRON, JOHN B	\$92,248.00

Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	GEORGE, LYNN	\$97,953.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	GILES, DOUGLAS W	\$30,480.65
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	GILL, JENNIFER	\$25,951.38
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	GLYNN, REBECCA	\$99,348.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	GOFF, KATHRYN LYNN	\$64,318.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	GOLDSTEIN, SHANA	\$69,930.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	GOSS, ALEX D	\$56,153.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	GOUSIE, KEVIN	\$96,074.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	GOUVEIA, STEPHEN E	\$84,988.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	GRACIA, BRUCE E	\$40,976.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	GRANT, KRISTIE	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	GRIDLEY, CHERYL	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	GRILLO, KATIE R	\$96,074.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	GROVER, CHRISTOPHER	\$100,742.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	GUARNIERO, JULIA M	\$53,751.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	GUSTAFSON, TRACEY	\$97,953.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	HALL, KELLY E	\$75,923.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	HAMELIN, ALEXA R	\$60,954.29
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	HAMILTON, ROBERT	\$90,360.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	HANCOCK, TABETHA A	\$48,037.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	HANIFY, STEPHANIE L	\$45,593.60
Dighton Middle School	Classified	HANSON, ALLISON K	\$25,951.38
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	HARR, KIMBERLY	\$97,953.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	HAYDEN, MELANIE	\$96,074.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	HAYS, SHERIL S	\$29,419.13
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	HAZZARD, MEAGHAN	\$58,140.00

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	HEGEMAN JANOVE, KATRINA	\$92,248.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	HEIM, JULIE A	\$97,953.00
Vocational High School	Certified Admin	HERALD, JOHN P	\$93,000.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	HOROWITZ, DIANNA G	\$29,419.13
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	HOWARD, CHERYL	\$96,074.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	INANGELO, LINDA M	\$57,116.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	JACKSON, MEAGHAN	\$90,360.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	JACKSON-FERNANDES, JILL A	\$73,799.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	JACQUES, DOMINIQUE	\$84,988.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	JAVIER, SARAH J	\$96,074.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	JEFFERSON, KATHERINE	\$97,953.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	JEFFERSON, TERESA	\$99,348.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	JENNESS, BRENDA	\$36,215.92
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	JERAULD, CAROL	\$29,419.13
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	JOHNSON, JUDITH	\$29,419.13
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	KEANE, NURYS	\$69,700.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Admin	KEFOR, KRISTINE M	\$110,055.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Admin	KELLEHER, BRIANNE	\$122,000.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	KELLEY, DOUGLAS	\$80,058.68
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KELLY, TIMOTHY	\$84,988.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	KENDALL MASON, DEBRA M	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	KENNON, MELISSA	\$97,953.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KENNY, MICHAEL P	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	KEPNES, JARED H	\$90,360.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KETLER, KENNETH	\$84,988.00
Vocational High School	Classified	KINDBERG, TARA L	\$28,624.70
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	KING, ALISON	\$97,953.00

Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KING, ELIZABETH M	\$56,153.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KOWALSKI, RICHARD	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	KRAMER, ANDREA R	\$90,360.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KUCIA, THOMAS P	\$100,742.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	KULPA, STEPHEN	\$90,360.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	LACAILLADE, KIMBERLY M	\$63,906.25
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LANDRY, LORI M	\$67,669.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LANDRY, PAUL M	\$50,982.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	LANDRY, SUSAN	\$56,305.60
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	LANGLOIS, KATE L	\$73,016.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	LAPOINTE, ZACHARY T	\$24,967.80
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	LARRIVEE, JENNIFER D	\$96,074.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LASALLE, CHRISTIAN	\$96,074.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	LEANDRES, SAMANTHA LYNN	\$23,858.12
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Admin	LEANDRO, CHERYL	\$93,000.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	LEBLANC, MICHAEL	\$53,123.20
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	LEVESQUE, TIFFANY	\$38,137.44
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	LEZY, CARRIE A	\$64,318.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	LIMA, JOSE	\$50,440.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Admin	LIMA, KATELYN E	\$94,740.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LOELL, HOLLY	\$99,348.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	LOPEZ, JANET	\$29,419.13
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	LOPEZ, LYNNETTE	\$97,953.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LUGO-CARROLL, KATHERINE	\$71,670.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LYNCH, LAURA A	\$96,074.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	MACHADO, THOMAS WILLIAM	\$40,976.00

Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	MACLEAN, BRIANNE E	\$65,843.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	MADSEN, PATRICIA	\$99,348.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	MAGUY, DARCEY	\$97,953.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MAHONEY-CORREIA, HELEN	\$56,153.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MAIDMENT, LISA	\$97,953.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MALLIOS KULPA, STAVROULA	\$102,141.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	MANCINI, ALISON	\$29,419.13
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	MARCOTTE, MEGHAN	\$100,742.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	MARICHAL, JENNIFER	\$29,419.13
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	MARINOSCI, RODOLFO	\$51,043.20
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MARSELLA, MICHELLE	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	MARTEL, SUSANNE M	\$90,360.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	MARTIN, JULIA	\$84,988.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	MARTINS, KELSEY	\$82,369.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MASTERSON, JENNIFER	\$99,348.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MATHIAS, ASHLEY C	\$92,248.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	MAURER, GENA M	\$97,953.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	Mc CAIN, GENE	\$52,416.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MCCABE HOLMES, CYNTHIA	\$100,742.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Admin	McGOURTY, CHRISTINA M	\$93,000.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	MCKEEN, KACI A	\$69,930.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MCNUTT, KAREN	\$84,988.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MCPARTLAND, JANICE	\$96,074.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	MEDEIROS, KYLE D	\$43,284.80
Dighton Middle School	Classified	MEDEIROS, LISA	\$29,419.13
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MEDEIROS, PHILIP E	\$74,374.00

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	MELANSON, ANDREW A	\$45,448.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	MELLO, MELISSA J	\$96,074.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	MICHAUD, BRIAN	\$102,141.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MITNIK, CHRISTINA	\$96,074.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MONDOR, CATHY	\$84,988.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	MOORBY, RENEE A	\$100,000.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MORRISON, JEREMY	\$97,953.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	MOSHER, CYNTHIA	\$29,419.13
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	MULLEN, AMBER	\$29,419.13
DISTRICTWIDE	Classified	MULLEN, KERRI ANNE	\$37,607.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	MULLIN, LORI	\$29,419.13
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	MURPHY, KIMBERLY M	\$29,419.13
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	NADEAU, HANNAH	\$51,166.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	NAPPI, KARIANNE	\$29,419.13
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	NARDOZZI, ANTHONY J	\$91,495.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	NARDOZZI, JESSICA L	\$91,495.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	NEMET, AMANDA L	\$73,799.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	NERNEY, DONNA	\$29,419.13
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	NEVIL, JERELYN	\$97,953.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	NEVILLE, LORI	\$29,419.13
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	NEWMAN, AMY L	\$44,000.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	NOONS, KRISTEN M	\$29,419.13
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	NUNES, DULCINEIA F	\$79,397.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	O LEARY, KENNETH	\$90,360.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	O REILLY LASALLE, ELLEN	\$100,742.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	OLIVEIRA DESANTANA, TONY H	\$40,976.00

Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	OUELLETTE, LAURA	\$69,700.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PACHECO, JONATHAN	\$97,953.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	PALMA, BETHANY N	\$92,248.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PARELLA, ARLENE	\$87,124.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	PASCAL, SHIRA	\$56,153.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	PATRICIO, TONIA S	\$29,015.61
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PATRICK, STEPHEN	\$97,953.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	PATTERSON, DONNA	\$29,419.13
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PAYNE, JESSICA	\$100,742.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PEACHWALL, LYNN	\$92,248.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	PEARSE, JAMES	\$96,074.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PEASE, BENJAMIN	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	PEASE, KAREN	\$90,360.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	PECKHAM, AMANDA	\$25,307.69
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PELOQUIN-BURNS, DENISE P	\$83,015.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	PENTO, KAYLA M	\$25,951.38
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	PERRY, KIMBERLY A	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	PERRY, LISA	\$92,248.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	PESATURO, AMANDA	\$25,951.38
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PETERSON, CARL	\$97,953.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PHILLIPS, STEVEN A	\$60,954.29
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	PICKETT, CHRISTINE	\$99,348.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PIMENTO, ANGELA	\$99,348.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	PITTSLEY, KARIN	\$99,348.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PLACE, ALYSON K	\$82,369.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	PLACIDO, LISA	\$100,742.00

Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PLANTE, HELEN G.	\$96,074.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	POITRAS, DANIEL R	\$72,459.44
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	PORTILHO, LAURA	\$40,976.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	PRESTON, DAMIEN	\$77,837.81
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	PREVOST, KENDRA	\$25,951.38
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	QUAGLIA, DONNA	\$59,598.46
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	QUINN, SAMANTHA	\$71,240.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	RANLEY, THOMAS	\$65,415.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	RAPOZA, JESSICA S	\$44,054.40
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	RAPOZA, KARLA E	\$27,515.02
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	RAYMOND, DAWN MARIE	\$36,215.92
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	READ, KENDRA	\$96,074.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	REAGAN, ANDREA L	\$90,360.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	REED, JOSEPH D	\$50,982.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	REED, LINDA H	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	REED, ROBIN B	\$90,360.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	REGAN, CONOR L	\$65,958.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	REILLY, LINDA	\$29,419.13
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	REMY, DIANE	\$54,745.60
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	REMY, DIANE	\$70,000.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	RENNIE, BROOKE Y	\$81,804.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	RESENDES, ANDREIA F	\$27,515.02
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	REZENDES, ERIN K	\$56,305.60
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	RICHARD, CAROL	\$99,348.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	RICKER, ELIZABETH	\$29,419.13
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	RIDING, SPENCER W	\$50,982.00

Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	RIOUX, KARI LYN	\$75,000.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	RODERICK, STEPHEN	\$40,976.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	RODRIGUES, EVALINE JB	\$54,341.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	RODRIGUES, SUSAN	\$47,112.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	ROMANO, CARA	\$97,953.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	ROSE, DANA M	\$28,624.70
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	ROSE, HEATHER	\$92,248.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	ROSE, KAREN	\$97,953.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	ROSS DEMELO, BRITTANY	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	RUBANO, BRIGITTE	\$90,360.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	RUNEY, WILLIAM M JR	\$173,743.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	RUPOLLO, MARY	\$36,215.92
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	RUPP, PATRICIA	\$56,305.60
DISTRICTWIDE	Classified	RUTA, KRISTEN	\$37,607.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	SAINTIUS, ELEAZAR A	\$26,216.19
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SALOIS, KAREN	\$87,124.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	SAMPSON, JESSE	\$92,248.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	SANSONE, DEBRA	\$100,000.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	SANTORO, MAURA	\$90,360.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	SANTOS, MICHAEL	\$29,419.13
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SARGENT, TAYLOR	\$75,923.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SAXON, JILL	\$102,141.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	SAXON, LINDA M	\$50,190.40
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SCOTT, CIRISSA E	\$97,953.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SEAVEY, MIKAYLA	\$47,804.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	SHILLAN, KATHLEEN	\$56,305.60
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SIACHOS, ANDROMAHI	\$100,742.00

Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SILVERIA, ELIZABETH	\$87,505.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	SILVIA, LAURIE	\$90,360.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	SLECKOWSKI, KATY	\$34,131.17
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SMITH, NICHOLE L	\$99,348.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	SOUSA, GELENE	\$84,988.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SOUSA, PAULO J	\$78,935.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	SOUZA, FREDERICK	\$136,500.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	SPELLMAN, RORY E F	\$56,153.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	ST GERMAIN, ALAINA	\$96,074.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	STAHOWIAK, LESLEY	\$56,305.60
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	STASIUK, HAILEY M	\$47,804.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	STEBBINGS, ELLEN	\$90,360.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	STEELE, BARRETT L	\$51,043.20
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	STEEVES-MACHADO, KATLIN	\$28,246.40
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	STILLERMAN, PATRICIA A	\$75,024.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	STROJNY, MICHAEL E	\$88,705.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SULLIVAN, EMILY	\$73,799.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	SULLIVAN, KERRY	\$29,419.13
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	SUPPLE III, ALBERT	\$84,988.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	SYLVIA, JESSICA A	\$90,360.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	TACHE, ELIZABETH	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	TAPPER-RACINE, MICHELE	\$62,049.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	TAUBENFELD, CARRIE M	\$29,419.13
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	TAVARES, JESSICA PAIGE	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	TAVARES, TRACIE L	\$90,360.00

Palmer River Elementary	Classified	TETREAULT, VICKI	\$29,419.13
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	THOMAS, KATIA F	\$24,967.80
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	THORNLEY, JAMES	\$53,123.20
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	TOCCI, NICOLE BRIANNA VAUGHN	\$65,958.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	TOMELLINI, DALITA R	\$77,343.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	TREMBLETT, JACQUELYN	\$100,742.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	TROCCHIO, BRIAN P	\$74,374.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	TROTT, ARIELLE	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	VELASQUEZ, GILBERTO	\$53,123.20
Dighton Middle School	Classified	VIEIRA, DAWN	\$29,419.13
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	VIEIRA, KRISTEN	\$36,215.92
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	VINCELETTE, SHERYL	\$56,305.60
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	VOCCIO, KRISTIN	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	WADDICOR, CHRISTINA	\$89,274.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	WALSH, KELLY I	\$99,348.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	WARREN, CHRISTOPHER H	\$90,360.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	WATSON, CHARLENE	\$29,419.13
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	WEINSTEIN, CHERYL F	\$90,360.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	WHITE, STEPHANIE	\$29,419.13
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	WILKINS, DENISE	\$84,988.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	WOODARD, DEBRA	\$97,953.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	WOODWARD, GAYLE E	\$29,419.13
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	WRIGHT, CHRISTINE A	\$97,953.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	YOUNG, ALONNA	\$7,378.80
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	ZALK, PAMELA	\$96,074.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	ZARCARO, ELISE ANN	\$54,341.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	ZIEGELMAYER, JENNA L	\$62,049.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE

Dighton TV 9 is a PEG (Public, Education, and Government) community television access station that covers many municipal meetings, various community projects, as well as curating the town YouTube channel and Dighton's only television network. The committee and channel are currently staffed with three members. Throughout 2024, the committee has strived to continue our long-term plans of upgrading our equipment to modern television standards. The committee has also continued to improve resident's access to their town government through more modern and hybrid means such as ZOOM.

The committee is proud to announce that the studio has finished its construction and is now ready to provide opportunities to the Town of Dighton for original programming. Through the purchasing of safety equipment to prevent trips and falls on cabling, the studio is now safe to film. The Committee has had coordination with our Veterans Services office in hopes of producing our first original program in the studio by the end of January 2025. The committee continued its coordination with the Dighton Public Library to film and edit their monthly speakers. The committee worked with the Dighton Fire Department to film and broadcast their open-house.

Towards the latter half of the calendar year the committee had started having issues with the Channel 9 server-broadcasting equipment. Thankfully, the town was gracious in approving our Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article to utilize funds from our PEG Access account to replace the aging equipment. The new server possesses enhanced storage capabilities, enhanced integration with current systems, and has the ability to live-stream content to other sources than just Channel 9.

Considerable improvements have been made to our ability to record town events at a greater scale. The committee has purchased equipment and has achieved self-reliance for its visual and audio needs when filming outside of Town Hall and Old Town Hall. The committee was able to purchase and deploy new audio recording and video recording equipment that has allowed multiple cameras to film simultaneously at larger events, such as town meetings. With the increased capacity of the filming, the committee also purchased and successfully deployed safety equipment to again avoid tripping hazards and comply with fire codes. The committee also invested in logistics equipment to decrease set up time for these larger events.

The committee has started the process of contacting and coordinating with our partners in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District to facilitate the live-streaming of larger events from campus locations. Committee members met with the I.T. Director at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School to start working out ways to accomplish this task. The analog parts of the equipment worked flawlessly at the Special Town Meeting, and the committee has started the work of incorporating the digital equipment with the school's existing network infrastructure.

As we continue to push forward into the next year, we are excited to share our new space with interested parties and to see our programming become more balanced between our public, education, and government obligations. We are still seeking new members to fill out the

committee's current vacancies as well as residents and local businesses interested in utilizing our studio to record programming.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Marvill
Laura Medeiros
Dalton Johnson
Madelyn Easterday

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Commission met three times in 2023.

The Commission reviewed cemetery rules and procedures. We met with “Dreambuilders”, our lawn maintenance contractor to receive a report on our cemeteries.

The Commission met with Becky Mello, Assistant Town Clerk, who showed us an updated map of the Veteran’s Cemetery and Riverside Cemetery. We appreciate the Town Clerk’s office for their great work and communication.

We mourned the loss of Arthur Morton and his wife Jane. Arthur Morton passed away on March 10, 2023 and Jane Morton on November 12, 2023. Arthur was dedicated to his volunteer work with the Cemetery Commission. At the June 14th, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting, the Cemetery Commission, along with the Board of Selectmen, honored Arthur's work with a Proclamation, a copy of which is attached with this report. Jane Morton also contributed a lot of effort behind the scenes. They will both be missed dearly.

The Commission monitored maintenance and repair of town cemeteries.

The Commission would like to thank the townspeople for their support through the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Pacheco, Chair
Thomas Ferry, Member
Barbara Danforth, Member
Chris Chandonait, Clerk

**Town of Dighton
Cemetery Commission
979 Somerset Avenue
Dighton, MA 02715**



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Whereas, Arthur Morton moved to Dighton in 1960 and Arthur Married Jane M. Morton the same year; and

Whereas Together, Arthur and Jane Morton raised their son, Kendall Morton; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton began his tenure with the Town of Dighton in 1977 as a Burial Agent succeeding Earl C. Hathaway upon his passing; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton, was the longtime chairman of the Cemetery Commission; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton, through his hard work and resourcefulness, grew programs such as the Bristol County Sheriffs program to maintain our Town cemeteries and coordinate special projects such as resetting headstones; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton was instrumental in acquiring the Dighton Veterans Cemetery; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton was a Navy Veteran of the United States of America; and

NOW, We, the Dighton Board of Selectmen, joined by the Dighton Cemetery Commission of the Town of Dighton, do hereby recognize and thank Arthur Morton for his more than forty seven years of dedicated service to the people of Dighton Massachusetts.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Dighton to be affixed on this 14th day of June, 2023

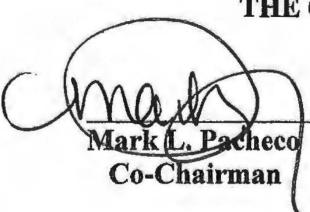
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Peter D. Caron
Chairman

Nicole L. Mello
Clerk

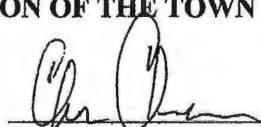
Leonard E. Hull, Jr.
Member

THE CEMETERY COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON

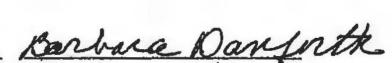


Mark L. Pacheco
Co-Chairman

Thomas C. Ferry
Member



Christopher Chandonait
Clerk



Barbara Danforth
Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

The Dighton Commission on Disability (COD) is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities in our community have equal access to resources, services, and opportunities. Our mission is to advocate for the needs and rights of people with disabilities, promote inclusion, and work towards creating a fully accessible inclusive, and equitable spaces for all of our friends and residents.

This report provides an overview of the commission's activities, accomplishments, challenges, and goals over the past year. Our work continues to be guided by the principles of accessibility, equity, and inclusion for all members of our community.

The Commission on Disability is composed of volunteers who bring their diverse range of expertise, perspectives, and experiences to the work we do. The commission can consist of up to five voting members. Currently, we have four voting members and one non-voting member. We would like to recognize the valuable contributions of the following members:

Chair: Nicole Mello

Clerk: Kevin Smith

Voting Members:

- **Cynthia Boland** (newer to the Commission) brings 17 years of experience working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Christina de Oliveira** (newer to the Commission) brings both personal life experience and her advocacy work with the Dighton-Rehoboth Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC).

Non-Voting Member:

- **Jonathan Gale** (ADA Coordinator)

Goals for the Upcoming Year

- Looking ahead, the Commission on Disability has outlined the following goals for the coming year:

Enhance Community Accessibility:

- Continue to advocate for increased accessibility in public buildings, parks, and transportation services using the KMA report to guide our efforts in improving the town's accessibility while taking into account the town's financial circumstances and available resources.

- **Increase Outreach and Engagement:**
- Expand communication channels to ensure that more families and individuals with disabilities are aware of available services and resources.

Strengthen Partnerships:

- Build stronger partnerships with local businesses, non-profits, and service providers to create more inclusive job opportunities and accessible services.
- Collaborate with other local commissions and government agencies to align efforts and improve coordination.

Secure Alternative Sources of Funding:

- Work on identifying and pursuing alternative sources of funding for accessibility projects, including grants, donations, and partnerships with local businesses and organizations.

Complete Commission Membership:

- Work toward adding one more member to the commission to complete the full complement of five voting members.

The Dighton Commission on Disability remains committed to advocating for a community where all individuals, regardless of ability, can participate fully in civic, social, and economic life. We are proud of the progress made in the past year and are excited to continue our work toward a more inclusive and accessible future. We appreciate the ongoing support of the town government, community members, and local businesses in helping us achieve these goals.

We look forward to another year of progress and collaboration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Mello
Chair, Commission on Disability

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Dighton,

The Community Preservation Committee is comprised of nine total members, a representative from the Housing Authority, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation, Planning Board, and four at-large members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Our duties are to accept, review, and recommend for funding projects utilizing Community Preservation Act Funds at Annual Town Meeting. We can support and recommend funding for projects in three categories: Open Space / Recreation, Community Housing, and Historic Preservation. Each category has specific guidelines and criteria to be eligible for CPA funds. We carefully review each application we receive to ensure it meets the eligibility criteria, if it addresses a need of the community, the impact it will have on the community, and the available funding which we can apply to the project if approved. The CPC also holds an annual town meeting to listen to and help prioritize the needs of the town, and in doing so help to make informed decisions on how to best utilize CPA funds for eligible town project.

CPA funding is provided by a 1% surcharge on our annual tax rate with exemptions for low-income households, low to moderate income senior households, and the first \$100,000.00 of all other accessed residential property values. We also receive variable matching funds from the State CPA trust fund based on recording fees by the registry of deeds. On average participating in CPA cost the average Dighton taxpayer between \$40-\$50 per year. The town adopted CPA at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting and has been able to fund \$1,262,348.00 in projects since it was adopted. Including \$565,500.00 in Open Space / Recreation projects, \$560,567.00 in Historical Preservation projects, and \$136,281.00 in Community Housing projects. The locally collected CPA funds are designated yearly to support each individual category with 10% to Open Space / Recreation, 10% to Community Housing, and 10% to Historical Preservation. 5% is set aside for administrative support and the remaining balance is placed in the undesignated / unreserved fund which can be used to support any of the three eligible categories at the recommendation of the CPC.

For this fiscal year the CPC collected locally \$151,152.00 and received \$29,078.00 in state matching funds. The CPC began the year with a total balance including each category and undesignated / unreserved of \$571,418.69. A balance of \$75,176.87 for open space / rec. A balance of \$34,176.87 for historical preservation. A balance of \$65,176.87 for community housing. And a balance of \$396,888.08 for undesignated / unreserved.

At Annual town meeting the follow projects were approved by the voters at the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee: \$3,500.00 from the Historical Reserve Fund to conduct a community wide historic properties survey, by the Dighton Historical Commission, to identify ten (10) historical properties in the West Dighton area of Town. And, \$62,500 (\$5,000.00 from the Open Space / Recreation Fund & \$57,500.00 from the Undesignated / Unreserved Fund) for the Broad Cove Natural Trail Project phase 1, conducted by the Dighton Trails Committee, for wetland delineation report, permitting, geotechnical observation analysis, borings, printing, and mailing.

The CPC is grateful to be able to continue to support worthwhile town projects through its recommendations for use of CPA funds and looks forward to future applications from the various town committees, commissions, and boards!

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of The Community Preservation Committee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dighton Residents:

The Dighton Conservation Commission consists of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, serving staggered three-year terms. Our Agent, Lisa Caledonia, is a seasoned wetland professional who along with the Commissioners, has worked tirelessly to protect Dighton's wetland and water resources as well as to preserve land for open space and passive recreation.

This past year has been a very busy time for the Conservation Commission. In addition to several large development project applications, there have been many applications including Notice of Intents, Area of Resource Area Delineations, and Requests for Determination of Applicability.

With the resignation of Jason LaChance, we accepted Abel Mariano. Abel's education and experience as a contractor is an invaluable asset to the Conservation Commission.

This past year the Conservation Commission has worked diligently to ensure the enforcement of the Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Dighton's local Bylaw. These laws help protect our beautiful town's inland and unique coastal wetlands, streams, intermittent streams, vernal pools, as well as lands bordering major rivers and floodplains. The measures taken by the commission also help ensure the protection of public and private water supply, ground water, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention including coastal storm flowage, water quality, water pollution control, fisheries, shellfish, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community. In 2024, we revised our bylaw to include special protections for vernal pools as well as local wetland filing fees.

The Conservation Commission is also continuing its efforts to reintroduce The American Chestnut Tree to the Town of Dighton. If any member of the community believe they have sufficient land and wish to help with these efforts they can reach out to the Conservation Office. Our bylaw can be found on our website.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Digits, Chairman
Dave Phillips
Abel Mariano
Paul Reynolds
Jack Crawford
Lisa Caledonia, Agent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

The Dighton Cultural Council (DCC) presently consists of 5 Dighton residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen. DCC, funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, supports cultural enrichment to the residents of Dighton. The purpose of the DCC is to strengthen, promote and maintain local cultural resources and to encourage their appreciation within the Dighton community. Mass Cultural Council receives funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts and distributes these funds to local Cultural Councils.

Our grant cycle begins in July each year when we make updates including new members, guidelines and priorities in the grant management system. The new grant cycle opens on September first for applications. September is also the month when we meet with our Town Accountant to receive our account form to calculate the amount available for granting. Grant application deadline is in the month of October. Once the deadline has passed DCC will schedule a meeting to discuss all the grant applications. In this process we discuss each application and how it could benefit the citizens and the Town of Dighton. Once decisions regarding application are made, we then send out any denial letters. These have a 15-day reconsideration period before we can send out the letters of approval. In December we submit our annual report to the Mass Cultural Council.

Once an approved grant has completed their program they will apply for reimbursement with any required corresponding documentation. The application is reviewed by the members of the DCC and signed if complete. The application is then forwarded to our Town Accountant for disbursement. For the fiscal year 2024 the DCC received a total of 26 applications and 14 were approved. Our allocation amount was \$7500.00

The following programs received funds for the 2024 grant cycle: Dighton Elementary School Chorus, Dighton-Rehoboth High School Latin Club, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Marching Band, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Theatre Company, Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School Theatre Company, Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative, Dighton Public Library, Friends of the Dighton Public Library, Christine Lynch Holiday Concert, MUSIC Dance.edu, Dighton Historical Society, Prime Time Adult Supportive Day Program and Dighton Council on Aging.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow council members Tara Schaffer, Alison Matos, Caryle Stonstrom and Hannah Wilson for their dedication to support our local arts, humanities and sciences. A generous thank you to Town Accountant Sirena Amaral for her knowledge and patience.

Respectfully submitted,
Brett Wilson
Co-Chair Dighton Cultural Council

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Dighton Economic Development Committee consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, including a representative from the Planning Board, a representative from the Dighton farming community, a representative from the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce (of which Dighton is a member), and four at large members.

The commission is organized under Chapter 40, Section 8A of the Massachusetts General Laws, which permits the commission to:

- conduct research into industrial conditions
- investigate and assist in the establishment of educational or commercial projects, including projects involving private enterprise, for the purpose of expanding or strengthening the local economy
- advertise and distribute material which will further the commission's goals

In the 2nd Quarter of 2025, the committee will begin working with the Dighton-Rehoboth High School's Marketing students to develop a digital marketing strategy for the Town to attract new commercial interests. This is alongside our current print media and Quick Guide for starting a new business in town, and a new central website for all our activities: www.dightonbusiness.com.

We continue to look for opportunities to support local businesses including:

- our online Local Business Directory with the goal of advertising local businesses and promoting a Shop Local campaign among Dighton residents. Go to www.dightonbusiness.com.
- our YouTube video Business Spotlight series with local business owners
- a new online calendar to post events by local businesses
- work with other town Committees to promote changes to help attract and grow businesses

The Committee also continues to make itself available on a one-on-one basis to businesses looking to expand, relocate, or develop new business interests, as well as provide guidance resolving business issues in Town.

We look forward to continuing our efforts and collaborating with residents and other Town committees to develop and champion new business growth.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dighton Economic Development Committee

Dan Higgins, Chairman
Paul Reynolds, Clerk
Joseph Figueiredo, Planning Board representative
Laura Smith, Dighton Farming Community representative
Chris Ready, Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce representative
Barbara Catabia
Rafael Delfin

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FENCE VIEWERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

In 2024, one case was brought to the board for resolution. The properties involved are located at 2150 and 2188 Cedar Street.

This case concerned fences of various age and height located between these two properties. There was concern about the stability of a fence that was installed to prevent cattle from crossing the property line. One property owner had a corral where horses were exercised at times. There were concerns about the actual location of the boundary in relation to the fences. Upon receipt of a request from one property owner, both owners were contacted and a site visit was scheduled. All three board members and Stephanie Schechter visited the properties, saw the fences in dispute, and photos were taken. One property owner was present. The other property owner gave permission for the visit in his absence.

The board went to the Old Town Hall for a meeting with the owners to discuss their concerns. An agreement was reached about the location of one fence which was moved slightly east. Also, it was agreed that the relocated fence would be stabilized to prevent cattle from pushing through it onto the neighboring property. A second site visit was conducted by Eric Easterday and William Moore following the fence relocation.

We are happy to report that the board was able to visit the sites, discuss the concerns with the property owners, and reach a mutually-acceptable resolution.

Our role as fence viewers is to meet with the property owners to resolve disagreements through discussion and mediation. If residents need the services of the Board of Fence Viewers, please contact Stephanie Schechter in the Board of Assessors' office.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the property owners and to Stephanie Schechter for her assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Easterday, Chairman
Nancy J. Goulart, Clerk
William F. Moore, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

The Dighton Historical Commission is composed of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The current members of the commission are Patricia Gailes, Chairman, Rafael Delfin, Vice Chairman/ Clerk and members Patricia Olsen, Irene Allie, Zachary Caron and Shara Costa. Patricia Gailes serves as the Historical Commission's representative to the Community Preservation Committee. Rafa Delfin is the Commission's representative on the Sweet Knolls Interpretive Committee. During 2024, the Commission accepted the resignation of David Marvill. We thank Dave for his time and contributions to the Commission. We also thank Peter Caron for his time as the Board of Selectmen liaison.

Historical Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Old Town Hall. The meetings are hybrid through the Zoom platform and recorded to be shown on Dighton's YouTube channel.

The Historical Commission continues its work to identify and document Dighton's historic properties. This year, the Community-wide survey focused on 10 properties in West Dighton. Again, Stacy Spies, preservation consultant was hired to complete the survey of the properties and the forms for MACRIS (Massachusetts Cultural Resource System). At the end of 2024, this project was nearing completion. The funding for the West Dighton survey was through the Community Preservation Act. We thank the Community Preservation Committee and the townspeople for their approval of funding.

The members of the Historical Commission reviewed and discussed the Final Survey Reports by S. Spies in 2022 and 2023. Through this review, the Mt. Hope Finishing Company Village was identified as being locally significant to Dighton's history in March 2024. This area was also reviewed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and deemed eligible for a National Register of Historic Places nomination. Once again, the Community Preservation Committee supported this initiative and the townspeople approved funding for this project. A public informational meeting was held for the property owners of the North Dighton village. It was well attended and informative.

We received grant funding from Bay Coast bank to fund our National Register Districts walking tour brochure. Final edits are being made for publication. We are also ready to begin our oral history program "Preserving Memories" and will be looking for people to share their memories of living in Dighton.

The Coram Shipyard National Register District will be losing one of its buildings. The John Hathaway house, at 2120 Water Street, was been condemned. We are saddened to see another historic home gone from our neighborhoods.

The Historical Marker Program honors those homes and buildings with significance to Dighton's history. We have had a turnover in sign makers, but are looking for a new vendor to continue this program.

In 2024, our Boston Post Cane recipient, Dorothy Perry turned 101! We wish her the best.

The Historical Commission is dedicated to identifying, protecting, and preserving the historical heritage and resources of our town. We extend our gratitude to the townspeople for their interest and support in safeguarding Dighton's rich history. We also appreciate the collaboration of town officials, departments, and organizations. Together, we ensure that Dighton's history is preserved for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Dighton Historical Commission

Patricia Gales, Chairperson

Rafael Delfin, Vice Chairperson/Clerk

Patricia Olsen

Irene Allie

Zachary Caron

Shara Costa

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISION

To the citizens of Dighton,

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank you all for your continued support in what turned out to be another amazing year for Parks and Recreation!

We are pleased to announce the following:

Partnering with the Dighton Police Department, our School Resource Officers Hathaway and Bennett, and K9 Comfort Dog Oakie we hosted our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd, 2024! We had an amazing turnout from the community! Kids of all ages came down to collect over 7,500 easter eggs and took pictures with Oakie and the Easter Bunny! This is such a joyful Dighton tradition that we look forward to every spring!

We sponsored the Dighton Elementary school 4th grade kite day again this year! We had amazing weather and as always, a great time with kite expert Pauly Berard! After the demonstration all the 4th grade students assembled their own kites then we headed out to the field and took to the skies! We had a great time helping the students assemble their kites with a great group of parent volunteers and the 4th grade teachers!

The Town unfortunately loss longtime resident and former Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Timothy Rhines, who passed away in the spring of 2024. To show our gratitude for his service to the Town of Dighton the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to rename the South Dighton Playground in Tim's memory. The playground will now be known as the Timothy "Joe" Rhines Memorial Playground. We hope to revitalize the playground this year and host a ribbon cutting in Tim's memory.

The Multi Use Sports Courts facility continues to be the hot spot in Dighton! Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport in town with new members joining the Dighton Pickleball League every day! We also see plenty of people taking advantage of the basketball, street hockey, and tennis courts too! We are very excited to have completed the parking area paving project this year, the courts have a whole new look with fresh pavement, new parking lines, picnic area, and flower beds! If you have not been by go check it out!!

The Commission is extremely grateful to have received some very generous donations this year! We received a \$20,000.00 donation from the Oliveira Family to make improvements to the Community Playground area. This donation was made in memory of Micheal Oliveira who was a longtime resident of Dighton and a strong supporter of youth organizations in town. We look forward to honoring Micheal by increasing accessibility and community engagement at the playground! We also received a generous donation of 14 fruit trees to be planted at the Community Garden, this donation came from Round the Bend Farm in Dartmouth, MA. Round the Bend Farm is a wonderful farming community that focuses on enriching communities through sustainable farming practices!

The Commission was also able to continue to support our local youth sport programs through our field use permits!

The Commission would like to again thank our fellow Dighton citizens, all our fellow elected officials, our boards, and committees, and especially our Highway Department for all their hard work! With your support we have been able to address so many of the needs of our parks and playgrounds in town and we look forward to continuing those efforts!

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of The Parks and Recreation Commission

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board's official powers and responsibilities are provided through the Dighton Subdivision Rules & Regulations and the Dighton Zoning Bylaws as prescribed under the authority of the Subdivision Control Law enacted under Chapter 41, Section 81A-81GG of the Massachusetts General Laws. These rules and regulations have been enacted for the purpose of protecting the safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of Dighton by regulating the laying out and construction of ways in subdivisions and providing access to lots therein.

Following the re-election of Daniel Higgins at the 2024 Annual Town Election the five-member Board reorganized and Jeff Carvalho was selected as Chairman, Daniel Higgins as Vice Chairman and Christopher Cunha as Clerk, Joseph Figueiredo as Member and Robert Woods as Member.

During the calendar year 2024, the Board met 15 times and within that time, approved the following:

- 3 Form A Plan Applications, Subdivision Control Law Not Required (“ANR”)
- 2 Special Permits consisting of 2 modifications to the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installation
- 2 Definitive Subdivisions

The Planning Board continues to offer information on the Town's website at www.dighton-ma.gov, is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Wednesday 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM and regularly meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The public is always invited and encouraged to attend.

In conclusion, the Planning Board wishes to express their gratitude to Lisa Mead and Jay Talerman, of Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC, James Riordan, PE of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., all Town Departments, and above all, the Town's residents for supporting the Board's work and by providing the resources to effectively carry out our mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
DIGHTON PLANNING BOARD

Jeff Carvalho, Chairman
Daniel Higgins, Vice Chairman
Christopher Cunha, Clerk
Joseph Figueiredo, Member
Robert J. Woods, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

Office Assistant, Maureen Kane left her position in October of 2024 for a new position outside the Town of Dighton.

A Public Hearing to set Fiscal Year 2025 Sewer Rates (billings in Aug. 2024 and Feb. 2025), was held on July 29, 2024. Mark Nicora motioned to increase the current sewer base rate by \$5.00 per billing (\$10.00 annually); Chairman Woods seconded the motion; both Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed. All sewer users are billed semi-annually. Water usage figures used by the department to calculate bills are supplied by the Dighton Water District and No. Dighton Fire District. Residential water usage is discounted 20% to allow for some outdoor usage.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners strives to keep user costs as low as possible. Revenues received are used to operate, maintain and repair the system. The department operates using an enterprise system and does not receive any funds from the town. User charges and permit and connection fees make up the majority of the revenues received.

The Commissioners and Superintendent continue to work with our Consulting Engineer, GHD, regarding an upgrade to the Power Plant Pump Station.

Superintendent's Report

A total of 56,067,790 gallons of sewage was discharged from Dighton to the City of Taunton's Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2024. Three sewer connection permits were issued and three connections were completed in 2024. Preventative maintenance continues to be performed on all six of the town's pump stations. Each station is overseen on a daily basis by Sewer Department employees.

I wish to thank the Board of Sewer Commissioners for their support. I also wish to thank Richard Kotouch and Edwin McAuliffe for their continued dedication to the Dighton Sewer Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold J Gracia, Jr., Sewer Superintendent

In conclusion, the Sewer Commissioner's wish to thank Superintendent, Harold Gracia, Jr. and all department employees for their work ethic and support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Woods, Chairman
Thomas Ferry, Clerk
Mark Nicora, Member
Board of Sewer Commissioners



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Dartmouth
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Fairhaven
Fall River
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New Bedford
N. Attleborough
Norton
Plainville
Raynham
Rehoboth
Rochester
Seekonk
Somerset
Swansea
Taunton
Wareham
Westport

2024 YEAR-END REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DIGHTON FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Dighton is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Originally founded in 1956, SRPEDD (pronounced “sir-ped”) is one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) across the state and one of approximately 550 across the country.

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, community development and affordable housing, infrastructure needs, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities. In 2024, the Town of Dighton paid \$1,675.29 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 20.68 cents per capita. SRPEDD’s annual budget in 2024 was \$6,826,432.

SRPEDD also serves as the region’s staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization ([SMMPO](#)) and the regional Economic Development District ([EDD](#)) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). SRPEDD staff also works with the Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council ([SRAC](#)). In these roles, SRPEDD works with numerous partners to program tens of millions of dollars to directly invest in our region’s infrastructure, safety and emergency preparedness, and community development.

Please visit SRPEDD’s agency website at www.srpedd.org to review our work, read our [2024 Annual Report](#), and tour recent projects, including: our [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\)](#); our work to support communities as they comply with the [new Section 3A of Chapter 40A](#); our ongoing [Regional Resilience Plan](#); our [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant \(CPRG\)](#) and diverse [Environmental Planning work program](#); our [Regional Transportation Plan](#); our [Complete Streets](#) and [Multi-Use Path](#) transportation projects; our [Safe Streets For All \(SS4A\) Action Plan](#); our work with [SRAC](#); our work with school districts and public safety officials to create [Active Shooter/Hostile Event \(ASHE\) Response Tools](#); our collaboration with communities to update [Priority Development Area \(PDA\) and Priority Protection Area \(PPA\) designations](#); and various municipal projects, such as [Redevelopment Studies, Business and Marketing Guides](#), [Community Master Plans](#), and [Open Space and Recreation Plans](#). Our website also includes departmental web pages, staff profiles, a calendar of events, and recent news.

Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) with any questions, concerns, or project ideas.

Local citizens/officials representing Dighton in SRPEDD activities:

Jeff Carvalho and Robert Woods on the SRPEDD Commission.

Thomas Ferry on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

In 2024, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Dighton in the following areas; please note that funding sources and project web pages are provided, where available:

Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Economic Development Plan	DLTA, CCC, MA	http://srpedd.org/Dighton-ED-Plan
Housing Production Plan	CCC	https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/housing-community-development/housing-production-plans/
Green Communities Assistance	DLTA, CCC, MA	https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/
Turning Movement Count on Somerset Ave. (Rte 138) at Center St. (details available by request)	MassDOT	-

Highlights from SRPEDD's 2024 General Work Program include the following:

Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	DLTA	https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/
Assawompset Ponds Watershed Plan Priority Action Implementation	DER, TNC	https://srpedd.org/environment/watershed-planning/apc-nemasket-river-watershed-management-and-climate-action-plan/
Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant	EPA	https://srpedd.org/environment/brownfields-redevelopment/
Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/
Bus Stop Inventory Update	MassDOT	-
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)	U.S. EPA	https://srpedd.org/cprg/

Coastal Resilience Project Planning Support	NOAA, Mass Audubon	
District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) and DLTA - Augmentation (project development and grant-writing)	SRPEDD	www.srpedd.org/DLTA
FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/
FFY21 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/
FFY22 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/
Freight Action Plan	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/freight-action-plan/
Green Communities – Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	EOEEA	https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/
Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/jtpg/
Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	DLTA	https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/

Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	RPAs	https://massmarpa.org/
Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Asset Mapping and Digital Equity Planning Enrollment	MassTech/MBI	www.srpedd.org/Digital-Equity
MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	DLTA, EOHL	www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities
Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) Regional Study	EOEEA	https://www.srpedd.org/environment/osrd/
Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network	MassDOT	https://www.srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/#pavement-management
PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	MBTA, DLTA	www.srpedd.org/Priority-Areas
Regional Evacuation Route Study	MassDOT	-
Regional Pedestrian Plan	MassDOT	https://www.srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/
Regional Stormwater Management Planning and Technical Assistance	USM/U.S. EPA, NBEP	-
Rural Community Section 3A Compliance	EOHL	www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities

Rural Policy Advisory Council	DLTA, sister RPAs	https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac
Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan	U.S. DOT/MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/ss4a-safety-action-plan/
South Coast Administrators Committee	SRPEDD	-
South Coast Bikeway Technical Assistance	MassDOT	-
Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/smmpo/
Southern New England Program (SNEP) Network Technical Assistance Provider	USM/U.S. EPA	https://srpedd.org/environment/snep-network-projects/
SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	DLTA, CCC EDA, MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/regional-resilience-plan/
Taunton River Trail	MassDOT	-
Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	GATRA	https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/
Title VI Program Report	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/title-vi-compliance/

Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/traffic-counting/
Trails Mapping (Off Road)	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/regional-trails-mapping-project/
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Workshop	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STORMWATER COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

We are happy to report that the drainage problems in the large stormwater basin at the Brook Street Solar Project (Grasshopper) were resolved by the installation of a new system in the bottom of the basin. The new system was tested by pumping water into the basin and timing the rate of infiltration and outflow. Special thanks to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Dighton Water District for their patience and assistance. The professional expertise provided by engineers from Weston & Sampson was greatly appreciated.

Our stormwater education program participated in the Lion's Arts Festival that was held on Sunday, November 3. We distributed shopping bags, grippers, and booklets to the public. New educational materials in the form of a combined coloring and activity book for young children along with crayons was prepared by the Graphic Arts Department at Bristol-Plymouth Technical High School. The format for the book was provided by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website. The book was structured so that a child could work alone or with the assistance of an adult to learn about the importance of keeping stormwater clean. The name of the book was, *Thirstin's Wacky Water Adventure*.

During the year, site visits were conducted jointly with the conservation agent as requested. A final stormwater inspection was conducted following the completion of a private home where it was found that the erosion controls were in good condition and functioning properly. There was no evidence of siltation from runoff. A letter was sent to the homeowners advising them the site was fully stabilized.

Weston & Sampson began a comprehensive review of the town's Stormwater Program including the bylaw, regulations, mapping of outfalls, and testing. This work is being paid from an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant. Our annual report to the EPA was filed for year seven. The EPA has announced revisions to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) permit. Proposed revisions will be posted for public input early in 2025.

We continue to monitor all existing solar farms for Clean Water Act compliance. Members of the Stormwater Committee (SWC) inspected solar farms that are generating electricity to make sure they are being properly maintained by the owners. This includes mowing and continued soil stabilization over the life of the project. A new storage facility is being constructed on the east side of Elm Street just south of the dam. Weston & Sampson is providing oversight of the project for the town.

At present, there are no new solar farms before the SWC for permitting. There are a number of proposals that may be presented to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board in the near future.

Due to the extreme drought that was experienced, some trees, shrubs, and other plantings at various solar installations died and will be replaced during the next planting season. The drought has continued into 2025 which has added to the need to conserve water and for everyone to take action to keep stormwater free of pollutants such as trash, animal waste, fertilizer, petrochemicals, solvents, surfactants, and other materials that dissolve in rainwater and end up in groundwater, streams, and rivers. All water flows to the sea, the same sea that provides food and recreation for everyone. Think about that next time you enjoy a trip to the beach or lake.

Residents bear the costs for trash removal and disposal, illegal dumping, and litter that is seen along roadsides. The cost to dispose of recyclables also continues to rise and facilities to handle solid waste pass increased costs on to everyone. Although trash disposal is not a problem for the SWC to solve, the residual effects of trash along our roadsides, in our parks, recreational facilities, and other town properties does cause stormwater pollution so we stress the importance of everyone doing their part to keep our town clean.

“Be the solution to stormwater pollution.”

In conclusion, the Stormwater Committee expresses its appreciation to Mrs. Heather Nicora who attends our meetings to take and transcribe minutes, to all elected and appointed officials and town employees for their assistance and cooperation, the Dighton Lion’s Club for allowing us space at its public events, and to our residents who attend our various educational programs and provide financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Goulart, Chairman, Appointed by Board of Selectmen
Thomas C. Ferry, Clerk, Superintendent of Streets
James D. Aguiar, Jr., Building Commissioner
Lisa Caledonia, Conservation Commission Agent
Barbara Catabia, Board of Health Chairman
David Phillips, Conservation Commission Representative
Robert J. Woods, Jr., Planning Board Representative
Joseph Figueiredo, Alternate Planning Board Representative

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

Your trails committee started 2024 off where it left off in 2023 with a focus on planning and funding the Broadcove Nature Trail Boardwalk project. This is a project that has been in the minds of some of the trails committee members for over a decade. Additionally, the team continued to monitor status of a MassTrails grant funded effort with the Horsley Witten Group (HWG) for a new trailhead connection that will connect the existing recreational area behind Town Hall with the future Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Sweets Knoll Rail Trail (SKRT). The SKRT is planned to eventually run the full extent of Dighton spanning from the northern border with the City of Taunton along the Railroad Right Of Way (RROW) south jumping onto Old Somerset Avenue behind Alice's Last Stop, and continuing down Pleasant Street where it will connect to the Town of Somerset. The SKRT once completed will be the center piece for other smaller planned trails interconnecting areas throughout Dighton connecting our town to the overall Taunton River Trail regional multi-mode twenty-two plus mile network (see <http://www.tauntonpathways.org/taunton-river-trail.html> for more information)

In January,

We hit the ground running with a meeting team meeting that included special guest Bill Napolitano recently retired from the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) office who attended our regular meeting this month to provide insight on grant strategies for the Trails committee. The team was trying to come up with plan for how the Broadcove Nature Trail boardwalk (a long-time desire) could funded. Team originally submitted a proposal to the Dighton Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for the full amount of \$150k for the initial design work which was not received well by the group. Bill suggested instead of just asking CPC for the lump sum of \$150k, the team should consider phasing out the project into more bite-sized chunks. With possible steps to include:

- Conceptual design funding from Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC)
- Survey work funded separately
- This trail is part of wild and scenic and has national monument status, so a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant is a possibility. Team could pursue a National Park Foundation grant or FLAP grant with a letter of support.
- MassTrails is a tough ask at this point with a submission deadline in a couple weeks
- There could also be a Save The Bay link for preservation of the salt marsh
- Jeff took an action to wordsmith the existing CPP funding request to structure a more phasing approach and look into other grant options to offset the costs.
- Additionally, we discussed status of DRRHS Hart Street Trailhead Kiosk Project. Karen is the team POC for this effort and working with John Herald from DRRHS. Goal is to have all items ordered by May 2024. Member Bill Frenette would like to donate a 4'x8' sheet of plexiglass to use on the project to save the team funds.

In February,

Chair Jeff met with CPC meeting in late January to discuss the Broadcove Nature Trail Boardwalk project. CPC team wanted to have a better understanding of project surety and any potential grant opportunities. CPC team also wanted to understand project timeline better.

Chair Jeff and then Town Administrator Mike Mullen met with Horsley Witten Group (HWG) to discuss the updates on the Sweets Knoll Rail Trail project. The HWG group was planning to have a public outreach meeting in the spring where they intend to communicate the latest project phasing approach. Biggest change we will see is an effort to carve out the extent from the Somerset Ave. trail head behind Alice's Last Stop to Sweet's Knoll State Park property as phase 1. Moving north from there to the town hall property is a later phase or phases because of the inclusion of the Center Street bridge.

Additionally, HWG assisted with phasing the Broadcove Nature Trail boardwalk project. A summary of the new plan was assembled and to be rolled into an updated proposal for the CPC. New phased approach:

- Phase 1 Total: \$62,500
- Wetland Delineation & Report (assuming surveyor will locate wetland flags): \$10,000
- Permitting (for geotechnical observations, NOI, inc. onsite visit and one hearing) and permitting strategy memo: \$14,000
- Geotechnical Observation and Analysis (Assume 3 borings): \$12,000
- Borings (Assume 3 borings): \$25,000
- Other (printing, mileage, mailing): \$1,500
- Phase 2 Total: \$86,000
- Survey: \$30,000
- Preliminary Boardwalk and Foundation Design (inc. report and prelim design plan): \$55,000
- Other (printing, mileage, mailing): \$1,000
- Total remains \$148,500

In March,

Met with the CPC during their normal 21 March meeting, CPC group received a detailed presentation from chair Jeff on the phased approach to fund the Broadcove Nature Trail boardwalk project. The group voted to take the application and presentation material under advisement and planned to discuss further independently before taking to a vote to fund or not fund.

In April,

Team received quote of items required to build the Hart Street trailhead kiosk from DRRHS. Total was approximately \$900. Team voted to expend the funds required to purchase all the necessary parts from a local supplier.

In May,

Team did not meet in May, but did learn that CPC voted to fund the Broadcove Nature Trail boardwalk project Phase 1.

In June,

Chair Jeff presented the Broadcove Nature Trails boardwalk Phase 1 proposal to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting, and the town voted to fund.

DRRHS made all required procurements for the Hart Street trailhead kiosk and plans to set those parts aside until the new school year begins in September.

Team held a hybrid meeting with the Conservation Commission (CONCOMM) to discuss efforts with Merilee Bowers, Mira Gentile, and Sarah Augustor from the Somerset Berkley Regional High School to discuss a proposed Windphone project to be located at the bus turnaround area on Rt 138 in Dighton in the vicinity of the Chief Tattapanum Trail. This was a student led project being facilitated by Merilee. Details on this effort can be found here: <https://www.mywindphone.com> Team offered to assist Merilee with site visits and any documentation needed to place this in Dighton. At the conclusion of the discussion, Lisa Caledonia recommended they reach out to her in order to file a Request to Determine Applicability (RDA) with the Conservation Commission for determine if there's anything the group needs to file additionally with the CONCOMM. Tom Ferry also said he can assist once they're wrapped up with the RDA to prepare them to present to the Board of Selectmen to receive the final authorization to proceed with the project. The trails committee thanked everyone from the team and the town for attending this meeting to get the Windphone team on track to get their project started in town

In July,

Team met to discuss next steps for the Broadcove Nature Trail boardwalk Phase 1 effort. As of the 2024 ATM, the trails committee was fully funded for Phase 1 for this project. The next steps are for the team to get an official proposal from the perspective performer and work towards getting the funding in place to fund the effort. Jeff took an action to reach out to HWG to ask their sub-contractor to assemble an official scope/proposal document we can use to fund the project. Proposal scope should include language to assure all deliverables are in hand in the May timeframe so they can be reviewed in the same FY with the trails committee members and the firm.

Rachel expressed concern that we still haven't seen any progress on the original TRSC grant funded feasibility study. This was a \$40k grant we received for assessing the connections north and south of the planned DCR Sweets Knoll trail. Jeff took an action to reach out to HWG to get status and plans to close out this work with a deliverable to the Town.

Member Rachel discussed concern with the Broadcove Nature Trail pet waste bag dispensers. It appears that animal waste is still being left at the dispensers so the group made the decision to remove these. Rachel took an action to reach out to Kevin Smith Jr. from Parks and Rec to see if he wants them back.

In August,

Team did not meet in August

In September,

Team met to discuss the Town Hall Trailhead MassTrails grant closeout deliverables received from HWG. Deliverables consisted of a 30% design drawing, Basis of design, and permitting plans. Team was surprised by the estimated cost to complete which did not include the engineering required to take the 30% design to a 100% design. Team also estimates that realistic construction

costs will only balloon as time progresses. Member Bob recommended we discuss options with the Town Highway Superintendent to see if he can suggest any other construction options. Chair Jeff took an action to reach out to Tom Ferry to see if he could attend the next trails meeting to discuss options.

In October,

Team met to discuss Broadcove Nature Trail Boardwalk project proposal with Mr. Tom Ferry, Dighton Highway Superintendent. Team presented drawing package and construction estimate received from HWG for the trailhead project being proposed by the Trails Committee on Town of Dighton property behind (east) of Dighton Town Hall connecting to the future Sweets Knoll Rail Trail (SKRT) being constructed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Tom thought the trail head design to the north starting from the pump house and going east to the future SKRT is a project the town should be able to undertake, but supplies and permitting would have to be funded by a source identified by the Trails Committee. Tom thought an RDA and not a full NOI could be sufficient for this design. This could also be a possible Scout project and Tom will add this to his list when he's approached by the Scouts for an Eagle project. Additionally, a smaller Scout project could be a sitting area (Adirondack) at the location where the trail meets the SKRT. Trail heading east from the pump house will also likely need "landings" for rest areas for any visitors needing to take a break on the route. Project area to the south seemed like a larger undertaking but could also be a larger Scout project. Tom suggested the committee look into Somerset Avenue n/f Wildlands Trust Inc. This is called out on the plans from HWG on the north east corner just over the stone wall. Tom asked to receive a copy of the drawings. Jeff took an action to post the drawings online so they can be downloaded. Team thanked Tom for his invaluable insight on the drawings and his time spent with the team during the meeting.

In November,

Team did not meet in November

In December,

Team did not meet, but did receive update from DRRHS that Hart Street Trailhead Kiosk construction is wrapping up. They will need the previously identified 4'x8' plexiglass sheet from the team and plans should be made early 2025 to have the kiosk picked up at the high school.

The Dighton Trails Committee looks forward to 2025 to continue ongoing work. The FY2026 budget year starting in July 2025 will be one of significant budget constraints due to other town obligations and any efforts by this board will need to be reduced to account for that. Despite budget challenges, the trails committee will continue to serve the Town of Dighton in every capacity possible to continue development of trails.

Respectfully,

Dighton Trails Committee

Jeffrey Carvalho, Chair
Karen Alves, Member
Bob Baglini, Member
Rachel Conti, Member
Bill Frenette, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In 2024, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held a total of 10 public meetings and received a total of 5 applications for variances or special permits during the year. Of those applications 5 were approved.

Following the 2024 Board of Selectmen appointments, the six-member Board organized as follows: Chairperson Zachary Caron, Vice Chairperson Gregory Logan, Clerk Jonathan Gale, Member Susan Gray Pritchard, Member David Phillips and Member Alys Vincent.

The Zoning Board of Appeals continues to offer information on the Town's website at www.dighton-ma.gov, is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Wednesday 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM and regularly meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The public is always invited and encouraged to attend.

Finally, the Board thanks Marguerite Mitchell, Esquire, all Town Departments, Town residents and all the interested parties who have attended our public hearings this year, who have given us input and allowed the ZBA to make well-informed decisions to effectively carry out our mission for the Town of Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Zachary Caron, Chairperson
Gregory Logan, Sr., Vice Chairperson
Jonathan Gale, Clerk
Susan Gray Pritchard, Member
David Phillips, Member
Alys Vincent, Member
Kerrie Easterday, Office Manager

Town Hall Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Closed on Fridays**Regular Scheduled Meetings**

Board of Selectmen..... Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Board of Health..... Third Tuesday at 4:30 pm
Board of Assessors.....Posted
Planning Board.....First and Third Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Cable Committee.....Posted
Conservation Commission.....Third Thursday at 7:00 pm
Council on Aging.....Posted
CPCThird Thursday at 6:00 pm
Finance Committee..... Posted
D-R Regional School Committee..... Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
Parks and Recreation.....Posted
Sewer Commission.....First Monday at 4:30 pm
Housing Authority.....Second Tuesday at 9:30 am at Lincoln Village
Historical Commission.....Second Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Development & Industrial CommissionFourth Monday at 6:00 pm
Zoning Board of AppealsFourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Telephone Numbers

Ambulance.....	9-1-1
Animal Control Officer.....	774 644 8004
Assessors.....	508 669 6431
Board of Health.....	774 872 0943
Board of Selectmen.....	508 669 6431
Building Inspector.....	508 669 6431
Council on Aging.....	508 823 0095
Fire Department (Business non-emergency line).....	508 669 6611
Highway Department.....	508 669 5461
Police Department.....	508 669 6711
Public Library.....	508 669 6421
Planning Board.....	774 872 0943
Plumbing Inspector.....	508 669 6431
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