



Annual Town Meeting  
Town Of Dighton, MA  
June 09, 2025

The Annual Town Meeting held on June 09, 2025, at the Dighton-Rehoboth High School and was called to order at 7:16 PM by Kevin Smith Jr., Moderator. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. The checkers were Rita Araujo, Jean Lahouse, Peg Mullen, Kathleen Perry, Joan Ready, Jo-Ann Wilson and Ashley Daigneault. From the Finance Committee was Chairman Peter J. Roache, Thomas Araujo, Tracy Karolczuk, Susan Lorenz, Ronald McKay, Jacob Stebbins, and Douglas White. Present and seated on stage from the Board of Selectmen was Chairman Peter Caron and Mark Pacheco. Also present and seated on stage was Ralph Vitacco Town Administrator, Matthew Costa Town Council, Shara Costa Town Clerk, and Sirena Amaral Town Accountant. Articles presented and made from floor Alisha Wilson and Nancy Goulart. The Annual Town Meeting Dissolved at 10:03 PM. Total attendance was 186

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On Motion of Peter Caron and Seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that we dispense with the reading of the warrant.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On Motion of Peter Caron 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.

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

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that we hear the reports of the Town Officials.

**Chairman Peter Caron of the Board of Selectmen read a statement:**

Good evening, thank you for gathering today for our annual town meeting. It is a privilege to stand before you, representing our community, as we face both challenges and opportunities in the coming year. I would like to acknowledge my fellow selectmen, Mark Pacheco and Nicole Mello who could not be here this evening for personal reasons. As we all know, this year's budget presents us with significant difficulties. The economic landscape has shifted, and we find ourselves navigating through tighter financial constraints. Our commitment to providing essential services while ensuring the well-being of our residents remains unwavering, but it requires us to be resourceful and innovative. First, I want to acknowledge the hard work of our town staff and committees who have tirelessly analyzed our financial situation. Their dedication has allowed us to identify areas where we can cut without compromising the quality of our community. However, we must also recognize the reality of increasing costs. These are not just numbers on a balance sheet; they represent the core of what makes our town a safe and thriving place to live. We cannot afford to let services decline, even in challenging times. To navigate this budget effectively, we need to have an open dialogue about our priorities. As we discuss potential cuts or reallocations, I encourage each of you to voice your thoughts and concerns. What services matter most to you and your families? Where can we work together to foster creative solutions? This is not merely a budget; it is a reflection of our community values and aspirations. I propose that we consider not only cost-cutting measures but also innovative funding opportunities. Grants, partnerships with local businesses, and community initiatives can supplement our budget and enhance our services. Together, we can explore new avenues of revenue that align with our community's goals. In closing, I want to emphasize that we are not alone in these challenges. Many towns face similar difficulties, but they are not Dighton. Let us approach this budget not just as a set of numbers, but as a roadmap to a resilient and thriving community. I look forward to your input and collaboration as we navigate this crucial process together.

**Mark Pacheco of the Board of Selectmen read the following statement:**

Good Evening Dighton,

Thank you for coming out and attending tonight's Annual Town Meeting. Your attendance to this meeting is so important, and greatly appreciated.

This is a historic meeting, and it has been a long time coming.

On March 5, 2022 our Town participated in a Special District Election to authorize the borrowing of \$305,567,432 to pay the costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new District high school, known as Bristol Plymouth Regional Vocation Technical High School. 882 Dighton Voters showed up. 309 Yes, 573 No. However, this vote did pass with approximately 52.4% of voters, (3,353 Yes, 3047 No) of the members town voters for this. Wow, what a small margin that was.

But, I said it's a historic meeting. That's because, tonight, hopefully, the Town will be one step closer in deciding how to pay for our Town's share of that debt. We are still on the hook for this.

The town tried in 2024 to address the issue of BP Debt, putting forth a debt exclusion to fund this project. It failed by just 62 votes. (2221 no, 2159 yes). Another small margin.

Our town still has approximately a 25 to 27 million dollar share of the debt that we must pay.

Three articles tonight could help solve our debt obligation: 18, 19 & 20. Please listen to the information about the with an open mind. We have finally arrived at the slippery slope where our education debt obligation has significantly impacted and crowded our ability to fund core town government functions and capital projects.

Thank you,

Mark Pacheco

**William Runey of Dighton-Rehoboth read the following statement:**

Good evening,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief "State of the District" address as you consider the FY26 school budget. I'm incredibly grateful to the residents of Dighton for your continued support. Your investment helps our students grow-academically, socially, creatively, and in service to others.

This year has been defined by collaboration and progress. I want to thank Dighton Board of Selectmen, Mr. Vitacco and the staff at Town Hall, the FinCom, Police Chief Nichols, Fire Chief Maguy, Deputy Chief Richards, and our SROs-Alyssa Bennett and Steve Hathaway-for their steadfast commitment to student safety. And of course, I'd be remiss not to mention Oakie, who brings joy wherever he goes.

I'm also joined tonight by School Committee Vice Chair Chris Andrade and want to acknowledge the hard work of members Donna Berdos, Eliza Couture, Glenn Jefferson, and Nicole Paiva. Your leadership continues to move this district forward.

At Dighton Elementary, our students and staff achieved wonderful things this year. The school earned \$15,000 through the Feinstein Foundation for projects promoting kindness, food security and student arts. Our students also won a statewide honor in the MassDOT "Name a Snowplow" contest with their clever and winning entry- "Taylor Drift."

Dighton Middle School students showed that same energy, launching a new Community Closet and earning additional Feinstein grant support. And when students from both DES and DMS participated in the Special Olympics this May, their return was unforgettable-escorted back to campus by Dighton first responders in a moment that truly embodied community pride and inclusion.

Both schools benefited from increased cross-grade collaboration, including hands-on hydroponics lessons and shared Career Days that introduced students to real-world opportunities. Through Title 1 and ST Math, we've also strengthened our instructional foundation for the future.

And the Dighton PTO continues to be a true force-raising tens of thousands of dollars this year, including an extraordinary \$47,900- just last week alone – in their annual Color Run fundraiser. Their dedication speaks volumes about this town's commitment to our schools.

I also want to thank Dighton residents for the two-thirds support of the MSBA Feasibility Study last fall. This critical step sets the stage for exploring exciting, fiscally responsible options for a renovated or rebuilt Dighton Elementary. I'm equally grateful to the School Building Committee for their tireless volunteer efforts throughout this process.

We know that budgets are tight, but your trust is yielding results. Our High School's enrollment is on the rise, and students are flocking to our Career & Technical Education programs. The grant writer that the School Committee implemented last year has secured nearly \$650,000 in external funding in under a year-easing the local burden while supporting innovation.

At the state level, we continue to press legislators like Sen. Dooner and Rep. Thurber for meaningful Chapter 70 Funding Formula reform so that towns like Dighton receive fair and sustainable funding.

To our educators, paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and administrators-you are the heartbeat of this work. And to this community: thank you for your partnership and belief in what public education can be.

Together, we are Driving Toward 2030-and together, we are DR.

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

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen,

The five-year recertification of property values was completed. As expected, real estate values increased. Dighton continues to be an attractive community in which to live due to its "small town feeling", the services it offers and the public education opportunities available to its residents.

Later this evening, you will be asked to approve a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement for the solar farm located on Brook Street. This Agreement was rejected by the project owners twice in the past. However, at the owner's request and recommendation of the Board of Assessors, the Board of Selectmen agreed to place it on tonight's town meeting warrant. Approval of this PILOT Agreement will mean twenty year of personal property taxes at established yearly rate. This is the last PILOT Agreement pending action at town meeting.

We will provide more information to you when this article is discussed.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors

William F. Moore, Chairman

Nancy J. Goulart, Clerk

Eric J. Easterday, Member

**Ronald O’Conner of Dighton Public Library Board of Trustees read the following statement:**

Status of the New Dighton Public Library at Smith Memorial Hall, 207 Main Street

- At the 2022 annual town meeting, voters approved
  - The purchase of Smith Memorial Hall for the library using federal American Rescue Plan Act funds and
  - Allocated funds for the Smith Memorial Hall renovation project
- At the 2023 annual town meeting, voters approved the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) recommendation to allocate CPC funds for an updated HVAC system at 207 Main Street
- The library trustees are grateful for the support of the annual town meeting voters and the enthusiastic response of many residents to the new library plans.
  - We are moving steadily forward to completion of the project on budget with an anticipated opening in about 100 days – September 2025.
  - When we cut the ribbon on the new library in September, we will have moved from a small inaccessible, and outdated early 20th century building at 395 Main Street to a larger, accessible, and updated late 19th century building at 207 Main Street to establish the more modern, 21st century library that residents deserve.
- The library building committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, meets at least monthly to keep the building project on course.
- The library board of trustees, in addition to its regular monthly meetings, joins all building committee meetings to ensure seamless communication, decision-making, and collaboration on the project.
- The trustees are grateful for the extraordinary participation of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School students from the electrical and carpentry programs.
- The library has convened 2 public forums to obtain input on the measures to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities. The forums and some building improvements are supported by a grant from the American Library Association.

- The trustees are grateful to the Friends of the Dighton Public Library for their generous donations of funds from their annual golf tournaments. Some of those funds have been committed to purchase and install an interactive, digital whiteboard for the program room.
- The library board of trustees collaborates with the Friends, library staff, library building committee, and others on planning for the grand opening.
- Among the proposed features of the grand opening event will be a walk from the old Andrew Carnegie-funded library at 395 Main Street to the new library at 207 Main Street in a re-enactment of part of the dedication of the Carnegie library in 1911.
- To learn more about the project
  - Follow the Dighton Public Library on Facebook where library staff provide regular updates
  - Visit the library web page
  - Attend a program about the history of Smith Memorial Hall on Thursday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall
- We have come a long way in the 130 years since the 1895 annual town meeting allocated \$25 to establish a room at the Town House (now Old Town Hall) for the Dighton Public Library.
- Thanks again to annual town meeting voters who launched this project with its approvals three years ago.
- There will be many more people and organizations to thank in September. For now, we are excited to soon bring Dighton residents a library that they deserve – larger, accessible, and more modern.

**Peter Roache of the Finance Committee read the following statement:**

Mr. Moderator, BOS, Mr Administrator, Ms Clerk, Town Council, Members of the Finance Committee and fellow residents of Dighton. Welcome to Annual Town meeting: My name is Peter Roache, Chairman of the Finance committee. Let me begin by thanking the Departments Heads, Town Administrator, Town Accountant, BOS Administrator Karin Brady for their assistance in preparing tonight's Warrant. We would like to thank the financial team for their hard work over the last year in tightening many of the accounting policies and procedures that helped get the town to this point. These changes have made the budget process for many of the town departments significantly more streamlined, and we shouldn't go any further tonight without congratulations Sirena on her recent certification. At last years annual meeting I ended my report saying that difficult decisions are on the horizon. That horizon is here. This year each department was given the difficult task of a 2.5% reduction in their budget with larger reductions in Police, Fire and Highway. These reductions would need to be made after accounting for the contractual salary increases. On a very rough basis, if you back out the school budgets, over 75% of the remaining town budget is payroll and benefits. That doesn't

leave much room for reductions, however, the departments worked diligently knowing we have a larger debt obligation with BP. The payment increased roughly 300k for 26 and will increase an additional XX% in 27. As part of reviewing the budget, the finance committee felt it was necessary to adjust stipends as a one time 50% reduction as opposed to the 33% annual reduction that the BOS had in mind.

The people who receive stipends do a significant amount of work for the town, many, if you looked at it on a per hour rate would be less than minimum wage. Fin comm would like these to be back to 25 level in next years budget. Back to the difficult decisions. In the fy25 budget free cash was used to balance the budget and it was discussed that this was not sustainable. In November of 24 there was a vote on a debt exclusion for the BP & BA obligations that failed. Because of this, even with the diligence of the departments, we are once again using free cash in order to balance the budget. While it is early, it is very possible that after paying the capital obligations this fall, there will not be enough free cash to do this for fy27. Some of those decisions will come with this meeting – 1. The ability to discuss a Sanitation enterprise fund (pay for trash), 2. A second vote on a debt exclusion, or barring those options, the third option would be a reduction in town employees. On a Brightside, fy26 is the final year of the debt exclusion for the HS remodel. This is a \$108k obligation that will go away. Additionally, there is 5 years remaining on the DES/DMS roof debt (131k) and 12 years on the Police Station (332k). At 6/30 (projected) Capital Stabilization\$254,858 (0.9%) Stab \$ 2,119,129 (7.6%) Free Cash after articles \$181k, Ambulance Fund \$XXk. In closing the FinCom met extensively with all involved to develop the recommendations in front of you and ask for your support of these recommendations. Thank you again for your attendance at this important Annual meeting and we welcome all comments and questions along the way.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On Motion of Mark Pacheco 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 statue.

**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 \$1,704.74 to pay prior year bills.

Prior Year Bills	Department	Amount
Factory Motor Sports	Highway	\$165.87
Debbie's Uniform	Police Department	\$759.96
Debbie's Uniform	Communications/911	\$778.91
	Total	\$1,704.74

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

**ARTICLE 4. Motion Carries:** On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the town vote to establish the salaries of Elected Town Officials for Fiscal Year 2026 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 9. 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**ARTICLE 4: Motion to Amend Fails:** On motion of Nancy Goulart and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I Move to amend the salaries of Elected Town Officials back to amount paid in FY25 with addition to reinstate the Moderator back to \$500.00 – Hand Count Requested 61 Yes Votes 89 No Votes

<b>Elected Officials</b>	<b>FY25 Budget Request</b>	<b>Finance Committee Recommendations</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen Recommendations</b>
<b>Board of Assessors</b>			
Chairman	\$4,952.55	\$2,476.28	\$3,301.37
Member	\$4,952.55	\$2,476.28	\$3,301.37
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<b>Board of Selectmen</b>			
Chairman	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,333.00
Member	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,333.00
Member	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,333.00
<b>Tree Warden</b>	\$282.79	\$141.40	\$188.51
<b>Moderator</b>	\$0	\$250.00	\$333.00
<b>Town Clerk</b>	\$79,529.31	\$79,529.31	\$79,529.31
<b>Town Collector</b>	\$40,723.83	\$40,723.83	\$40,723.83
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	\$40,723.83	\$40,723.83	\$40,723.83



<b>Planning Board</b>			
Chairman	\$2,239.06	\$1,119.53	\$1,492.56
Member	\$2,239.06	\$1,119.53	\$1,492.56
Member	\$2,239.06	\$1,119.53	\$1,492.56
Member	\$2,239.06	\$1,119.53	\$1,492.56
Member	\$2,239.06	\$1,119.53	\$1,492.56
<b>Sewer Commissioners</b>			
Chairman	\$3,444.50	\$1,722.25	\$2,296.10
Member	\$2,285.84	\$1,142.92	\$1,523.74
Member	\$2,285.84	\$1,142.92	\$1,523.74

### Board of Selectmen Recommends

#### ARTICLE 5.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate and to transfer from available funds and to transfer from Sewer Indirect Costs, to total amount of \$1,779,112.58 to the General Government accounts, as specified in the Warrant for June 09, 2025 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, specifically to raise and appropriate \$1,542,195.10 and to transfer \$215,520.00 from Free Cash and to transfer \$21,397.48 from Sewer Indirect Costs for fiscal year 2026.

### TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET For the Fiscal Year 2026

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>113</b>	<b>TOWN MEETING</b>				
	Personnel	\$2,300.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>	<b>\$3,705.00</b>	<b>\$3,705.00</b>	<b>\$3,705.00</b>
<b>114</b>	<b>MODERATOR</b>				
	Personnel	\$500.00		\$250.00	\$333.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$333.00</b>
<b>122</b>	<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>				
	Personnel	\$103,458.86	\$111,899.60	\$104,399.60	\$106,898.60
	Expenses	\$88,285.00	\$83,150.00	\$82,900.00	\$82,900.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$191,743.86</b>	<b>\$195,049.60</b>	<b>\$187,299.60</b>	<b>\$189,798.60</b>
<b>124</b>	<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>				
	Personnel	\$176,814.42	\$181,129.61	\$181,129.61	\$181,129.61

	Expenses	\$14,698.35	\$16,525.00	\$16,525.00	\$16,525.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$191,512.77</b>	<b>\$197,654.61</b>	<b>\$197,654.61</b>	<b>\$197,654.61</b>
<b>131</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>				
	Personnel	\$3,595.00	\$3,250.00	\$1,625.00	\$2,166.45
	Expenses	\$355.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$3,950.00</b>	<b>\$3,475.00</b>	<b>\$1,850.00</b>	<b>\$2,391.45</b>
<b>132</b>	<b>RESERVE FUND</b>				
	Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>135</b>	<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>				
	Personnel	\$143,081.50	\$148,003.77	\$148,003.77	\$148,003.77
	Expenses	\$32,500.00	\$28,175.00	\$28,175.00	\$28,175.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$175,581.50</b>	<b>\$176,178.77</b>	<b>\$176,178.77</b>	<b>\$176,178.77</b>
<b>141</b>	<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>				
	Personnel	\$196,741.69	\$201,325.83	\$193,897.01	\$196,372.29
	Expenses	\$31,700.00	\$28,020.00	\$28,020.00	\$28,020.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$228,441.69</b>	<b>\$229,345.83</b>	<b>\$221,917.01</b>	<b>\$224,392.29</b>
<b>145</b>	<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>				
	Personnel	\$81,072.89	\$83,386.32	\$83,386.32	\$83,386.32
	Expenses	\$30,700.00	\$29,835.00	\$29,635.00	\$29,635.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$111,772.89</b>	<b>\$113,221.32</b>	<b>\$113,021.32</b>	<b>\$113,021.32</b>
<b>146</b>	<b>TOWN COLLECTOR</b>				
	Personnel	\$81,322.89	\$83,136.32	\$83,136.32	\$83,136.32
	Expenses	\$24,350.00	\$24,000.00	\$23,800.00	\$23,800.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$105,672.89</b>	<b>\$107,136.32</b>	<b>\$106,936.32</b>	<b>\$106,936.32</b>
<b>151</b>	<b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>				
	Expenses	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>
<b>155</b>	<b>DATA PROCESSING</b>				
	Expenses	\$65,373.58	\$77,299.55	\$77,299.55	\$77,299.55
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$65,373.58</b>	<b>\$77,299.55</b>	<b>\$77,299.55</b>	<b>\$77,299.55</b>
<b>158</b>	<b>TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE</b>				
	Expenses	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>161</b>	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
	Personnel	\$141,776.20	\$145,149.51	\$145,149.51	\$145,149.51
	Expenses	\$9,675.00	\$11,600.00	\$11,600.00	\$11,600.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$151,451.20</b>	<b>\$156,749.51</b>	<b>\$156,749.51</b>	<b>\$156,749.51</b>
<b>162</b>	<b>ELECTIONS</b>				
	Personnel	\$16,518.10	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
	Expenses	\$25,987.00	\$20,912.00	\$11,312.00	\$11,312.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$42,505.10</b>	<b>\$29,912.00</b>	<b>\$20,312.00</b>	<b>\$20,312.00</b>

163	<b>REGISTRATION</b>				
	Personnel	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Expenses	\$7,702.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$8,302.00</b>	<b>\$8,600.00</b>	<b>\$8,600.00</b>	<b>\$8,600.00</b>
171	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>				
	Personnel	\$65,391.61	\$59,804.30	\$59,804.30	\$59,804.30
	Expenses	\$4,100.00	\$3,650.00	\$3,650.00	\$3,650.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$69,491.61</b>	<b>\$63,454.30</b>	<b>\$63,454.30</b>	<b>\$63,454.30</b>
174	<b>DIGHTON TRAILS COMMITTEE</b>				
	Expenses	\$800.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
175	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
	Personnel	\$44,779.77	\$45,136.60	\$39,538.95	\$41,404.09
	Expenses	\$16,087.17	\$13,860.35	\$13,860.35	\$13,860.35
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$60,866.94</b>	<b>\$58,996.95</b>	<b>\$53,399.30</b>	<b>\$55,264.44</b>
176	<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>				
	Personnel	\$29,671.82	\$29,743.05	\$26,185.29	\$27,370.77
	Expenses	\$8,700.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$38,371.82</b>	<b>\$37,343.05</b>	<b>\$33,785.29</b>	<b>\$34,970.77</b>
179	<b>AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION</b>				
	Expenses		\$450.00		
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
189	<b>DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
192	<b>PUBLIC BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>				
	Expenses	\$250,140.00	\$255,600.00	\$254,800.00	\$254,800.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$250,140.00</b>	<b>\$255,600.00</b>	<b>\$254,800.00</b>	<b>\$254,800.00</b>
195	<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>				
	Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$1,823,777.85</b>	<b>\$1,824,571.81</b>	<b>\$1,779,112.58</b>	<b>\$1,787,761.93</b>

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the town vote to Raise & Appropriate and transfer from the Ambulance Fund, the total amount of \$4,428,523.28 to Public Safety accounts, as specified in the Warrant of June 9,2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, specifically to Raise & Appropriate \$3,953,523.28 and to transfer \$475,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund for fiscal year 2026.

**TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET  
For the Fiscal Year 2026**

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
<b>210</b>	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>				
	Personnel	\$1,750,741.90	\$1,774,751.08	\$1,771,751.08	\$1,771,751.08
	Expenses	\$245,587.89	\$224,700.58	\$224,700.58	\$224,700.58
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,996,329.79</b>	<b>\$1,999,451.66</b>	<b>\$1,996,451.66</b>	<b>\$1,996,451.66</b>
<b>215</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT</b>				
	Personnel	\$396,103.59	\$408,643.37	\$408,643.37	\$408,643.37
	Expenses	\$34,100.00	\$37,182.67	\$37,182.67	\$37,182.67
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$430,203.59</b>	<b>\$445,826.04</b>	<b>\$445,826.04</b>	<b>\$445,826.04</b>
<b>220</b>	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				
	Personnel	\$734,249.47	\$742,440.88	\$742,440.88	\$742,440.88
	Expenses	\$104,538.50	\$93,572.50	\$93,572.50	\$93,572.50
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$838,787.97</b>	<b>\$836,013.38</b>	<b>\$836,013.38</b>	<b>\$836,013.38</b>
<b>231</b>	<b>AMBULANCE SERVICES</b>				
	Personnel	\$742,555.06	\$750,912.57	\$750,912.57	\$750,912.57
	Expenses	\$135,316.50	\$121,482.50	\$121,482.50	\$121,482.50
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$877,871.56</b>	<b>\$872,395.07</b>	<b>\$872,395.07</b>	<b>\$872,395.07</b>
<b>241</b>	<b>BUILDING INSPECTION</b>				
	Personnel	\$154,690.32	\$160,453.51	\$160,453.51	\$160,453.51
	Expenses	\$29,980.00	\$14,180.00	\$14,180.00	\$14,180.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$184,670.32</b>	<b>\$174,633.51</b>	<b>\$174,633.51</b>	<b>\$174,633.51</b>
<b>242</b>	<b>GAS INSPECTION</b>				
	Personnel	\$6,000.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00
	Expenses	\$750.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>
<b>243</b>	<b>PLUMBING INSPECTION</b>				
	Personnel	\$7,000.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00
	Expenses	\$750.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>
<b>244</b>	<b>WEIGHTS AND MEASURES</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>245</b>	<b>ELECTRICAL INSPECTION</b>				
	Personnel	\$18,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

	Expenses	\$1,500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
292	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>				
	Personnel	\$46,990.44	\$48,415.50	\$48,415.50	\$48,415.50
	Expenses	\$13,025.00	\$14,896.72	\$14,146.72	\$13,896.72
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$60,015.44</b>	<b>\$63,312.22</b>	<b>\$62,562.22</b>	<b>\$62,312.22</b>
294	<b>FORESTRY</b>				
	Personnel	\$275.83	\$282.79	\$141.40	\$188.51
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$275.83</b>	<b>\$282.79</b>	<b>\$141.40</b>	<b>\$188.51</b>
299	<b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE</b>				
	Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$4,428,654.50</b>	<b>\$4,432,414.67</b>	<b>\$4,428,523.28</b>	<b>\$4,428,320.39</b>

**MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Jacob Stebbins and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & Appropriate for Education assessments, as specified in the Warrant of June 9,2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, the sum of \$15,462,930.10 for fiscal year 2026.

**Motion to Table Fails:** On motion from floor to table – Hand Count Requested 48 Yes Votes  
107 No Votes

### TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET For the Fiscal Year 2026

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	<b>EDUCATION</b>				
300	<b>DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL</b>				
	Expenses	\$12,913,479.00	\$13,401,910.00	\$13,401,910.00	\$13,401,910.00
300	<b>BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL</b>				
	Expenses	\$279,906.48	\$363,883.10	\$363,883.10	\$363,883.10
300	<b>BRISTOL – PLYMOUTH REG. TECH. HIGH SCHOOL</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,437,737.00	\$1,697,137.00	\$1,697,137.00	\$1,697,137.00
300	<b>Out of District Obligation</b>	\$100,216.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$14,731,338.48</b>	<b>\$15,462,930.10</b>	<b>\$15,462,930.10</b>	<b>\$15,462,930.10</b>

**MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Tracy Karolczuk and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & appropriate to the Highway and Streets accounts, as specified in the Warrant of June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, in the amount of \$1,048,255.03 for fiscal year 2026.

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	<b>HIGHWAY</b>				
<b>422</b>	<b>HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE</b>				
	Personnel	\$599,485.86	\$596,303.83	\$596,303.83	\$596,303.83
	Expenses	\$183,466.00	\$151,466.00	\$151,466.00	\$151,466.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$782,951.86</b>	<b>\$747,769.83</b>	<b>\$747,769.83</b>	<b>\$747,769.83</b>
<b>423</b>	<b>SNOW AND ICE CONTROL</b>				
	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
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>429</b>	<b>DIGHTON-BERKLEY BRIDGE</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,300.00	\$800.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
<b>432</b>	<b>STREET CLEANING/STORMWATER</b>				
	Personnel	\$149,135.04	\$149,347.20	\$149,347.20	\$149,347.20
	Expenses	\$98,071.61	\$99,838.00	\$99,838.00	\$99,838.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$247,206.65</b>	<b>\$249,185.20</b>	<b>\$249,185.20</b>	<b>\$249,185.20</b>
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>	<b>\$1,081,758.51</b>	<b>\$1,048,555.03</b>	<b>\$1,048,255.03</b>	<b>\$1,047,755.03</b>

**MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Thomas Araujo and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & Appropriate to the Sanitation accounts, as specified in the Warrant of June 9,2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, in the amount of \$944,070.72 for fiscal year 2026.

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	<b>SANITATION</b>				
<b>433</b>	<b>WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL</b>				
	Expenses	\$783,600.00	\$846,000.90	\$846,000.90	\$846,000.90
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$783,600.00</b>	<b>\$846,000.90</b>	<b>\$846,000.90</b>	<b>\$846,000.90</b>
<b>435</b>	<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>				
	Personnel	\$22,329.66	\$22,329.66	\$22,811.99	\$22,811.99
	Expenses	\$81,232.83	\$75,257.83	\$75,257.83	\$75,257.83
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$103,562.49</b>	<b>\$97,587.49</b>	<b>\$98,069.82</b>	<b>\$98,069.82</b>
	<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>	<b>\$887,162.49</b>	<b>\$943,588.39</b>	<b>\$944,070.72</b>	<b>\$944,070.72</b>

**MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & Appropriate to the Other Environmental accounts, as specified in the Warrant of June 9,2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, in the amount of \$29,603.50 for fiscal year 2026.

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	<b>OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL</b>				
<b>491</b>	<b>CEMETERY</b>				
	Expenses	\$30,021.50	\$29,603.50	\$29,603.50	\$29,603.50
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$30,021.50</b>	<b>\$29,603.50</b>	<b>\$29,603.50</b>	<b>\$29,603.50</b>
	<b>TOTAL OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	<b>\$30,021.50</b>	<b>\$29,603.50</b>	<b>\$29,603.50</b>	<b>\$29,603.50</b>

**MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & Appropriate to the Human Services accounts, as specified in the Warrant of June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, in the amount of \$420,398.56 for fiscal year 2026.

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>				
510	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS AND INSPECTIONS</b>				
	Personnel	\$133,515.00	\$130,906.46	\$123,791.96	\$126,162.51
	Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$137,515.00</b>	<b>\$134,456.46</b>	<b>\$127,341.96</b>	<b>\$129,712.51</b>
541	<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>				
	Personnel	\$165,649.20	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00
	Expenses	\$12,783.00	\$6,865.05	\$6,865.05	\$6,865.05
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$178,432.20</b>	<b>\$176,865.05</b>	<b>\$176,865.05</b>	<b>\$176,865.05</b>
543	<b>VETERANS' SERVICES</b>				
	Personnel	\$52,460.81	\$56,016.30	\$52,891.55	\$52,891.55
	Expenses	\$70,050.00	\$63,300.00	\$63,300.00	\$63,300.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$122,510.81</b>	<b>\$119,316.30</b>	<b>\$116,191.55</b>	<b>\$116,191.55</b>
549	<b>COMMISSION ON DISABILITY</b>				
	Personnel	-0-			
	Expenses	\$450.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
	<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>\$438,908.01</b>	<b>\$430,637.81</b>	<b>\$420,398.56</b>	<b>\$422,769.11</b>



**MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & appropriate and transfer from PEG Access Funds to the Culture and Recreation accounts, the sum of \$391,172.00 as specified in the Warrant of June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically to Raise and appropriate \$332,652.00 and to transfer \$58,520.00 from the PEG Access for fiscal year 2026.

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				
<b>610</b>	<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>				
	Personnel	\$238,436.27	\$240,859.20	\$240,859.20	\$240,859.20
	Expenses	\$78,765.00	\$75,385.00	\$74,742.80	\$74,742.80
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$317,201.27</b>	<b>\$316,244.20</b>	<b>\$315,602.00</b>	<b>\$315,602.00</b>
<b>630</b>	<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>				
	Expenses	\$21,000.00	\$16,200.00	\$16,200.00	\$15,700.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,200.00</b>	<b>\$16,200.00</b>	<b>\$15,700.00</b>
<b>690</b>	<b>TOWN HISTORIAN</b>				
	Expenses	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>691</b>	<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,400.00	\$1,100.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>698</b>	<b>CABLE COMMISSION</b>				
	Personnel	\$30,000.00	\$45,500.00	\$45,500.00	\$45,500.00
	Expenses	\$18,280.00	\$13,020.00	\$13,020.00	\$13,020.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$48,280.00</b>	<b>\$58,520.00</b>	<b>\$58,520.00</b>	<b>\$58,520.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$388,131.27</b>	<b>\$392,314.20</b>	<b>\$391,172.00</b>	<b>\$390,672.00</b>

**MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & appropriate and transfer from Title V Funds to the Debt accounts, the sum of \$339,343.00 as specified in the Warrant of June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically to Raise and appropriate \$332,674.00 and to transfer \$6,669.00 from the Title V for fiscal year 2026.

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmer
	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
710	<b>MATURING PRINCIPAL ON LONG TERM DEBT</b>				
	Expenses	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00	\$241,668.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$241,668.00</b>	<b>\$241,668.00</b>	<b>\$241,668.00</b>	<b>\$241,668.00</b>
751	<b>INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT</b>				
	Expenses	\$109,425.00	\$97,675.00	\$97,675.00	\$97,675.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$109,425.00</b>	<b>\$97,675.00</b>	<b>\$97,675.00</b>	<b>\$97,675.00</b>
752	<b>INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	<b>\$351,093.00</b>	<b>\$339,343.00</b>	<b>\$339,343.00</b>	<b>\$339,343.00</b>

**MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Jacob Stebbins and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & appropriate to the Employee Benefits accounts, the sum of \$2,743,376.54 as specified in the Warrant of June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, for fiscal year 2026.

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmer
	<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
911	<b>RETIREMENT &amp; PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,109,468.00	\$1,160,890.00	\$1,160,890.00	\$1,160,890.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,109,468.00</b>	<b>\$1,160,890.00</b>	<b>\$1,160,890.00</b>	<b>\$1,160,890.00</b>
914	<b>GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,355,348.00	\$1,466,486.54	\$1,466,486.54	\$1,466,486.54
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,355,348.00</b>	<b>\$1,466,486.54</b>	<b>\$1,466,486.54</b>	<b>\$1,466,486.54</b>
915	<b>GROUP LIFE INSURANCE</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
916	<b>EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>				
	Expenses	\$95,000.00	\$98,500.00	\$98,500.00	\$98,500.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$95,000.00</b>	<b>\$98,500.00</b>	<b>\$98,500.00</b>	<b>\$98,500.00</b>
919	<b>OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)</b>				
	Expenses	\$35,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
920	<b>TUITION</b>				
	Expenses	\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$2,605,316.00</b>	<b>\$2,743,376.54</b>	<b>\$2,743,376.54</b>	<b>\$2,743,376.54</b>

**MOTION CARRIES:** On Motion of Tracy Karolczuk and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to Raise & Appropriate to the Liability Insurance accounts, the sum of \$266,704.00 as specified in the Warrant of June 9,2025, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, for fiscal year 2026.

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Request	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	SETTLEMENTS AND COURT JUDGEMENTS				
940	SETTLEMENTS				
	Expenses				
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
941	COURT JUDGEMENTS				
	Expenses				
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL SETTLEMENTS AND COURT JUDGEMENTS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE				
	Expenses	\$251,608.00	\$266,704.00	\$266,704.00	\$266,704.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$251,608.00	\$266,704.00	\$266,704.00	\$266,704.00
	TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$251,608.00	\$266,704.00	\$266,704.00	\$266,704.00
	GENERAL FUND TOTALS	\$27,017,769.61	\$27,914,039.05	\$27,853,489.31	\$27,863,309.32

**ARTICLE 6. PASSES:** On Motion of Thomas Araujo 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 operation and maintenance of the Sewer Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2026, as recommended by the Finance Committee and printed in Article 6 of the June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

		<b>Finance Committee Recommendations</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen Recommendations</b>
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
Salaries	\$153,220.95	\$149,212.87	\$150,548.36
Expenses	\$186,600.00	\$186,600.00	\$186,600.00
Capital Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
<b>Indirect Costs</b>	\$21,397.48	\$21,397.48	\$21,397.48

The above appropriations will be funded as follows:

\$329,825.00 through sewer receipts and \$77,385.35 transferred from Sewer Enterprise retained earnings totaling \$407,210.35.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

***Finance Committee Recommends***

**ARTICLE 7. PASSES:** 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 (CPC) for the Committee administrative expenses, Community Preservation projects and other expenses in the fiscal year 2026, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

***Finance Committee Recommends***

***Committee Preservation Committee Recommends***

**ARTICLE 8. PASSES:** On Motion of Alisha Wilson and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote a sum of \$18,500.00 to be appropriated as \$8,500.00 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Resources and \$10,000.00 from the CPA Unreserved/undesignated Fund Balance to be expended by the Community Preservation Committee for the structural repairs to the Dighton Historical Society (Winslow Davis Museum) located at 1217 Williams Street, Dighton, MA 02715. 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.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

***Finance Committee Recommends***

***Committee Preservation Committee Recommends***

**ARTICLE 9. PASSES:** On Motion of Alisha Wilson and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote a sum of \$67,000.00 to be appropriated as \$33,500.00 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space and \$33,500.00 from the CPA Unreserved/undesignated Fund Balance to be expended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment, and all associated construction costs at the Timothy "Joe" Rhines Memorial Playground located on the corners of School Lane and Palmer Street (Lot 017.0-0-0064.0000.0) Dighton, MA 02715. 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.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

***Finance Committee Recommends***

***Committee Preservation Committee Recommends***

**ARTICLE 10. PASSES:** On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the town bylaws in Article XXXVI, Section 5, Authorized Revolving Funds to add and establish additional revolving funds as outlined in Article 10 of the June 9, 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Fund #	Department Fund	Department, Board or Committee Authorized to Spend	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Fiscal Years
3525	Detail Cruiser Usage Fees	Dighton Chief of Police	Maintenance, Repair and Acquisition of Police Vehicles and Vehicle Equipment; Scheduling Software	Detail Cruiser Usage Fees	Fiscal Year 26 and Subsequent Years
	Commission on Disability	Board of Selectmen	Accessibility and Inclusion Improvements to Town Facilities and/or Programs	Fines and Monies Collected from Handicap Parking Fines	Fiscal Year 26 and Subsequent Years
3535	Police Department Firearms Training Outside Usage	Chief of Police	Purchase of Ammunition, Range Supplies and Firearms related Materials	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Usage of Range	Fiscal Year 26 and subsequent Years

**Board of Selectmen Recommends**

**ARTICLE 11. PASSES:** On Motion of Mark Pacheco and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 as most recently amended, establish fiscal year limitation on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the Town of Dighton General Bylaws, Article XXXVI. "Departmental Revolving Funds", with such limitations for FY26 as Stated in Article 11 of the June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Receipt Type</b>	<b>FY26 Spending Limit</b>
3290	<b>Trustees of the Dighton Public Library</b>	Expended for printing and copying supplies	Copying, Faxing and Printing Services	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
3280	<b>Trustees of the Dighton Public Library</b>	Replacement of Library materials	Fines and monies collected for overdue, lost or damaged materials	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
3270	<b>Council on Aging Board</b>	Expended for the Purpose of Running the Program	Fees, Charges and Receipts for Services rendered by Prime Time	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
3525	<b>Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage Fund</b>	Fuel and Maintenance of Police Fleet	Revenue from Detail Cruiser Usage Fees	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
3535	<b>Police Department Firearms Training Range Outside Usage</b>	Purchase of Ammunition Range Supplies and Firearms and Related Materials	Revenue from the Outside Usage of the DPD Firearms Training Range	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
3615	<b>Police Department Youth and Community Policing Engagement Fund</b>	Programs and Engagements (youth Police Academy Coffee with a Cop, Riverfront 5K)	Tuition and Fees	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
3855	<b>Police Cruiser Insurance Reimbursement Fund</b>	Repairs Directly Related to Insurance Claims	Insurance Payments	<b>\$100,000.00</b>



3515	<b>Parks and Recreation Field Usage</b>	Field and Equipment Maintenance/ Repairs and Replacement, Support Recreational Programs	Fees Charged and Monies Received for Field Use, Recreational Programs	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
3616	<b>Council on Aging</b>	Program Vendor's Invoices and Meal Expenses	Fees Charges for Programs and Meals Offered by the Council on Aging	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
3035	<b>BOS Insurance Reimbursement</b>	Repairs Directly Related to Insurance Claims	Insurance Payments	<b>\$200,000.00</b>
4125	<b>Municipal Building Insurance Fund</b>	Repairs Directly Related to Insurance Claims	Insurance Payments	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

**ARTICLE 12. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$131,000.00 to fund the FY25 Snow and Ice deficit.

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

**ARTICLE 13. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Cable Committee Peg Access and Cable Related Fund, Account #240-330-698-3300-3022-40 to be expended by the Cable Committee to purchase audio and video production equipment, related storage systems and their housing, as well as other materials and equipment required for the operation of a twenty-first century local media network. 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 PEG Access  
Finance Committee Recommends PEG Access***

**ARTICLE 14. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Douglas White 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 Board of Selectmen to be used as matching funds for the FY25 Dighton Municipal Fiber Grant.

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

**ARTICLE 15. MOTION TABLED:** On Ron McKay and seconded, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$25,000.00 to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund.

On Motion from floor to Table and seconded, I move to Table Article 15 **PASSES**

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

**ARTICLE 16. MOTION PASSES:** On 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 2026 Highway Program under Chapter 90, and the town road improvement program.

**Board of Selectmen Recommends**

**ARTICLE 17. MOTION PASSES:** On 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 18. MOTION TABLED** On Motion of Mark Pacheco and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing Sanitation as an Enterprise Fund effective Fiscal Year 2027.

On Motion from floor to Table and seconded, I move to Table Article 18 **PASSES**

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

**ARTICLE 19. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Mark Pacheco and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of MGL Ch 53, §188 to allow the governing body to provide Dighton voters with information related to ballot questions, both on the town election ballot and as a separate mailing.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

**ARTICLE 20. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Mark Pacheco and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$7,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund the implementation of the provisions of MGL Ch 53, §18B.

**ARTICLE 20: Motion for:** On motion from floor – Hand Count Requested 77 Yes Votes to Pass 38 No Votes

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

**ARTICLE 21. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Raymond Hague and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, §5, Clause 22J which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption under General Laws Chapter 59, §5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E, and Clause 22F by 100% of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

**ARTICLE 22. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of William Moore 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 a personal property account to be taxed, and further establish such minimum fair cash value at \$10,000.00.

**Board of Selectmen Recommends**

**ARTICLE 23. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Jeffrey Carvalho and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by deleting Section 2500, Accessory Apartments, in its entirety and replacing the same with a new Section 2500, Accessory Dwelling Units, as outlined in Article 23 of the June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

2500. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

2510. Purpose.

The purpose of this Section 2500 is to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as defined under MGL Ch. 40A, Section 1A, to be built as-of-right in Single-Family Residential Zoning Districts in accordance with Section 3 of the Zoning Act (MGL Ch. 40A), as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024, and the regulations under 760 CMR 71.00: Protected Use Accessory Dwelling Units. This zoning provides for by-right ADUs to accomplish the following purposes:

2511. Increase housing production to address local and regional housing needs across all income levels and at all stages of life.

2512. Develop small-scale infill housing that fits in context of zoning districts that allow single-family housing while providing gentle/hidden density.

2513. Provide a more moderately priced housing option to serve smaller households, households with lower incomes, seniors, and people with disabilities.

2514. Enable property owners to age in place, downsize, or earn supplemental income from investing in their properties.

2520. Use Schedule.

2531. ADUs are allowed as a matter of right in the Residential and Business Zoning Districts, subject to the requirements of this Section. ADUs are prohibited in all other districts. (SEE Appendix A).

2532. ADUs may not be used as Short-Term Rentals, as such term is defined in G.L. c. 64G, §1 or otherwise rented for a period shorter than thirty-one (31) days.

2530. General Provisions for All ADUs

2531. Code Compliance

a. ADUs shall maintain a separate entrance from the Principal Dwelling sufficient to meet safe egress under the Building Code and Fire Code.

b. ADU construction shall comply with 310 CMR 15.000: The State Environmental Code, Title 5 regulations for a Single-Family Residential Dwelling in the Single-Family Residential Zoning District in which the Protected Use ADU is located.

2540. Protected Use ADUs

The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall approve a Building Permit authorizing Protected Use ADU installation and use within, or on a Lot with, a Principal Dwelling in a Single-Family Residential Zoning District, including within, or on a Lot with, a Pre-Existing Nonconforming Structure, if the following conditions are met:

2541. Dimensional Standards

a. Protected Use ADU shall not be larger than a Gross Floor Area of 900 square feet or ½ the Gross Floor Area of the Principal Dwelling, whichever is smaller.

b. A Protected Use ADU on a Lot with a Single-Family Residential Dwelling Unit shall not have more restrictive dimensional standards than those required for the Single-Family Residential Dwelling Section 2600 Dimensional Regulations for Principal Structures or accessory structure Section 2700 Dimensional Regulations for Accessory Structures within the same district, whichever results in more permissive regulation

- c. A Protected Use ADU on a Lot with a Principal Dwelling that is not a Single-Family Residential Dwelling Unit shall not have more restrictive dimensional standards than those required for its Principal Dwelling Section 2600 Dimensional Regulations for Principal Structures, or Single-Family Residential Dwelling Section 2600 Dimensional Regulations for Principal Structures, or accessory structure Section 2700 Dimensional Regulations for Accessory Structures within the same district, whichever results in more permissive regulation.

2542. Off-Street Parking. Up to one additional off-street parking space shall be required for Protected Use ADUs located outside the ½-mile radius of a Transit Station. No off-street parking is required for Protected Use ADUs located within a ½-mile radius of a Transit Station.

2550. Special Permit for Local ADUs.

The Special Permit Granting Authority shall approve a Special Permit and Site Plan Review authorizing a Local ADU installation and use within or on a Lot with a Single-Family Residential Dwelling in a Single-Family Residential Zoning District if the following conditions are met:

2551. Dimensional Standards

- a. Local ADUs must be larger than 900 square feet or there must be a Protected Use ADU already built on the same property
- b. Local ADUs shall not be larger than 35% of the total gross floor area of the single-family dwelling before conversion, exclusive of staircase and entrance area.
- c. Local ADUs shall comply with the following dimensional standards for both the structure and the Lot in accordance with Section 2600 Dimensional Regulations for Principal Structures and Section 2700 Dimensional Regulations for Accessory Structures.
- d. 2552. Off-Street Parking. A minimum of one (1) additional off-street parking space shall be required for Local ADUs.

2560. Special Permit for Multiple ADUs on a Lot

More than one ADU on a Lot in a Single-Family Residential Zoning District in which a Protected Use ADU is already located shall require a Special Permit and Site Plan Review from the Special Permit Granting Authority. The additional ADU shall be classified as a Local ADU.

## 2570. Nonconformance

- 2571. A Protected Use ADU shall be permitted within, or on a Lot with, a Pre-Existing Nonconforming Structure so long as the Protected Use ADU can be developed in conformance with the Building Code, 760 CMR 71.00, and state law.
- 2572. A Protected Use ADU shall be exempt from any required finding under M.G.L. c. 40A§6.
- 2573. A finding under M.G.L. c 40A §6, that the extension or alteration of the pre-existing nonconforming structure is not substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood, shall be made by the Special Permit Granting Authority in an as-of-right process, without requiring a Special Permit or other discretionary waiver.

## 2580. Administration and Enforcement

- 2581. The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority.
- 2582. The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Section 2500.
- 2583. No building shall be changed in use or configuration without a Building Permit from the Building Inspector.
- 2584. No building shall be occupied until a certificate of occupancy is issued by the Building Inspector, where required.
- 2585. The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall apply the Dover analysis as articulated in the standards in 760 CMR 71.03(3)(a), to any request for a Protected Use ADU Building Permit and shall waive any zoning requirement that the Zoning Enforcement Officer finds to be unreasonable under the Dover analysis.

And to modify and add the following terms and definitions in proper alphabetical order to SECTION VI. DEFINITIONS

**Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU).** A self-contained housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking, and sanitary facilities on the same Lot as a Principal Dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the Principal Dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the Building and Fire Code for safe egress. ADUs may be detached, attached, or internal to the Principal Dwelling. General references to ADUs in this by-law include both Protected Use ADUs and Local ADUs.

**Design Standards.** Clear, measurable and objective provisions of zoning, or general ordinances or by-laws, which are made applicable to the exterior design of, and use of materials for an ADU when those same design standards apply to the Principal Dwelling to which the ADU is an accessory.

**Dwelling Unit.** A single-housing unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation. This can include a housing unit within a single-family, duplex, or multi-unit development.

**EOHLC.** The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.

**Gross Floor Area.** The sum of the areas of all stories of the building of compliant ceiling height pursuant to the Building Code, including basements, lofts, and intermediate floored tiers, measured from the interior faces of exterior walls or from the centerline of walls separating buildings or dwelling units but excluding crawl spaces, garage parking areas, attics, enclosed porches, and similar spaces. Where there are multiple Principal Dwellings on the Lot, the GFA of the largest Principal Dwelling shall be used for determining the maximum size of a Protected Use ADU.

**Local ADUs.** An ADU that is not a Protected Use ADU but includes rules specific to Municipality or cross-reference to any existing or proposed zoning for Local ADUs.

**Lot.** An area of land with definite boundaries that is used, or available for use, as the site of a structure, or structures, regardless of whether the site conforms to requirements of zoning.

**Modular Dwelling Unit.** A pre-designed Dwelling Unit assembled and equipped with internal plumbing, electrical or similar systems, in compliance with the Building and Fire Code, prior to movement to the site where such Dwelling Unit is affixed to a foundation and connected to external utilities; or any portable structure with walls, a floor, and a roof, designed or used as a Dwelling Unit, transportable in one or more sections and affixed to a foundation and connected to external utilities.

**Pre-Existing Nonconforming Structure.** A structure that does not conform to zoning.

**Principal Dwelling.** A structure, regardless of whether it, or the Lot it is situated on, conforms to zoning, including use requirements and dimensional requirements, such as setbacks, bulk, and height, that contains at least one Dwelling Unit and is, or will be, located on the same Lot as a Protected Use ADU.

**Protected Use ADU.** An attached, detached or internal ADU that is located, or is proposed to be located, on a Lot in a Single-Family Residential Zoning District and is not larger in Gross Floor Area than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the Gross Floor Area of the Principal Dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller, provided that only one ADU on a Lot may qualify as a Protected Use ADU. An ADU that is nonconforming to zoning shall still qualify as a Protected Use ADU if it otherwise meets this definition.

**Short-Term Rental.** An owner-occupied, tenant-occupied, or non-owner occupied property as defined in M.G.L. c. 64G § 1, including, but not limited to, an apartment, house, cottage, condominium or a furnished accommodation that is not a hotel, motel, lodging house or bed and breakfast establishment, where: (i) at least 1 room or unit is rented to an occupant or sub- occupant for a period of 31 consecutive days or less; and (ii) all accommodations are reserved in advance; provided, however, that a private owner-occupied property shall be considered a single unit if leased or rented as such.

**Single-Family Residential Dwelling Unit.** A structure on a Lot containing not more than one Dwelling Unit.

**Single-Family Residential Zoning District.** Any zoning district where Single-Family Residential Dwellings are a permitted or an allowable use, including any zoning district where Single- Family Residential Dwellings are allowed as of right, or by Special Permit.

**Transit Station.** A Subway Station, Commuter Rail Station, Ferry Terminal, or Bus Station.

- a. A Bus Station includes any location serving as a point of embarkation for any bus operated by a transit authority.
- b. A Subway Station includes any of the stops along the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Red Line, Green Line, Orange Line, Silver Line, or Blue Line, including any extensions or additions to such lines.
- c. A Commuter Rail Station includes any commuter rail station operated by a Transit Authority with year-round service with trains departing at regular time intervals, rather than intermittent, seasonal, or event-based service.
- d. A Ferry Terminal includes any location where passengers embark and disembark from a ferry service with year-round service with ferries departing at regular time intervals, rather than intermittent, seasonal, or event-based service.



And to amend Appendix A- Use Regulation Schedule of the Zoning Bylaws by adding a new row for Accessory Dwelling Unit under Residential Uses, noting that that the use is allowed (Y) in the Residential and Business Districts but also adding a footnote that states "See Section 2500 for additional requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units."

PRINCIPAL USE	Residential	Business	Open Space/Recreation	Industrial	Industrial Overlay District	Marijuana Overlay District
<b>A. Residential Uses</b>						
1. Single-family dwelling	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
2. Two-family dwelling	SP	SP	N	N	N	N
<b>3. Accessory dwelling units<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>
4. Conversion of single-family to two-family dwelling	SP	SP	N	N	N	N
5. Multi-family dwelling	N	N	N	N	N	N
6. Lodging or boarding house	N	SP	N	N	N	N
7. Conservation Subdivision	SP	SP	N	N	N	N
8. Assisted living facility	SP	SP	N	N	N	N
9. Kennel, Residential	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
<b>B. Exempt and Institutional Uses</b>						
1. Use of land or structures for religious purposes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Use of land or structures for educational purposes on land owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, subdivisions or bodies politic or by a religious sect or denomination, or by a nonprofit educational corporation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3. Family day care home	Y	Y	SP	N	N	N
4. Adult day care facility	Y	Y	SP	N	N	N
5. Child care facility	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
6. Use of land for the primary purpose of agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, or viticulture, on a parcel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

<sup>1</sup> See Section 2500 for additional requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units

PRINCIPAL USE	Residential	Business	Open Space/Recreation	Industrial	Industrial Overlay District	Marijuana Overlay District
of more than five acres in area <u>(not to include the cultivation of Medical Marijuana)</u>						

### Board of Selectmen Recommends

**ARTICLE 24. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Daniel Higgins and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by revising Section 2340, Home Occupations as of Right as outlined in Article 24 of the June 9, 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

#### **2340. Home Occupations as of Right.**

**Business owners of home business occupations are required to fill out and sign a Home Occupation/Home Business form and submit it to the Town Clerk for their records.**

Businesses or professions incidental to and customarily associated with the principal residential use of premises may be engaged in as an accessory use by a resident of that dwelling; provided, however, that all of the following conditions shall be satisfied. **Premises governed by HOA agreements, deed restrictions, covenants, or lease restrictions shall be further restricted by those agreements.**

2341. The occupation or profession shall be carried on wholly within the principal building or within a building or other structure accessory thereto **which is on the same lot or on an adjoining lot in common ownership** ~~which has been in existence at least five (5) years, without an extension thereof.~~

2342. Not more than thirty (30%) percent of the combined floor area of the residence and any qualified accessory structures shall be used in the home occupation provided, however, that no exterior alteration of the building shall be permitted to accommodate the home occupation.

2343. No person not a member of the household shall be employed on the premises in the home occupation.

2344. The home occupation shall not serve clients, customers, pupils, salespersons, or the like on the premises.

2345. There shall be no sign, exterior display, no exterior storage of materials, and no other exterior indication of the home occupation, or other variation from the residential character of the premises.

2346. No disturbance shall be caused, nor shall the home occupation use or store **inflammable or** hazardous materials in quantities greater than associated with normal household use.

2347. Traffic generated shall not exceed volumes normally expected in a residential neighborhood.

**2348. There shall be no offensive noise, vibration, smoke, cinders, dust, fumes, gases, smoke, radiation, or other particulate matter, odors, heat, humidity, glare, excessive refuse or waste materials, or other objectionable effects.**

**2349. All heavy equipment (e.g., tractor trailers, semi-trailers, or construction equipment) must be either garaged or screened with plantings or fencing to at least the height of the equipment. One commercial vehicle which is not heavy equipment and which is not more than two tons in rated capacity may be parked outdoors on the property.**

*Planning Board Recommends  
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

**ARTICLE 25. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Daniel Higgins and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move to amend the Zoning Bylaws by revising Section 2350, Home Occupations by Special Permit, and section IV, Definitions, as Outlined in Article 25 of the June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**2350. Home Occupations by Special Permit.**

**Business owners of home business occupations are required to fill out and sign a Home Occupation/Home Business form and submit it to the Town Clerk for their records.** Businesses or professions incidental to and customarily associated with the principal residential use of premises or artisan manufacturing may be engaged in as an accessory use by a resident of that dwelling upon the issuance of a special permit by Board of Appeals; provided, however, that all of the following conditions shall be satisfied. **Premises governed by HOA agreements, deed restrictions, covenants, or lease restrictions shall be further restricted by those agreements.**

2351. All of the requirements of §§2341, 2342, and 2347, 2348, and 2349.

**2352.** Not more than three (3) persons not a member of the household shall be employed on the premises in the home occupation.

**2353.** The visibility of exterior storage of materials and other exterior indications of the home occupation, or other variation from the residential character of the premises, shall be minimized through screening and other appropriate devices. Signs advertising the home occupation shall not exceed one square foot in area.

**2354. Required zoning setbacks may be increased as a condition of the Special Permit for any activity that could potentially detract from the residential area. Potentially detracting activities include, but are not limited to: employee parking areas, loading zones, and storage sheds. Additional screening may also be required to shield these accessory uses from abutting residential lots or street view. occupation shall not exceed one square foot in area.**

~~2354~~ 2355. Parking generated by the home occupation shall be accommodated off-street, other than in a required front yard.

~~2355~~ 2356. No disturbance, as defined in §3410 **and §3420**, shall be caused. The use or storage of **inflammable** or hazardous materials in quantities greater than associated with normal household use shall be subject to design requirements to protect against discharge to the environment.

~~2356~~ 2357. Automotive service shops operating out of a residential property may have no more than two (2) garaged vehicles to be serviced or repaired located on the premises at any one time.

**2358. Waiver of Compliance. The special permit granting authority may, upon written request of the applicant, waive any of the requirements of §2350 where the project involves relatively simple development plans or constitutes a minor site plan.**

And to modify and add the following terms and definitions in proper alphabetical order to SECTION VI. DEFINITIONS

**Artisan Manufacturing. Production of goods by the use of hand tools or small-scale, light mechanical equipment occurring solely within an enclosed building where such production requires no outdoor operations or storage, and where the production, operations, and storage of materials related to production occupies no more than 1000 square feet of gross floor area. Typical uses have negligible negative impact on surrounding properties and may include woodworking and cabinet shops, ceramic studios, jewelry manufacturing and similar types of arts and crafts, production of alcohol, or food processing.**

And to modify Appendix A Use Regulation Schedule

**Revisions to Appendix A Use Regulation Schedule**

C. Commercial Uses	Residential	Business	Open Space/Recreation	Industrial	Industrial Overlay District	Marijuana Overlay District
1. Nonexempt agricultural use	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	N
2. Nonexempt farm stand for wholesale or retail sale of products	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	N
3. Nonexempt educational use	SP	Y	SP	SP	SP	N
4. Animal clinic or hospital, kennel	SP	SP	N	N	SP	N
5. Private club or lodge	N	Y	SP	SP	SP	N
6. Nursing or convalescent home	SP	Y	N	N	N	N
7. Funeral home	Y	Y	SP	SP	SP	N
8. Motel or hotel	N	Y	N	N	N	N
9. Retail stores and services not elsewhere set forth	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
10. Motor vehicle sales and rental	N	Y	N	N	N	N
<b>11. Motor vehicle general and body repair at Home Occupations of at least two acres on a parcel in the "R" district</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>

C. Commercial Uses	Residential	Business	Open Space/Recreation	Industrial	Industrial Overlay District	Marijuana Overlay District
11a. Motor vehicle general and body repair <i>not elsewhere set forth</i>	N	Y	N	N	N	N
12. Motor vehicle light service; car wash	N	Y	N	N	N	N
13. Restaurant	N	Y	SP	N	SP	N
14. Restaurant, drive-in	N	Y	N	N	N	N
<b>15. Business or professional office, including medical (not to include RMD's) at Home Occupations on a parcel in the "R" district</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>
15a. Business or professional office, including medical (not to include RMD's) <i>not elsewhere set forth</i>	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
16. Bank, financial agency	N	Y	N	N	SP	N
20. Indoor commercial recreation	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
21. Outdoor commercial recreation	SP	Y	SP	SP	SP	N
22. Golf course	Y	Y	SP	SP	SP	N
<b>23. Personal service establishment at Home Occupations on a parcel in the "R" district</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>
23a. Personal service establishment <i>not elsewhere set forth</i>	N	Y	N	N	SP	N
24. Major commercial project	N	SP	N	SP	SP	N
25. Wireless communications facility	N	N	N	SP	SP	N
26. Commercial greenhouse, wholesale or retail, not including the cultivation of Medical Marijuana	Y	Y	SP	Y	Y	N

C. Commercial Uses	Residential	Business	Open Space/Recreation	Industrial	Industrial Overlay District	Marijuana Overlay District
27. Bed and breakfast	SP	SP	SP	N	N	N
28. Contractor's yard or landscaping business on a parcel in the "R" district larger than ten acres, or elsewhere larger than two acres, with or without principal residence	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	N
29. Marina	N	Y	SP	Y	Y	N
30. Commercial parking lot	N	Y	SP	Y	Y	N
31. Registered Marijuana Dispensary; Marijuana Establishment	N	N	N	N	N	SP*
32. Medical Services – Medical clinic, Doctors' Offices, Community Hospital	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y

***Board of Selectmen Recommends  
Planning Board Recommends***

**ARTICLE 26. MOTION PASSES:** On Motion of Jeffrey Carvalho and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend section 2620. Table of Dimensional Requirements, to more clearly define water or sewer connection as outlined in Article 26 of the June 9, 2025, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**APPENDIX B  
TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS**

DISTRICT OR USE	Min. Lot Area (sq. ft.)	Min. Lot Frontage (ft.)	Min. Front Setback (ft.)	Min. Side Yard (ft.)	Min. Rear Yard (ft.)	Max. Bldg. Coverage (% of lot)	Min. Distance between bldgs. (ft.)	Max. Bldg. Ht. (ft.)	Max. # of Stories	Max. Ht. Of Projections (ft.)	Other Requirement
Single family dwelling, all districts	35,000	175	55	15	15	25	10	35	2.5	40	Lots without <i>Town</i> water or sewer <i>connection (one required)</i> shall have a min. area of 43,560 sq. ft. and 250' of frontage
Other permitted uses in Residence District	35,000	175	55	15	15	25	10	35	2	65	Same as above
Other permitted uses in Open Recreation District	35,000	175	55	15	15	15	10	35	2.5	40	
Other permitted uses in Business District	18,750	150	75	30	30	30	10	35	1	65	
Other permitted uses in Industrial District	60,000	250	100	100	75	35	10	65	Any	65	Side yard of 50' required when abutting land zoned Ind.

**NOTES TO TABLE**

1. For accessory structure requirements, see §2700.
2. Front yard requirement measured from center of public way.
3. Projections included chimneys, towers, spires, antennae, water tanks, and other structures carried above the roofline not used for human occupancy. Greater height for such features may be authorized by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***



**ARTICLE 27. PASSES** On Motion of Nancy Goulart and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move to see if the Town will vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 45, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with GHT JA03 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with a principal office located at 5935 Airport Road, Suite 210, Mississauga, ON L4V 1WS, Canada, or its assigns for a period of twenty years, and to approve said agreement under which GHT JA03 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with a principal office located at 5935 Airport Road, Suite 210, Mississauga, ON L4V 1WS, Canada, or its assigns will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to a 19.6 +/- acre parcel of land located at 893 Brook Street, Dighton, MA, Map 16, Parcel 28, related to the construction and operation of a Photovoltaic solar facility with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 2.7 megawatts ("MW), alternating current ("AC") and 3.352 (MW) direct current (DC), said Tax Agreement on file in the Town Clerk's office, or take any action relative thereto.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

**ARTICLE 28. NO MOTION:** To act upon any other business that lawfully may be introduced at said meeting.

***Board of Selectmen Recommends***

**MOTION: NO MOTION.** [Moderator appoints Finance Committee].

Peter J. Roache, Thomas Araujo, Tracy Karolczuk, Susan Lorenz, Ronald McKay, Jacob Stebbins, and Douglas White

**MOTION: PASSES** On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting

ATTEST:



Respectfully Submitted,  
Shara A. Costa.  
Town Clerk