



Town of Dighton

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Warrant

June 7, 2021

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Dighton in the County of Bristol,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dighton qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School Auditorium on Monday, the seventh day of June 2021, at 7:00 P.M.; then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To hear reports of the Town Officials and the Capital Outlay Committee and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint all necessary Town Officials and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To act relative to establishing the salaries of elected Town Officials for Fiscal Year 2022 in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or act thereon.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

		Finance Committee Recommendations
Chairman	\$87,427.44	\$87,427.44
Members (2) Each	\$4,855.50	\$4,855.50
Total	\$97,138.44	\$97,138.44

**Finance Committee
Recommendations**

<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>		
Chairman	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Member	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Member	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>	\$ 263.82	\$ 263.82
<u>MODERATOR</u>	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	\$65,719.40	\$65,719.40
<u>TOWN COLLECTOR</u>	\$42,773.38	\$42,773.38
<u>TOWN TREASURER</u>	\$42,773.38	\$42,773.38
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>		
Chairman	\$2,195.16	\$ 2,195.16
Members (4) Each	\$2,195.16	\$ 2,195.16
Total	\$10,975.80	\$10,975.80
<u>SEWER COMMISSIONERS</u>		
Chairman	\$3,230.00	\$ 3,230.00
Members (2) Each	\$2,143.00	\$ 2,143.00
Total	\$7,516.00	\$ 7,516.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or transfer from available funds the appropriation necessary to defray Town Charges and Assessments as considered by the Finance Committee, or act thereon.

**TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2022**

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2022 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2022 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
<i>General Government</i>				
113	TOWN MEETINGS			
	Personnel Expenses	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
114	MODERATOR			
	Personnel Expenses	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2022 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2022 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
	Personnel Expenses	\$91,119.50	\$99,118.77	\$99,118.77
	Expenses	\$ 80,650.00	\$83,550.00	\$78,550.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$171,769.50	\$182,668.77	\$177,668.77
124	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
	Personnel Expenses	\$153,086.00	\$157,690.77	\$157,690.77
	Expenses	\$9,410.00	\$9,410.00	\$9,410.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$162,496.00	\$167,100.77	\$167,100.77
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	Personnel Expenses	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00
	Expenses	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,295.00	\$4,295.00	\$4,295.00
132	RESERVE FUND			
	Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
	Personnel Expenses	\$150,891.75	\$127,073.65	\$127,073.65
	Expenses	\$24,440.00	\$26,240.00	\$26,240.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$175,331.75	\$153,313.65	\$153,313.65
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS			
	Personnel Expenses	\$186,277.40	\$206,104.50	\$204,763.02
	Expenses	\$11,700.00	\$17,050.00	\$17,050.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$197,977.40	\$223,154.50	\$221,813.02
145	TOWN TREASURER			
	Personnel Expenses	\$80,530.20	\$91,222.81	\$91,222.81
	Expenses	\$35,900.00	\$36,325.00	\$36,325.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$116,430.20	\$127,547.81	\$127,547.81
146	TOWN COLLECTOR			
	Personnel Expenses	\$81,730.20	\$92,322.81	\$92,322.81
	Expenses	\$20,800.00	\$21,525.00	\$21,525.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$102,530.20	\$113,847.81	\$113,847.81
151	TOWN COUNSEL			
	Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
			Free Cash	(\$40,000.00)
155	DATA PROCESSING			
	Personnel Expenses	-0-	-0-	
	Expenses	\$58,406.28	\$66,706.28	\$66,706.28
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$58,406.28	\$66,706.28	\$66,706.28

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2022 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2022 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
158	TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE			
	Expenses	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$10,000.00
161	TOWN CLERK			
	Personnel Expenses	\$148,355.49	\$132,559.60	\$132,559.60
	Expenses	\$5,150.00	\$6,550.00	\$6,550.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$153,505.49	\$139,109.60	\$139,109.60
162	ELECTIONS			
	Personnel Expenses	\$19,300.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00
	Expenses	\$21,000.00	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$40,300.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
163	REGISTRATION			
	Personnel Expenses	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Expenses	\$5,400.00	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$6,000.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
	Personnel Expenses	\$29,300.00	\$57,520.00	\$57,520.00
	Expenses	\$2,350.00	\$4,000.00	\$13,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$31,650.00	\$61,520.00	\$71,020.00
174	DIGHTON TRAILS COMMITTEE			
	Expenses		\$2,550.00	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$2,550.00	\$1,000.00
175	PLANNING BOARD			
	Personnel Expenses	\$54,660.36	\$54,973.52	\$42,928.53
	Expenses	\$18,230.54	\$18,264.55	\$18,264.55
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$72,890.90	\$73,238.07	\$61,193.08
176	BOARD OF APPEALS			
	Personnel Expenses	\$36,337.29	\$28,611.15	\$28,611.15
	Expenses	\$12,450.00	\$11,950.00	\$11,950.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$48,787.29	\$40,561.15	\$40,561.15
179	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION			
	Personnel Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-
	Expenses	\$2,515.00	\$2,515.00	\$1,695.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,515.00	\$2,515.00	\$1,695.00
192	PUBLIC BUILDINGS & PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE			
	Expenses	\$168,900.00	\$174,100.00	\$174,100.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$168,900.00	\$174,100.00	\$174,100.00
193	BUILDING INSURANCE			
	Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2022 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2022 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
195	TOWN REPORTS			
	Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Total General Government		\$1,686,985.01	\$1,720,078.41	\$1,688,871.94
Public Safety				
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Personnel Expenses	\$1,503,323.12	\$1,607,674.67	\$1,607,674.67
	Expenses	\$171,000.00	\$161,500.00	\$161,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,674,323.12	\$1,769,174.67	\$1,769,174.67
215	COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT			
	Personnel Expenses	\$360,419.77	\$359,996.13	\$359,996.13
	Expenses	\$25,773.75	\$30,950.00	\$30,950.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$386,193.52	\$390,946.13	\$390,946.13
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Personnel Expenses	\$619,438.48	\$650,946.60	\$650,946.60
	Expenses	\$99,802.00	\$99,802.00	\$99,802.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$719,240.48	\$750,748.60	\$750,748.60
231	AMBULANCE SERVICES			
	Personnel Expenses	\$627,156.66	\$658,911.43	\$658,911.43
	Expenses	\$130,050.00	\$123,050.00	\$123,050.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$757,206.66	\$781,961.43	\$781,961.43
			R&A \$118,861.43 (Personnel)	
			Ambulance Fund \$540,050.00 (Personnel)	
			\$123,050.00 (Expenses)	
241	BUILDING INSPECTION			
	Personnel Expenses	\$129,898.63	\$131,248.38	\$131,248.38
	Expenses	\$38,680.00	\$38,130.00	\$38,130.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$168,578.63	\$169,378.38	\$169,378.38
242	GAS INSPECTION			
	Personnel Expenses	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	Permit Review/Education	-0-	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
243	PLUMBING INSPECTION			
	Personnel Expenses	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	Permit Review/Education	-0-	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
244	WEIGHTS & MEASURES			
	Personnel Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
	Expenses	\$370.00	\$370.00	\$370.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,570.00	\$1,570.00	\$1,570.00

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245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTION			
	Personnel Expenses	\$17,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
	Permit Review/Education	-0-	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$17,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER			
	Personnel Expenses	\$23,125.88	\$23,558.40	\$23,558.40
	Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$33,125.88	\$33,558.40	\$33,558.40
294	FORESTRY			
	Personnel Expenses	\$463.18	\$263.82	\$263.82
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$463.18	\$263.82	\$263.82
295	HARBORMASTER			
	Personnel Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Expenses	\$9,300.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$11,800.00	\$8,300.00	\$8,300.00
		(Transfer \$5,000 00 from MWIMF and R&A \$3,300.00)		
299	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE			
	Expenses	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Total Public Safety		\$3,794,001.47	\$3,950,401.43	\$3,950,401.43
EDUCATION				
300	EDUCATION			
	Expenses 5690	\$10,820,000.00	\$11,155,432.00	\$11,090,846.00
	Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District			
	Operating			\$10,704,363.00
	Capital			\$386,483.00
	Total Appropriation			
	Expenses 5691	\$35,000.00	\$101,000.76	\$101,000.76
	Bristol County Agricultural High School			
	Total Appropriation			
	Expenses 5692	\$821,280.00	\$1,060,859.00	\$1,060,859.00
	Bristol-Plymouth Regional High School			
	Total Appropriation			
Total Education		\$11,676,280.00	\$12,317,291.76	\$12,252,705.76

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2022 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2022 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
<i>Highway</i>				
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE			
	Personnel Expenses	\$598,744.13	\$621,397.73	\$621,397.73
	Expenses	\$158,900.00	\$161,900.00	\$161,900.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$757,644.13	\$783,297.73	\$783,297.73
423	SNOW & ICE CONTROL			
	Personnel Expenses	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00
	Expenses	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
429	DIGHTON BERKLEY BRIDGE			
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
432	STREET CLEANING/STORMWATER			
	Personnel Expenses	\$124,402.08	\$127,695.43	\$127,695.43
	Expenses	\$81,300.00	\$102,160.00	\$102,160.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$205,702.08	\$229,855.43	\$229,855.43
<i>Total Highway</i>		<i>\$1,014,846.21</i>	<i>\$1,064,653.16</i>	<i>\$1,064,653.16</i>
<i>Sanitation</i>				
433	WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL			
	Personnel Expenses	\$9,065.46	\$9,226.77	\$9,226.77
	Expenses	\$679,582.48	\$740,041.54	\$730,041.54
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$688,647.94	\$749,268.31	\$739,268.31
<i>Total Sanitation</i>		<i>\$688,647.94</i>	<i>\$749,268.31</i>	<i>\$739,268.31</i>
<i>Other Environmental</i>				
491	CEMETERY			
	Expenses	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00
<i>Total Other Environmental</i>		<i>\$19,700.00</i>	<i>\$19,700.00</i>	<i>\$19,700.00</i>
<i>Human Services</i>				
510	BOARD OF HEALTH-REGULATIONS & INSPECTIONS			
	Personnel Expenses	\$60,562.64	\$62,221.33	\$62,221.33
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$62,062.64	\$63,721.33	\$63,721.33
519	BOARD OF HEALTH AMINISTRATION			
	Personnel Expenses	\$68,556.59	\$69,186.25	\$69,186.25
	Expenses	\$4,200.00	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$72,756.59	\$74,086.25	\$74,086.25

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541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	Personnel Expenses	\$88,294.04	\$85,434.60	\$85,434.60
	Expenses	\$20,025.00	\$20,025.00	\$16,225.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$108,319.04	\$105,459.60	\$101,659.60
542	PRIME TIME			
	Personnel Expenses	\$77,895.01	\$77,243.81	\$77,154.71
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$77,895.01	\$77,243.81	\$77,154.71
543	VETERANS' SERVICES			
	Personnel Expenses	\$47,348.54	\$48,154.75	\$41,144.76
	Expenses	\$85,825.00	\$85,825.00	\$85,825.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$133,173.54	\$133,979.75	\$126,969.76
549	COMMISSION ON DISABILITY			
	Personnel Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Expenses	-0-	\$8,820.00	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,000.00	\$16,820.00	\$5,000.00
<i>Total Human Services</i>		<i>\$456,206.82</i>	<i>\$471,310.74</i>	<i>\$448,591.65</i>
<i>Culture and Recreation</i>				
610	PUBLIC LIBRARY			
	Personnel Expenses	\$197,544.96	\$199,235.66	\$200,356.06
	Expenses	\$71,374.00	\$71,374.00	\$71,374.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$268,918.96	\$270,609.66	\$271,730.06
630	PARKS & RECREATION			
	Expenses	\$23,100.00	\$20,700.00	\$20,700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$23,100.00	\$20,700.00	\$20,700.00
690	TOWN HISTORIAN			
	Expenses	\$250.00	-0-	\$250.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$250.00	-0-	\$250.00
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
	Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
698	CABLE COMMISSION			
	Personnel Expenses	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
	Expenses	\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$32,100.00	\$32,100.00	\$32,100.00
(PEG Access and Cable Related Fund \$32,100.00)				
<i>Total Culture and Recreation</i>		<i>\$326,368.96</i>	<i>\$325,409.66</i>	<i>\$325,780.06</i>

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2022 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2022 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
<i>Debt Service</i>				
710	MATURING PRINCIPAL ON LONG-TERM DEBT			
	Expenses	\$241,669.00	\$241,669.00	\$241,669.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$241,669.00	\$241,669.00	\$241,669.00
	(Title V: \$ 6,669.00)			
751	INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT			
	Expenses	\$156,425.00	\$144,675.00	\$144,675.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$156,425.00	\$144,675.00	\$144,675.00
<i>Total Debt Service</i>		\$398,094.00	\$386,344.00	\$386,344.00
<i>Employee Benefits</i>				
911	RETIREMENT & PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS			
	Expenses	\$811,670.00	\$890,368.00	\$890,368.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$811,670.00	\$890,368.00	\$890,368.00
912	WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE			
	Expenses	\$55,000.00	\$56,375.00	\$56,375.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$55,000.00	\$56,375.00	\$56,375.00
914	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE			
	Expenses	\$1,242,760.41	\$1,215,744.39	\$1,215,744.39
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,242,760.41	\$1,215,744.39	\$1,215,744.39
915	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE			
	Expenses	\$625.00	\$700.00	\$950.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$625.00	\$700.00	\$950.00
916	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS			
	Expenses	\$80,000.00	\$82,000.00	\$82,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$80,000.00	\$82,000.00	\$82,000.00
919	OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)			
	Expenses	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	-0-
920	TUITION			
	Expenses	\$9,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$12,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$9,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$12,000.00
<i>Total Employee Benefits</i>		\$2,234,055.41	\$2,298,187.39	\$2,257,437.39

NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR 2022 REQUEST	FISCAL YEAR 2022 RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
<i>Settlements</i>				
940	SETTLEMENTS			
	Expenses	\$22,425.00	-0-	-0-
		\$22,425.00		
<i>Court Judgments</i>				
941	COURT JUDGMENTS			
	Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION			
<i>Total Settlements and Court Judgments</i>		\$22,425.00	-0-	-0-
<i>Liability Insurance</i>				
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE			
	Expenses	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
<i>Total Liability Insurance</i>		\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
GENERAL FUND TOTALS		\$22,442,610.82	\$23,427,644.86	\$23,258,753.70

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to approve the following sums to be expended under the direction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners for the maintenance of the Sewer Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2022:

Direct Costs:

		Finance Committee Recommendations
Salaries	\$115,338.38	\$115,338.38
Expenses:	\$191,350.00	\$191,350.00
Capital Expenses	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Indirect Costs Total	\$24,818.87	\$ 24,818.87

The above appropriations will be funded as follows:

\$312,000.00 through sewer receipts and \$169,507.25 transferred from Sewer Enterprise retained earnings totaling \$481,507.25.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½ as most recently amended, 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 FY22, as follows:

Revolving Fund		FY22 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

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell at public auction and further allow the Board of Selectmen to sell through the sealed bid process according to MGL Ch. 30B, Section 16, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds from Mass Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2022 for the purpose of expending funds for capital improvements of local roads under “Transportation Bond Issue” (Chapter 90) \$301,977.00, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will 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 2022 Highway Program under Chapter 90, and the town road improvement program, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will 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, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used items returned to them, by sale to highest bidder, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town of Dighton residents will vote to approve of applying the annual Cost of Living Allowance to MA Department of Revenue local property tax

exemptions for veterans and/or surviving spouses under Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E and 22F, per Section 5 of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual reserves in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the committee administrative expenses, Community Preservation projects and other expenses in the fiscal year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for the Committee Administrative expenses
\$5,000.00

Reserves:

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Historic Resources: \$12,500.00
From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$12,500.00
From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Open Space \$12,500.00
From FY 2022 estimated revenues for budget reserve \$82,500.00.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 from the Historic Resources Reserve to be expended by the Community Preservation Commission for the hiring of a preservation consultant to complete the Dighton Community–Wide Survey Project to update the listing of historic resources in town or take any action relative thereto.

Background: The town will be reimbursed \$12,500.00 from the Massachusetts Historical Commission FY21 Survey and Planning Grant Program upon completion of the project.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$108,513.97 to be expended by the Fire Chief as the first payment of a seven-year lease to purchase of a new fire engine and any necessary accessories related thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends \$108,514.00 from Free Cash
Board of Selectmen Recommends \$108,514.00 from Free Cash

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$62,800.00 to be expended by the Chief of Police for the purchase of one fully equipped police vehicle including computer, firearm (patrol rifle), radio, antenna, and any accessories related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends \$45,000.00 from Free Cash

Board of Selectmen Recommends \$45,000.00 from Free Cash

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed \$100,000.00 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase one used forestry truck or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends \$100,000.00 from Capital Stabilization

Board of Selectmen Recommends \$100,000.00 from Capital Stabilization

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the total sum of \$122,028.90 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase one utility tractor with a 21' boom mower or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends \$64,029.00 from Free Cash for the Purchase of one Utility Tractor

Board of Selectmen Recommends \$64,029.00 from Free Cash for the Purchase of one Utility Tractor

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,561.92 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent as the second-year lease payment on the 2020 Street Sweeper voted in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 15, 2020, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends \$50,561.92 from Free Cash

Board of Selectmen Recommends \$50,561.92 from Free Cash

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$30,000.00 to be expended by the Dighton Trails Committee to fund a feasibility study to provide viable options and initial concepts to connect the future 2-mile DCR Sweet's Knoll Trail to the north and south with on-road and off-road trail options to connect the Town of Dighton to the Taunton River Trails network north across the Three Mile River to Taunton and south along the waterfront to Somerset, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends to Defer

Board of Selectmen Recommends to Defer to Fall Town Meeting

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed \$9,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to perform a town-wide Wage Classification Study for members of the Clerical Union - Public Employees Local 272, Laborers' International Union of

North America, AFL-CIO, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends \$9,000.00 from Free Cash
Board of Selectmen Recommends \$9,000.00 from Free Cash

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$90,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to perform renovations to Town Hall for upgrades and to provide additional office space, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends to Defer
Board of Selectmen Recommends to Defer to Fall Town Meeting

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to reappropriate the amount of \$118,529.00 from Special Article account #010-2-422-0000-18-5300-Complete Streets Sidewalk Project, approved in Article 44 of the Special Town Meeting on October 26, 2017, to be expended by the Highway Superintendent for an ADA-Compliant Roadway, Sidewalk and Crosswalk Accessibility Project, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any contracts and otherwise undertake any and all action necessary to accept a gift of real estate from the owners of real property located on the north side of Main Street and identified on the Town of Dighton Assessors Map 17 as Lot 129 (being 1 acre of land, more or less), Lot 131 (being 3.5 acres of land, more or less), and Lot 164 (being 1.73 acres of land, more or less) to be used for open space and recreation purposes, contingent upon successful results of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to complete the foregoing acquisition, or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Dighton Zoning Bylaw Section 2916, by deleting the existing Marijuana Cultivator definition in its entirety and replacing with the following definition Marijuana Cultivator, or take any action thereon.

Marijuana Cultivator: shall mean an entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, and to deliver and/or transfer to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Dighton Zoning Bylaw Section 2916 by deleting the existing Marijuana Product Manufacturer definition in its entirety and replacing with the following definition Marijuana Product Manufacturer, or take any action thereon.

Marijuana Product Manufacturer: shall mean an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process or package cannabis or marijuana products and to deliver and/or transfer these products to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

Appendix A, Use Regulation Schedule of the Town of Dighton Zoning Bylaws shall be amended to reflect these changes.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a **Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement** with DG Dighton, LLC of Scottsdale, AZ with a principal place of business at 4900 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 5000, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, or its assigns for a period of fifteen years, and to approve said agreement under which DG Dighton, LLC with a principal place of business at 4900 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 5000, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, or its assigns will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to a 11+/- acre parcel of land located at 2734 Elm Street, Dighton, MA, Map 23, Parcel 10, related to the construction and operation of a Photovoltaic solar facility with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 3.13 megawatts (“MW”), alternating current (“AC”), said Tax Agreement on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, provided that the Fiscal Year 2020 Appellate Tax Board matter involving the subject property is resolved as a condition precedent to execution of said PILOT Agreement, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a **Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement** with GHTJA03 LLC of Dover, DE with a principal place of business at 850 New Burton Road #201, Dover DE 19904, or its assigns for a period of twenty years, and to approve said agreement under which GHTJA03, LLC, with a principal place of business at 850 New Burton Road, #201, Dover, DE, 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 3.4 megawatts (“MW”), alternating current (“AC”) said Tax Agreement on file in the Town Clerk’s office, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Dighton Conservation Commission Regulations, By-Laws and Policies in Section III by deleting said Section III and replacing in its place the following Section III, or take any action thereon.

“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. No local fee is required. However, the local portion set forth by the DEP is necessary.

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 filed 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 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.

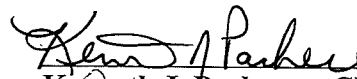
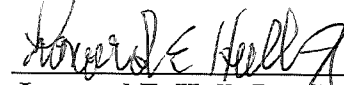
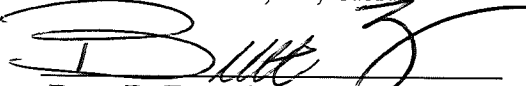
The applicant shall pay the fee to the Town of Dighton to fund the 53G consultant services account established by the Commission with the Town Treasurer's office, which may be drawn upon by the Commission for specific consultant services approved by the Commission at one of its public meetings.

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."

ARTICLE 31. 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.

Given under our hands this 20 day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the independence of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the two hundred and forty fifth.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Kenneth J. Pacheco – Chairman

Leonard E. Hull, Jr., Clerk

Brett R. Zografos, Ph.D., Member

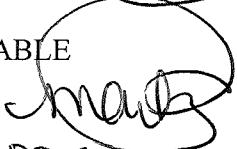
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