



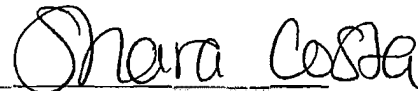
# Town of Dighton, Massachusetts

## TOWN CLERK

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 Revised

The amendments of the General By-Laws adopted under Article 26, of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting convened on June 5, 2023 having been approved by the Office of the Attorney General on September 22, 2023 are hereby posted as required and will become effective on September 22, 2023.

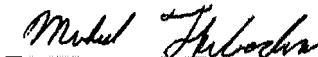


Shara Costa  
Town Clerk

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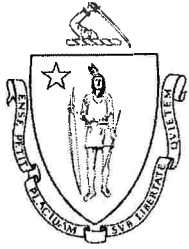
I have served Attorney General Letter and By-Law approval/update Per MGL 40 Section 42 and this packet has been posted at:

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Dated: 11-21-23



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September 22, 2023

Mark Pacheco, Town Clerk  
Town of Dighton  
979 Somerset Avenue  
Dighton, MA 02715

**Re: Dighton Annual Town Meeting of June 5, 2023 – Case # 11112  
Warrant Articles# 7 and 26 (General)**

Dear Mr. Pacheco:

**Articles 7 and 26** – We approve Article 7 and 26 from the Dighton June 5, 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Our comments on Article 7 are provided below.

**Article 7** Under Article 7 the Town amended the general by-laws to add new revolving funds to the list of revolving funds created by the Town under Article XXXVI, “Authorized Revolving Funds.” We approve Article 7 because it does not conflict with state law. See Amherst v. Attorney General, 398 Mass. 793, 795-96 (1986) (requiring inconsistency with state law or the constitution for the Attorney General to disapprove a by-law). However, we offer the following comments on Article 7.

General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ requires revolving funds to be established by by-law. Section 53E ½ authorizes municipalities to establish revolving funds for “any fees, charges or other receipts from the departmental programs or activities supported by the revolving fund,” to be accounted for separately from other monies in the town, and authorizes expenditures from such fund without further appropriation, subject to the provisions of Section 53E ½. According to the Department of Revenue/Division of Local Services (DOR/DLS), the purpose of a departmental revolving fund is to enable the department to separately account for money received from a specific program or activity and to make expenditures from that separate account for that specific program or activity.

However, according to DOR/DLS, not all receipts may lawfully be deposited in a revolving fund. For example, property taxes, motor vehicle taxes, or revenues from general municipal activities, rather than those of a particular department, are not properly categorized as “fees, charges or other receipts from the departmental programs or activities supported by the revolving fund.” See G.L. c. 44, § 53 and 53E ½. In addition, receipts reserved by law (for example betterment payments under G.L. c. 44, § 53J), or receipts authorized by law for expenditure for a particular purpose (for example, local acceptance of G.L. c. 44B, Community Preservation Act), are expressly prohibited from being

included in a revolving fund under the statute.

The DOR/DLS has published several informational guidelines to provide information regarding municipal revenues and special funds. In particular, DOR/DLS has published: (1) Bulletin 2017-01B, "Authorization of Departmental Revolving Funds and Model By-law/Ordinance:<https://www.mass.gov/doc/departmental-revolving-funds-model-by-law-ordinance-and-annual-spending-cap-vote/download>; (2) an "Overview of Statutory Treatment of Municipal Revenues:" <https://www.mass.gov/doc/statutory-treatment-of-municipal-revenue-overview/download>; and (3) Informational Guideline Release (IGR) 21-23, "Departmental Revolving Funds," September 2021: <https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/gateway/DLSPublic/IgrMaintenance/Index/772> Our comments on two newly created revolving funds are provided below.

A. Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage Fund

Under Article 7 the Town created a new Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage Fund for fees collected from third parties for police details. The by-law states that receipts from third party police detail fees may be used to fuel and maintain the police vehicles.

According to the DOR/DLS, money in the Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage Fund can be used for fueling and maintenance of the vehicles used for the private details but cannot be used to fund the fueling or maintenance of the department's entire fleet of vehicles. General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C allows the Town to deposit into a fund separate from the Town's general fund any fees the Town receives when an off-duty police officer or other off-duty employee works a private detail. To the extent that the Town is charging a police detail fee to offset any expense incurred for the police vehicles used during the private detail, the Town may be able to properly deposit those fees into the Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage revolving fund. However, according to DOR/DLS the Town must be careful to ensure that any fees in this revolving fund are used only for maintenance of the vehicle used for the private detail and not for the fueling or general maintenance of the police department's entire fleet of vehicles. The Town should consult with Town Counsel and DOR/DLS regarding any questions on this issue.

B. Police Department Youth and Community Policing Engagement Fund

Under Article 7 the Town also created a new Police Department Youth and Community Policing Engagement Fund with "donations" listed as a revenue source for this revolving fund. It is unclear whether "donations" referred in this revolving fund are actually "fees" for programs and services associated with community policing activities, or if the donations are true "gifts." General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A governs the acceptance and expenditure of grants and gifts, and requires:

An officer or department of any...town, or of any regional school or other district, may accept grants or gifts of funds from the federal government and from a charitable foundation, a private corporation, or an individual, or from the commonwealth, a county or municipality or an agency thereof, and in the case of any grant or gift given for educational purposes may expend said funds for the purposes of such grant or gift with the approval of the school committee, and in the case of any other grant or gift may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift...in towns with the approval of the board of selectmen...

Further, Section 53A provides that “[n]otwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-three, any amounts so received by an officer or department of a city, town or district shall be deposited with the treasurer of such city, town or district and held as a separate account and may be expended as aforesaid by such officer or department receiving the grant or gift without further appropriation.” The Town should consult with Town Counsel to ensure that any donations deposited in the Town’s Police Department Youth and Community Policing Engagement Fund revolving funds comply with the requirements of G.L. c. 44, § 53A and § 53E ½.

**Note:** Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

Very truly yours,  
ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Kelli E. Gunagan*

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 05, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*Shara Costa*

TOWN CLERK

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

Total attendance was 289.

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

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

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

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

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*Marc Costa*

TOWN CLERK

Peter Caron, Chair of the Board of Selectmen read a report.  
Peter Roache, Chair of the Finance Committee read a report.  
Robert Rendon, Chair of the Capital Outlay Committee read  
a report.  
Michael P. Mullen, Jr., Town Administrator, read a report.

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

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

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



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

*Board of Selectmen Recommends*

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

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

**Total** **\$14,493.95**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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

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

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

<b><u>TREE WARDEN</u></b>	\$269.10	\$269.10	\$269.10
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<b><u>MODERATOR</u></b>	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$510.00
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<b><u>TOWN CLERK</u></b>	\$77,250.00	\$76,500.00	\$76,500.00
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<b><u>TOWN COLLECTOR</u></b>	\$39,000.00	\$38,760.00	\$38,760.00
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<b><u>TOWN TREASURER</u></b>	\$39,000.00	\$38,760.00	\$38,760.00
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**PLANNING BOARD**

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

**SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

#### TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

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



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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
<b>145</b>	<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>				
	Personnel	\$77,625.80			
	Expenses	\$39,700.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$117,325.80</b>	<b>\$109,475.80</b>	<b>\$109,235.00</b>	<b>\$109,235.00</b>
<b>146</b>	<b>TOWN COLLECTOR</b>				
	Personnel	\$77,725.80			
	Expenses	\$25,600.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$103,325.80</b>	<b>\$102,075.80</b>	<b>\$101,835.00</b>	<b>\$101,835.00</b>
<b>151</b>	<b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>				
	Expenses	\$40,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>
<b>155</b>	<b>DATA PROCESSING</b>				
	Expenses	\$71,706.28			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$71,706.28</b>	<b>\$71,733.33</b>	<b>\$71,733.33</b>	<b>\$71,733.33</b>
<b>158</b>	<b>TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE</b>				
	Expenses	\$10,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>161</b>	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
	Personnel	\$143,504.20			
	Expenses	\$9,450.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$152,954.20</b>	<b>\$178,053.20</b>	<b>\$174,647.60</b>	<b>\$174,647.60</b>
<b>162</b>	<b>ELECTIONS</b>				
	Personnel	\$18,000.00			
	Expenses	\$15,900.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$33,900.00</b>	<b>\$36,229.00</b>	<b>\$31,501.40</b>	<b>\$31,501.40</b>
<b>163</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>				
	Personnel	\$600.00			
	Expenses	\$5,100.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$5,700.00</b>	<b>\$8,552.00</b>	<b>\$8,552.00</b>	<b>\$8,552.00</b>
<b>171</b>	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>				
	Personnel	\$5,919.00			
	Expenses	\$4,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$63,198.00</b>	<b>\$80,183.00</b>	<b>\$69,539.56</b>	<b>\$69,539.56</b>



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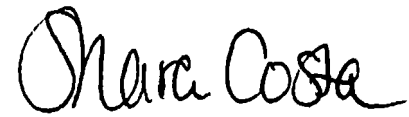
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174	<b>DIGHTON TRAILS COMMITTEE</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,600.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
175	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
	Personnel	\$43,545.40			
	Expenses	\$18,503.97			
	<b>TOTAL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



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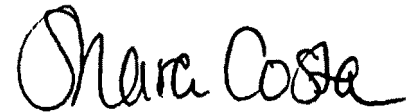
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	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
210	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>				
	Personnel	\$1,732,576.03			
	Expenses	\$172,500.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,905,076.03</b>	<b>\$1,952,934.68</b>	<b>\$1,946,724.68</b>	<b>\$1,946,724.68</b>
215	<b>COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT</b>				
	Personnel	\$361,995.45			
	Expenses	\$32,020.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$394,015.45</b>	<b>\$410,488.13</b>	<b>\$410,488.13</b>	<b>\$410,488.13</b>
220	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				
	Personnel	\$668,526.77			
	Expenses	\$101,552.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$770,078.77</b>	<b>\$760,732.67</b>	<b>\$760,732.67</b>	<b>\$760,732.67</b>
231	<b>AMBULANCE SERVICES</b>				
	Personnel	\$677,491.59			
	Expenses	\$130,050.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$807,541.59</b>	<b>\$796,786.26</b>	<b>\$796,786.26</b>	<b>\$796,786.26</b>
241	<b>BUILDING INSPECTION</b>				
	Personnel	\$133,104.00			
	Expenses	\$38,130.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$171,234.00</b>	<b>\$170,711.20</b>	<b>\$170,711.20</b>	<b>\$170,711.20</b>
242	<b>GAS INSPECTION</b>				
	Personnel	\$8,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>
243	<b>PLUMBING INSPECTION</b>				
	Personnel	\$8,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>



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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
244	<b>WEIGHTS AND MEASURES</b>				
	Personnel	\$1,200.00			
	Expenses	\$200.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
245	<b>ELECTRICAL INSPECTION</b>				
	Personnel	\$20,000.00			
	<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	\$45,000.00			
	Expenses	\$10,750.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$55,750.00</b>	<b>\$58,150.00</b>	<b>\$58,150.00</b>	<b>\$58,150.00</b>
294	<b>FORESTRY</b>				
	Personnel	\$263.82			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$263.82</b>	<b>\$269.10</b>	<b>\$269.10</b>	<b>\$269.10</b>
295	<b>HARBORMASTER</b>		<b>MOVED</b>		
	Personnel	\$2,000.00	<b>INTO</b>		
	Expenses	\$7,800.00	<b>DEPT. 210</b>		
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$9,800.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
299	<b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE</b>				
	Expenses	\$8,500.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$4,159,659.66</b>	<b>\$4,191,572.04</b>	<b>\$4,185,362.04</b>	<b>\$4,185,362.04</b>
	<b>EDUCATION</b>				
300	<b>DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL</b>				
	Capital	\$375,616.00	\$357,962.00	\$357,962.00	\$357,962.00
	<u>Operating</u>	\$10,000.00	\$11,438,692.00	\$11,438,692.00	\$11,438,692.00
	<b>BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL</b>				
	Expenses	\$147,146.56	\$239,916.50	\$239,916.50	\$239,916.50



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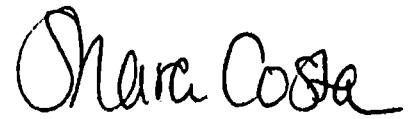
#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$1,081,809.00	\$1,468,434.00	\$1,468,434.00	\$1,468,434.00
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$12,598,212.56	\$13,505,004.50	\$13,505,004.50	\$13,505,004.50
	HIGHWAY				
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE				
	Personnel	\$618,004.30			
	Expenses	\$162,150.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$780,154.30	\$820,895.91	\$820,895.91	\$820,895.91
423	SNOW AND ICE CONTROL				
	Personnel	\$13,250.00			
	Expenses	\$36,750.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
429	DIGHTON-BERKLEY BRIDGE				
	Expenses	\$1,500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
432	STREET CLEANING/STORMWATER				
	Personnel	\$57,748.10			
	Expenses	\$102,160.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$159,908.10	\$162,474.61	\$162,474.61	\$162,474.61
	TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$991,562.40	\$1,034,370.52	\$1,034,370.52	\$1,034,370.52
	SANITATION				
433	WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL				
	Personnel	\$9,240.66			
	Expenses	\$838,026.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$847,266.66	\$769,500.00	\$769,500.00	\$769,500.00



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

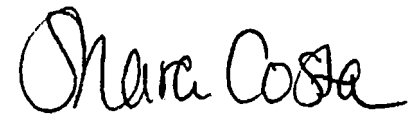


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549	<b>COMMISSION ON DISABILITY</b>				
	Personnel	\$3,000.00			
	Expenses	\$2,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,060.00</b>	<b>\$5,060.00</b>	<b>\$5,060.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>\$489,895.81</b>	<b>\$424,762.99</b>	<b>\$423,942.99</b>	<b>\$423,942.99</b>
	<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				
610	<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>				
	Personnel	\$227,930.10			
	Expenses	\$72,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$299,930.10</b>	<b>\$306,580.60</b>	<b>\$306,580.60</b>	<b>\$306,580.60</b>
630	<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>				
	Expenses	\$20,200.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$20,200.00</b>	<b>\$20,500.00</b>	<b>\$20,500.00</b>	<b>\$20,500.00</b>
691	<b>TOWN HISTORIAN</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
691	<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>				
	Expenses	\$1,600.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>
698	<b>CABLE COMMISSION</b>				
	Personnel	\$20,000.00			
	Expenses	\$12,100.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$32,100.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$354,080.10</b>	<b>\$364,730.60</b>	<b>\$364,730.60</b>	<b>\$364,730.60</b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
710	<b>MATURING PRINCIPAL ON LONG TERM DEBT</b>				
	Expenses	\$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>





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



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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
919	<b>OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)</b>				
	Expenses	\$35,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
920	<b>TUITION</b>				
	Expenses	\$10,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$2,508,760.2 5</b>	<b>\$2,508,760.25</b>	<b>\$2,508,760.25</b>	<b>\$2,508,760.25</b>
	<b>SETTLEMENTS AND COURT JUDGEMENTS</b>				
940	<b>SETTLEMENTS</b>				
	Expenses	-0-			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
941	<b>COURT JUDGEMENTS</b>				
	Expenses	-0-			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
	<b>TOTAL SETTLEMENTS AND COURT JUDGEMENTS</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
945	<b>LIABILITY INSURANCE</b>				
	Expenses	\$135,000.00			
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$135,000.00</b>	<b>\$240,200.00</b>	<b>\$240,200.00</b>	<b>\$240,200.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$135,00.00</b>	<b>\$240,200.00</b>	<b>\$240,200.00</b>	<b>\$240,200.00</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$24,097,277.49</b>	<b>\$25,526,291.38</b>	<b>\$25,494,267.75</b>	<b>\$25,494,267.75</b>



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

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

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

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS



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

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



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

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

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

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

#### Direct Costs

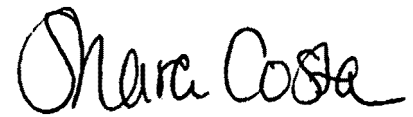
Salaries	\$131,561.73	\$131,561.73	\$131,561.73
Expenses	\$193,850.00	\$193,850.00	\$193,850.00
Capital Expenses	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00

<b><u>Indirect Costs</u></b>	\$ 19,899.50	\$19,899.50	\$19,899.50
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The above appropriations will be funded as follows:

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

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



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

**ARTICLE 8 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On Motion of Nicole Mello and Seconded, I move that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½, as most recently amended, to establish fiscal year limitation on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the Town of Dighton General Bylaws, Section XXXVI, "Departmental Revolving Funds" with such limitations for FY24, as stated in Article 8 of the June 5, 2023, Annual Town Meeting.

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

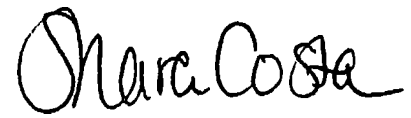
**Revolving Fund  
Spending Limit**

**FY24**

**Trustees of the  
Dighton Public Library**

Copying, Faxing  
and Printing  
Services

**\$5,000.00**



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

*Board of Selectmen Recommends*

**ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** On Motion of Leonard Hull and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2024 Highway Program under Chapter 90, and the town road improvement program.



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**ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On Motion of Leonard Hull and Seconded, I move that the Town vote to grant to the Board of Selectmen the authority to obtain whatever parcels or easements as necessary, to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with highway maintenance or road or bridge reconstruction projects.

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

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

Shared Streets	\$10,301.00
Complete Streets	366.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,667.00</b>

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





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**Appropriations:**

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

**Reserves:**

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

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

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

**CPC RECOMMENDS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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



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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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



TOWN CLERK

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**



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

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

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

Elementary School

1. Anawan

Baystate Road, Rehoboth, Mass

- 2 1. Palmer River Elementary School  
 Winthrop Street, Rehoboth, Mass
- 3 2. D.L. Beckwith Middle School  
 Winthrop Street, Rehoboth, Mass

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

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

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

*By amending*

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

The foregoing

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

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

*Shara Costa*

By amending the signature blocks on Page 17 as follows:

TOWN OF DIGHTON

TOWN CLERK

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF REHOBOTH

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Selectmen

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

**ARTICLE 27.** To act upon any other business that lawfully may be introduced at said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

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

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

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

*mark*

ATTEST

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark L. Pacheco  
Town Clerk