

**The Annual Report
of the
Town Officers
of the
Town of Dighton
Year Ending December 31, 2023**



**Financial Transactions
Year Ending June 30, 2023**

Front Cover: The Council on Aging and Prime Time Supportive Adult Day Center located at 1059 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, MA 02715

Pictured (from left to right):

Laura Medeiros, COA Office Manager
Britany Reed, Prime Time Kitchen Coordinator
Joanne Cunningham, Prime Time Program Support Aide
Anabela “Bela” Powell, COA Executive Director
Barbara Prairie, Prime Time Program Support Aide
Linda Pinto, Prime Time Kitchen Assistant
Trista Tate, COA Program Manager

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Board of Trustees, Dighton Public Library

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Mr. O’Connor for volunteering his time, talent and patience to the 2023 Annual Town Report



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ELECTED OFFICIALS

APRIL 8, 2023

OFFICE	NAME		ADDRESS	HOME#	TERM EXP	OFFICE#
<i>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</i>						
Chairman	Peter D.	Caron	2580 Maple Swamp Rd. No. Dighton	508-415-6842	2025	669-6431
Clerk	Nicole Lee	Mello	1693 Wellington Street Dighton	508-488-8500	2026	669-6431
member	Leonard Eme	Hull, Jr.	760 Main St. Dighton	508-669-5095	2024	669-6431
<i>TOWN CLERK</i>						
	Mark L.	Pacheco	2530 Maple Swamp Rd. No. Dighton	508-813-8523	2025	669-5411
*Appointed	Shara	Costa	2431 Winthrop St. No. Dighton	339-235-4606	2024	669-5111
<i>TOWN TREASURER</i>						
	Paul E.	Reynolds, III	725 Main St. Dighton	774-454-1247	2025	669-5411
<i>TOWN COLLECTOR</i>						
	Paul E.	Reynolds, III	725 Main St. Dighton	774-454-1247	2025	669-5411
<i>TOWN MODERATOR</i>						
	William F.	Moore	1835 Smith St Dighton	508-269-8485	2024	669-6431
<i>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</i>						
Chairman	Eric J.	Easterday	1769 Wheeler St. No. Dighton	508-272-2413	2026	669-5043
Clerk	Nancy J.	Goulart	631 Gray Terr. No. Dighton	508-823-6179	2024	669-5043
Member	William F.	Moore	1835 Smith St . Dighton		2025	669-5043
<i>TREE WARDEN</i>						
	Thomas C.	Ferry	1070 Williams St. No. Dighton	774-218-5339	2024	669-6431

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS	HOME#	TERM EXP	OFFICE#
D-R SCHOOL DIST.COMM.					
	Christopher Andrade	1975 Milk St. Dighton	774-872-0840	2024	252-5000
	Donna Marie Berdos	2396 Pleasant St. Dighton	508-558-5510	2026	252-5000
	Eliza M. Couture	176 Center St. Dighton	508-558-5060	2026	252-5000
	Glenn A. Jefferson	270 Hillcrest Dr. Dighton	774-872-1031	2024	252-5000
	Peter R. Latour	193 Forest St. No. Dighton	774-501-1580	2025	252-5000
PLANNING BOARD					
	Joseph Figueiredo	400 Country Hill Dr. No. Dighton	508-669-6186	2027	669-6636
	Robert J. Woods, Jr.	158 Chase St. No. Dighton	508-822-4437	2028	669-6636
Chairman	Jeffrey Carvalho	2124 Tommy's Way Dighton	774-872-0046	2025	669-6636
Clerk	Christopher E Cunha	380 Country Hill Dr. No. Dighton		2026	669-6636
Vice Chairman				2024	669-6636
PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES					
	Rita A. Araujo	1423 Williams St. Dighton	508-669-5920	2024	669-6421
	Ann Elaine Meitzen	3091 Hunters Hill Dr. Dighton	860-944-1092	2025	669-6421
	Ronald J. O'Connor	594 School St. No. Dighton	508-821-3782	2026	669-6421
PARKS AND RECREATION					
Chairman	Kevin A. Smith	1147 Center St. Dighton	774-872-0226	2024	669-5027
Clerk	Lindsey Mari Waller	337 Center Street N. Dighton	508-667-7200	2026	669-5027
Member	Rachel A. Goulart	227 Summer St. No. Dighton		2025	669-5027
HOUSING AUTHORITY					
	Adele L. Collard	238 Andrews St. No. Dighton	508-822-2825	2028	823-8361
	William Fontaine*	300 Lincoln Ave. B9 No. Dighton	508-493-2216	2027	823-8361
	Edward J. Olney	883 Prospect St No. Dighton	508-823-0836	2026	823-8361
	Alice E. Souza	1679 Elm St. Dighton	508-669-5776	2025	823-8361

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS	HOME#	TERM EXP	OFFICE#
SEWER COMMISSIONER					
	Paul Joly	707 Brook St. Dighton		2025	669-5111
	Mark Nicora	870 Prospect St. No. Dighton		2024	669-5111
Chairman	Robert J. Woods, Jr.	158 Chase St. No. Dighton	508-822-4437	2026	669-5111
Clerk	Thomas C. Ferry	1070 Williams St. No. Dighton	774-218-5339	2024	669-5111



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The writing of each year's Town Report provides us with an opportunity to reflect on where we have been as a community, where we are, and where we are going. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I am proud to share that, thanks to the tireless efforts of our dedicated town employees, countless volunteers, and our engaged, civic-oriented residents, the Town of Dighton, in 2023, continued to move thoughtfully into the future.

As is customary, the Board of Selectmen, together with the Town Administrator, the Town's Financial Team and Departments, began working to plan for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) right from the beginning of the last calendar year. Efforts to plan for the FY24 operating budget centered on a conservative, zero-base justified budget framework initiated by the Board of Selectmen that extended to all departments, boards and committees.

The guiding approach in our zero-base budget framework began with the starting point for the FY24 budget at zero, with proposed departmental requests and appropriations being rationalized and justified at each part of the budget development process. The Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget ultimately approved by residents at last June's Annual Town Meeting was developed to be a fiscally-responsible, structurally balanced budget plan that continued investments in education and core public safety and municipal services.

It is important to note, however, that the Town in FY24 continued to adapt to fiscal challenges shaped by a variety of outside factors that have required thoughtful and careful attention.

Of note, Fiscal Year 2024 is the first year of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School (B-P) building project debt service being assessed to Dighton in the amount of \$254,000 with a projected increase to nearly \$900,000 during the next five years. These increases are anticipated as we also continue to absorb approximately \$149,000 a year in Bristol County Agricultural High School (Bristol Aggie) capital debt service costs on top of typical enrollment-based educational assessment costs for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, Bristol Aggie, and B-P. Combined with Town's limited revenue growth, these education and educational capital assessment cost increases are now beginning to crowd out our ability to fund core Town government functions and deferred capital needs. As we approach planning for future years, we do so with these and related challenges at the forefront.

Dighton's June 2023 Annual Town Meeting also saw the approval of \$727,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) and available funds for the library building project at 207 Main Street. This funding will be leveraged with an \$87,000 state budget earmark secured by Dighton's legislative delegation and a \$200,000 Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund grant for HVAC upgrades advanced by the Library Director and Town Administrator. The Board of Selectmen appreciates the efforts of the Library Building Committee, the Board of Library Trustees, and so many community stakeholders to lead this project forward.

Needless to say, town officials continue to place a priority on applying for, securing, and implementing grant awards to achieve our capital- and planning-related needs. The success of these efforts continued with Dighton last year being invited into an Eligibility Period by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to explore a potential Dighton Elementary School building project. Results are also being realized at the Council on Aging which, in the fall of 2023, was awarded more than \$75,000 in grant funds to address various capital and program needs. These grants are funding updates and renovations to the rear entrances of the Council on Aging Building to include a new ramp and concrete patio, as well as the expansion of COA hybrid programming to better-reach all Dighton seniors. We are proud to recognize the efforts of Council on Aging Director Anabela Powell, the COA Board of Directors, and the COA's incredible team for all they continue to do to further strengthen and expand the vibrancy of Dighton's senior programming.

Towards the end of the calendar year, the Board of Selectmen approved a final Dighton Economic Development Plan drafted and completed over the last year and a half through a state grant-funded partnership between the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and the Dighton Development & Industrial Commission. The planning efforts were informed by and included feedback from public outreach, public meetings and a survey, which included engagement from 140 participants. The Economic Development Plan highlights a variety of initiatives already underway to streamline town permitting processes and provides a pathway to create targeted, measured and sustainable development to help guide the Dighton community into the future. Efforts to implement the plan's recommendations will rely on the engagement and support of the entire community. The Board of Selectmen looks forward to working with stakeholders to help bring them to fruition.

Our success in applying for and being awarded such grants relies on the Town maintaining and advancing strong financial practices. The Board of Selectmen commends Town Administrator Michael Mullen, Town Accountant Sirena Amaral and Treasurer-Collector Paul Reynolds for having brought Dighton its cleanest audit management letter from during the last five years as a result of the Town's FY23 audit. New to the FY23 audit was also Dighton's requirement to have a Single Audit completed based on ARPA spending with the acquisition of the new library building at 207 Main Street. We are also pleased to recognize the efforts of our Financial Team maintaining compliance with federal ARPA requirements and no issues or deficiencies having been identified with regard to spending on the Town's ARPA-approved projects.

The April 2023 Annual Town Election brought with it various changes, including a change on the Board of Selectmen and on the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee. The Board recognized the tireless public service of former Selectman Kenneth Pacheco who served as a member of the Board of Selectmen from 2018 to 2023 and for the seventeen years prior as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. We thank former Selectman Pacheco for advancing goals relating to ADA accessibility and addressing Dighton's longtime library needs.

Before last year's Annual Town Election, the Board of Selectmen also joined our Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee colleagues to recognize Mrs. Janice Terry for her devoted thirty-three years of service to the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District as a Dighton member of the School Committee. During her many years of service, Mrs. Terry brought an unparalleled, unwavering commitment to advance educational opportunities in our community, and her and her family's philanthropy has and will continue to impact countless lives in the Dighton community. We honor and recognize the legacy of Mrs. Terry's efforts.

In mid-April 2023, worldwide attention turned to Dighton as a town resident became the focus of an international security issue. As always, our Police and Fire Departments were there to respond, and served as tremendous partners with state and federal law enforcement and public safety officials. Dighton's first responders are top-notch, and we remain grateful for their leadership and efforts during that challenging time. Later in the summer of 2023, the Police Department faced another transition as Administrative Sgt. George Nichols was named Acting Chief of Police before officially being appointed Chief of Police in early 2024. The last few years have been a period of great transition for the Dighton Police Department. The Board of Selectmen looks forward to working with Chief Nichols to help keep the Dighton Police Department moving forward under his leadership and command.

During the summer months, we recognized the well-deserved retirement of former Dighton Assistant Town Clerk Pamela Tenglin after twenty-nine years of service. The Board of Selectmen, together with our current and former town clerks, continue to convey our sincere thanks and gratitude to Pam for her all she did for the Dighton community and its residents.

Last, but by absolutely no means least, the Board of Selectmen also acknowledged the tremendous efforts of Mr. Bill Frenette and Mr. Charles Mello who each brought more than fifty years of tireless and passionate public service to the Dighton Conservation Commission. Both Mr. Frenette and Mr. Mello are true Gentlemen, and we join with their families and a grateful community to thank them for their devoted efforts to the Dighton community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter D. Caron, Chairman
Nicole L. Mello, Clerk (elected April 2023)
Leonard E. Hull, Jr., Member
Kenneth J. Pacheco, Member (through April 2023)



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To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton, I hereby submit my Annual Town Report for the Year 2023:

It remains a true honor and privilege to be serving as your Town Administrator. Similar to the last few years, 2023 brought challenges, opportunities and progress on a number of fronts. I am pleased to report that the town—together with its employees, volunteers and residents—continues to move forward to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of our community, while maintaining a strong commitment to fiscal planning, discipline, and responsibility encompassing each and every effort.

Efforts during the last year have centered on a collaborative ability to plan, triage, prioritize and adapt to varying tasks. Different situations that arose during the last year have reinforced that no one day is ever the same as the next, and managing the multitude of issues that arise during a given day is an ever-present challenge. Examples of these efforts have included collaborating and supporting relevant public safety personnel in coordinating town responses with the Board of Selectmen to various legal and employment issues, including an international security crisis.

The annual goal-setting retreat with the Board of Selectmen continues as a critical component to ensure the alignment of goals between the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and town departments. The preparation and coordination that goes into planning for the retreat continues to increase on a yearly basis. The collaboration, direction, feedback and constructive input provided during this meeting has become an invaluable example of how we continue working together to move the town forward.

The strength of our new financial team (now defined in our new town bylaw) continues to have a positive impact on the town's financial management efforts. A real highlight of this year was receiving our Fiscal Year 2023 audited financial statements, management letter, and Single Audit. I am proud to report that that this year's management letter is the cleanest management letter that we have received during the last five years. I especially want to recognize the efforts of Town Accountant Sirena Amaral, Treasurer-Collector Paul Reynolds, Assistant Treasurer-Collector Christina Franca, and Police Department Executive Assistant Karlene Bourque for their efforts in making this possible. New in this year's audit process was Dighton's requirement to have a Single Audit completed based on ARPA spending. I am proud to report that, due to our compliance with procurement and ARPA spending requirements, no issues or deficiencies were identified with regard to our approved ARPA projects.

Despite Dighton's current fiscal challenges brought on by education funding challenges and costs associated with the Bristol-Plymouth Technical High School building project, strong fiscal management is at the center of most, if not all, of our efforts. During the last year, we have worked to implement our new Financial Bylaw; we hosted a municipal finance fellow from the Department of Revenue, and we have strengthened procurement training. Moreover, we are also providing all of our employee groups, town officials and residents with factual, unbiased information relating to the town's fiscal management efforts to help provide education and uniformity to provide all parties with a strengthened understanding with regard to the town's fiscal position. This has been especially helpful in helping to continue maximizing grant opportunities to help take pressure of the local tax base to achieve a variety of needed goals.

Related to the sustainability of the Dighton community, we also worked together with the Dighton Development and Industrial Commission and the Board of Selectmen to help lead Dighton's new Economic Development Plan to completion and approval. The Plan prioritizes agricultural-focused economic development initiatives, including incubator innovation opportunities, to help better-sustain Dighton's economy while preserving its agricultural-based character. A key component of the Plan recommendations includes establishing better coordination and strengthened alignment between the town's various land-use permitting. Last summer, with direction from the Board of Selectmen, we were able to successfully procure unified, dedicated on-call peer review engineering services from Weston & Sampson, which will help us move closer towards achieving this goal.

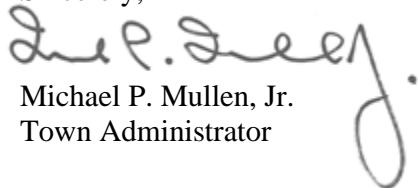
With the aim of planning ahead and maximizing the use of resources, we also devoted significant time and efforts during the last year to procuring various services, including on-call architectural/engineering services, electrical and HVAC services, in addition to a contractor for the town's grant-funded municipal fiber project, which is expected to be completed by June 2024.

Our priority to apply for, secure, and implement various grant awards also continues, especially as we keep working to identify opportunities to achieve capital and planning-related needs with non-local tax base-related funding. The success of these collaborative efforts has been realized this year with the Town of Dighton and the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District being invited into an Eligibility Period by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to explore a potential Dighton Elementary School building project. We have also worked to secure critically important grant funding for the Council on Aging, as well as \$200,000 awarded to Dighton by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to fund 207 Main Street HVAC improvements. We are working to continue advancing the Pleasant Street Bridge replacement project, and were recently awarded another Community Compact Cabinet grant to update the Dighton's Housing Production Plan. The grant-funded efficiency analysis between the town and the Dighton Water District is also expected to be completed by mid-2024.

We remain extremely proud of the efforts that continue to go into maintaining Dighton's new website. I especially would like to recognize the efforts of Leeanne Kerwin in the Board of Selectmen's Office for helping to transform the town website into what it is today. From using the website to highlight tax abatement processes, to explaining FY24 tax bills, highlighting our Financial Dashboard, and providing up-to-date budget and financial information, I truly believe that Dighton's municipal website is now one of the best around when it comes to providing information, outreach and engagement efforts to the broader community. Equally important is prioritizing cross-channel communication methods to get the same information out to residents in a variety of platforms. We constantly work to make sure that the information on the Town webpage aligns with the information on the Town's official Facebook account and vice-versa. We are also continuing our efforts with the town's public safety departments to maximize measured use of Dighton's CodeRED technology.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Mullen, Jr." followed by a period and a small "J".

Michael P. Mullen, Jr.
Town Administrator

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

As of December 31, 2023, the total population for the Town of Dighton was 8,238. There are 6,164 voters, 973 of which are Democrats, 815 were Republican, 4,278 were Unenrolled (no party affiliation), 32 were Libertarians and 66 were of other designations. The Annual Town election was held on April 8, 2023 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A total of 781 ballots were voted and counted. The Town of Dighton has three (3) precincts and all voters voted at the Dighton Elementary School.

Dighton had two (2) Town Meetings in 2023:

Annual Town Meeting on June 5, 2023 with 289 in attendance.

Special Town Meeting on October 30, 2023 with 96 in attendance.

Vital Statistics 2023:

Births:	46
Marriage Intentions:	31
Marriage Returns:	30
Deaths:	65

There were significant changes in the Town Clerks office this year. I, Shara A. Costa, was appointed as the Town Clerk by the Board of Selectmen to fulfill an unexpired term of the elected Town Clerk, Mark L. Pacheco. I have also been appointed as Parking Clerk and as a Burial Agent. I am active in the Historical Commission and am part of the Holiday Committee. Rebecca Mello was promoted to Assistant Town Clerk as well as Burial Agent after having worked for 4 years as a part-time Senior Clerk in the Treasurer/Collectors office. Rebecca has vast knowledge in the elections process as well as the day-to-day operations. She is also an active voice in Raynham, MA where she resides. Ashley Daigneault filled the Senior Clerk position in October, working in both the Treasurer Collectors office and part time in the Town Clerks office. She is active in the Dighton Community and is part of the 'Spouses of the Dighton Fire Department'. She is a wonderful addition to our team and we are lucky to have her.

I want to say a very special thanks to the previous Town Clerks, Sue Medeiros and Mark Pacheco. While taking on the position as Town Clerk, they have both been extremely helpful and encouraging. I am grateful for their guidance.

The Clerk's Office has been busy getting ready for elections. 2024 will be busy with four Elections and two Town Meetings. We attended the Mass Town Clerks Association meeting in September focusing on elections processes and procedures. We also attended the Tri-County Clerks meeting focusing on Election Equipment. We welcome and encourage new residents and all those reaching the age of 18 to register to vote at the Town Clerks office or online at the Massachusetts Secretary of State's website.

It has been rewarding to be your Town Clerk and it has been my pleasure to serve you. I encourage you to come down and meet our new team.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shara Costa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Shara" on the top line and "Costa" on the bottom line.

Shara Costa
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED 2023

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE
January 1	Keith R. Hayden	75
January 3	Deanna M. Butler	82
January 6	George P. Aguiar	91
January 10	Carol A. Beauregard	63
January 18	Kay S. Nawlicki	74
January 22	Alfredo R. Pacheco	76
January 29	Marilyn Kay Angus	92
January 31	Shelly Ann Costa	56
February 16	Tulia Giraldo	97
February 18	Paul R. Joly	80
February 25	Edmund A. Braga	85
March 4	George William Hart	85
March 6	David L. Clark	73
March 10	Arthur R. Morton	85
March 11	Margaret Ann Mendonca	76
March 17	Olivia Horton	87
April 14	Richard Thomas Noons	79
April 15	John Masciarelli	80
April 19	David Paul Phillips	86
April 22	Antone Mendes Jr.	97
April 29	John C. Tavares Jr.	74
April 30	Ham Loeurm	73
May 2	Cynthia A. Rothwell	72
May 4	Peter M. Oleson Jr.	35
May 11	Ronald C. Aguiar Sr.	84
May 17	Robert Trevor Clarke	87

<i>DATE OF DEATH</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>AGE</i>
May 20	David Matthew	59
May 20	Peter K.	68
June 4	Francis H.	99
June 7	Ernesto F.	91
June 7	Dorothy E.	74
June 15	Cecile	94
June 20	Joan F.	84
July 7	Gary Joseph	83
July 8	Robert R.	64
July 10	Sharon	67
July 12	Albert Leo	87
July 24	Brian Paul	50
July 30	Kathryn C.	67
August 18	Francis	86
August 20	Martina	91
August 27	Helen Louis	81
September 2	George E.	90
September 22	Kenneth Patrick	64
September 25	Brian K	66
September 26	Charles R.	69
October 2	Eugene P	77
October 3	Kristina Marie	62
October 10	Lois Susan	87
October 16	John E.	82
October 24	Anita Louise	81
November 2	Maureen M	88
November 7	John Arthur	66
November 8	James R.	93
November 10	John P.	80
November 12	Jane M.	81
November 13	Olive	87
November 15	Sandra	73
November 22	Louis M.	83
November 26	George Michael	52
December 2	Dennis James	82
December 18	Howard E.	54
December 20	Albertina	85
December 24	Elaine E	90

MARRIAGES REGISTERED 2023

January

January 21 Paula Cristina Moniz Reid of Dighton & Kevin Robert Scott of N Dighton

February

February 11 Kenneth John Rapoza Jr. of Dighton & Tayla Ellen Gamache of Dighton
February 14 Audra Jeanne Manchester of Berkley & Tyler Donald Paulhus of Berkley

March

March 01 Daniel Russel Reeves of Berkley & Madison Elizabeth Braz of Berkley
March 23 Steven Marques of N Dighton & Monica Alves Rodrigues of N Dighton

April

April 08 Ricardo Simoes of Providence, RI & Danute Fedotova of Providence, RI
April 30 Evan Michael Tirrell of N Dighton & Kylie Megan Munise of N Dighton
April 30 Meghan Lynn Hanley of N Dighton & Nicholas Bruce Watts of N Dighton

May

May 06 Andrea Rebello of N Dighton & Jared Herbert Talbot of N Dighton

June

June 03 Lisa Jane Cowen of Dighton & Alden Bradford Cowen III of Dighton
June 03 Mary E. Fitzgerald of N Dighton & Wayne J. Hart of N Dighton
June 10 Stephanie Lynn Punda of N Dighton & Christopher Gordon Bramwell of N Dighton
June 26 Denis Medeiros Leite of Berkley & Jennifer Lee McDonald of Berkley

July

July 15 Brittney Anne Lesieur of N Dighton & Dennis Richard Bowley of N Dighton
July 29 Jessica Magnussen of N Dighton & Jonathan Robert Souza of N Dighton
July 21 Elizabeth of Dighton & Franz T. Kuchenbaur of Dighton
July 21 Tracy Lynn George of Dighton & of Dighton

September

September 02 Zachary Paul Daigle of Cranston RI & Megan Elizabeth Faunce of Cranston RI
September 15 Meghan Patricia Adamski of N Dighton & Tyler Andrew Pearson of N Dighton
September 16 Megan Louise Canterbury of N Dighton & Patrick Edward Hannon of N Dighton
September 23 Victoria Bristow Grignon of Taunton & Matthew William McGurn of Taunton
September 23 Sarah Hofman Lasher of S Dartmouth & Matthew Jonathan Alves of S Dartmouth

October

October 10 Torrance Ian Carpenter of N Dighton & Melissa Rae Leary of N Dighton
October 13 Sarah Margaret Barr of N Dighton & Tyler James Snook of N Dighton
October 20 Jena Lynn Rivard of N Dighton & Richard Allen Goulart Jr. of N Dighton
October 21 Michael Francis Arsenault of Middletown, RI & Brenda Lee Carr of Dighton
October 27 Emily Rose Brightman of N Dighton & Matthew Michael Talbot of N Dighton

November

November 04 Jacquelineann Destremps of E Providence, RI & Nathan James Burgoyne of E Providence, RI

DOG LICENSES 2023

Dogs Licensed 2023: 1,052

Female:	71
Female Spayed:	434
Male:	80
Male Neutered:	467

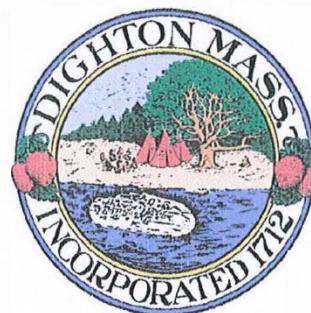
KENNEL LICENSES 2023

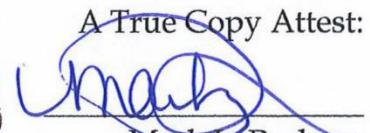
Tag No	Date	Number of Dogs	Owner Name	Address	Kennel Fee
X-01	11-May-23	Not more than 4	Jeffrey & Kimberly Whitmire	1560 Pine St	\$20.00
X-02	15-May-23	Not more than 4	Laurie Ronan Thomas Della Vecchia	711 Hart St	\$20.00
X-03	13-Jun-23	Not more than 4	Dana McLane	2011 Elm St	\$20.00
X-09	09-Jan-23	More than 4 less than 10	Rita & Tom Araujo	1423 Williams St	\$35.00
X-10	19-Jan-23	More than 4 less than 10	Linc & Tracy Turner	1591 Wheeler St	\$35.00
X-11	24-Apr-23	More than 4 less than 10	Jordan Gunter	2211 Tanglewood Rd	\$35.00
X-17	08-Feb-23	More than 10	Antone Roderick	2835 County St	\$65.00
X-18	14-Feb-23	More than 10	Bill Frenette	563 Hart St	\$65.00
X-19	13-Mar-23	More than 10	Donald Cheetham & John Barboza	2320 Williams St	\$65.00
X-20	05-Apr-23	More than ten dogs.	Joe Barao	481 School St	\$65.00

Annual Town Election April 08, 2023

On April 08, 2023 the Dighton Massachusetts Annual Town Election was held at the Dighton Elementary School. The polls were opened at 7:00 AM and closed at 5:00 PM. Seven Hundred Eighty One ballots were cast. Two Hundred and Fifty for Precinct One, Two Hundred and Eighty for Precinct Two and Two Hundred and Fifty One Precinct Three. The Election Officers were, Warden, Joan Ready, Precinct Clerks, Cynda Borges, Sue Carpenter and Margaret Mullen. Election workers were Lisa Cowen, Irene Bilodeau, Jean Lahousse, Rebecca Webster, Jo-Ann Wilson, Sheila Neu, Richard Costa, Adele Collard, Kathleen Perry, Donna Rogers and Rita Araujo. Police Officers were George Nicholas, Gilbert Lima and Ryan Richards. Mark Pacheco Town Clerk and Rebecca Mello, Senior Clerk were also present.

Town of Dighton



A True Copy Attest:

Mark L. Pacheco
Town Clerk

The result was declared as
follows:

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 04/08/2023				
FINAL RESULTS				
CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	TOTALS
SELECTMAN				
NICOLE LEE MELLO	148	159	126	433
BRETT ROBERT ZOGRAFOS	49	82	73	204
WRITE INS	7	1	4	12
BLANKS	46	38	48	132
TOTALS	250	280	251	781
TOWN MODERATOR				
WILLIAM F. MOORE	156	173	133	462
GARY SCOTT DINGUS	0	4	1	5
WRITE INS	3	12	9	24
BLANKS	91	91	108	290
TOTALS	250	280	251	781
DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE (1 YR)				5
CHRISTOPHER M. ANDRADE	147	191	164	502
WRITE INS	2	3	1	6
BLANKS	101	86	86	273
TOTALS	250	280	251	781
DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE (3 YR)				
ELIZA M. COUTURE	135	156	172	463
DONNA MARIE BERDOS	109	127	85	321
TIMOTHY JOHN TOOLIN	79	94	87	260
WRITE INS	1	3	5	9
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	176	180	153	509
TOTALS	500	560	502	1562
BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
ERIC J. EASTERDAY	163	199	144	506
BRETT ROBERT ZOGRAFOS	1	2	2	5
WRITE INS	1	2	5	8
BLANKS	85	77	100	262
TOTALS	250	280	251	781

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONER				
LINDSEY MARIE WALLER	172	203	178	553
WRITE INS	1	2	0	3
BLANKS	77	75	73	225
TOTALS	250	280	251	781
PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE				
RONALD J. O'CONNOR	143	154	160	457
ANDREW J. HORTON	96	116	76	288
WRITE INS	0	2	1	3
BLANKS	11	8	14	33
TOTALS	250	280	251	781
SEWER COMMISSIONER				
ROBERT J. WOODS	152	175	143	470
BRETT ROBERT ZOGRAFOS	2	5	3	10
WRITE INS	4	6	4	14
BLANKS	92	94	101	287
TOTALS	250	280	251	781
HOUSING AUTHORITY				
ADELE L. COLLARD	180	194	178	552
WRITE INS	3	3	0	6
BLANKS	67	83	73	223
TOTALS	250	280	251	781
PLANNING BOARD				
ROBERT J. WOODS	150	172	143	465
BRETT ROBERT ZOGRAFOS	3	7	4	14
WRITE INS	5	6	3	14
BLANKS	92	95	101	288
TOTALS	250	280	251	781
781/6108 REG. VOTERS = 12.8%		% VOTER TURNOUT		



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 05, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

Total attendance was 289.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

	Finance Committee Recommendations	Board of Selectmen Recommendations
Chairman	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Member	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Member	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>	\$269.10	\$269.10
<u>MODERATOR</u>	\$500.00	\$510.00
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	\$77,250.00	\$76,500.00
<u>TOWN COLLECTOR</u>	\$39,000.00	\$38,760.00
<u>TOWN TREASURER</u>	\$39,000.00	\$38,760.00
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>		
Chairman	\$2,386.14	\$2,239.06
Members (2) Each	\$9,544.56	\$8,956.25
<u>SEWER COMMISSIONERS</u>		
Chairman	\$3,360.49	\$3,360.49
Members (2) Each	\$4,460.17	\$4,460.17

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

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

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

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

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

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

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year 2024

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

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
244	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES				
	Personnel	\$1,200.00			
	Expenses	\$200.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$20,000.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
	Personnel	\$45,000.00			
	Expenses	\$10,750.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$55,750.00	\$58,150.00	\$58,150.00	\$58,150.00
294	FORESTRY				
	Personnel	\$263.82			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$263.82	\$269.10	\$269.10	\$269.10
295	HARBORMASTER		MOVED		
	Personnel	\$2,000.00	INTO		
	Expenses	\$7,800.00	DEPT. 210		
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$9,800.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
299	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	\$8,500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,159,659.66	\$4,191,572.04	\$4,185,362.04	\$4,185,362.04
	EDUCATION				
300	DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Capital	\$375,616.00	\$357,962.00	\$357,962.00	\$357,962.00
	<u>Operating</u>	\$10 .00	\$11,438,692.00	\$11,438,692.00	\$11,438,692.00
	BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$147,146.56	\$239,916.50	\$239,916.50	\$239,916.50

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
	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

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
435	TRANSFER STATION				
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	NEW	\$96,516.73	\$96,516.73	\$96,516.73
	TOTAL SANITATION	\$847,266.66	\$866,016.73	\$866,016.73	\$866,016.73
	OTHER				
491	CEMETERY				
	Expenses	\$24,700.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$24,700.00	\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00
	TOTAL OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL	\$24,700.00	\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00
	HUMAN SERVICES				
510	BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS				
	Personnel	\$76,936.40			
	Expenses	\$1,500.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$78,436.40	\$161,485.56	\$160,665.56	\$160,665.56
519	BOARD OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION		MOVED INTO		
	Personnel	\$74,527.00	DEPT. 510		
	Expenses	\$4,900.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$79,427.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
541	COUNCIL ON AGING				
	Personnel	\$96,037.00			
	Expenses	\$19,625.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$115,662.00	\$167,325.42	\$167,325.42	\$167,325.42
542	PRIME TIME		MOVED		
	Personnel	\$92,763.41	DEPT. 541		
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$92,763.41	-0-	-0-	-0-
543	VETERANS' SERVICES				
	Personnel	\$41,782.00			
	Expenses	\$76,825.00			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$118,607.00	L-\$90,ss2.01	\$90,892.01	\$90,892.01

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

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

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
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

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2024

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

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

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

Direct Costs

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

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

The above appropriations will be funded as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Revolving Fund Spending Limit	FY24
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Trustees of the Dighton Public Library	Copying, Faxing and Printing Services	\$5,000.00
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Trustees of the Dighton Public Library	Fines and monies collected for overdue, lost or damaged materials	\$8,000.00
Council on Aging Board	Fees, Charges and Receipts for Services rendered by Prime Time	\$150,000.00
Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage Fund	Revenue from Detail Cruiser Usage Fees	\$25,000.00
Police Department Firearms Training Range Outside Usage	Revenue from the Outside Usage of the DPD Firearms Training Range	\$15,000.00
Police Department Youth and Community Policing Engagement Fund	Donations and Other Revenue	\$15,000.00
Parks and Recreation Field Usage	Fees Charged and Monies Received for Field Use, Recreational Programs	\$15,000.00

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appropriations:

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

Reserves:

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

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

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

CPC RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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

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

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

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL

4. Anawan

Elementary School

Baystate Road, Rehoboth, Mass

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

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

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

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

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

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

The foregoing

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

By amending the signature blocks on Page 17 as follows:

TOWN OF DIGTON

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

Attest: _____

Town Clerk

By: _____

TOWN OF REHOBOTH

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

Attest:

Town Clerk

By:

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

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

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

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

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

marks
Respectfully Submitted,

ATTEST

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark L. Pacheco

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DIGHTON, MA
October 30, 2023**

The Special Town Meeting held on October 30, 2023, at the Dighton-Rehoboth High School and was called to order at 7:01 PM by William Moore, Moderator. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. The checkers were Sue Carpenter, Lisa Cowan, Peg Mullen, Sheila Neu, Jeanne Noons, Joan Ready, Janet White and Ashley Daigneault.

From the Finance Committee was Chairman Peter J. Roache, Andrew Horton, Susan Lorenz, Ronald McKay, William Mello, William Pruitt, and Doug White. Present and seated on stage from the Board of Selectmen was Chairman Peter Caron, Leonard Hull, and Nicole Mello. Also present and seated on stage was Michael Mullen Town Administrator, Matthew Costa Town Council, Shara Costa Town Clerk, and Sirena Amaral Town Accountant. The Special Town Meeting Dissolved at 8:56 PM. Total attendance was 96.

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 Peter Caron and Seconded I move that we dispense with the reading of the articles, and that reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded, I move that the Town consider adjournment this evening at 10:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Leonard Hull that we hear reports of Town Officials.

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

"I stand before you as one of your selectmen representing the interest and the well-being of our Town we gather here at this meeting The Special Town Meeting to discuss and make decisions that will shape the future of our community. Tonight, we will have the opportunities to discuss matters that directly affect our community. Each article of the warrant has been carefully considered and prepared with the best interest of our Town in mind. We encourage thoughtful discussion hearing different perspectives and ultimately making informed decisions that will shape our Town's future. First, I would like to acknowledge our other two Selectmen, Leonard Hull and Nicole Mello and our Town Administrator, Mike Mullen. Without their hard

work and talent this evening would almost be impossible. I would also like to acknowledge the strength and resilience of our community. Since the last meeting we have faced some challengers from the economic uncertainties to replacement of our Police Chief with Acting Police Chief George Nichols into addressing our need to address the need for our own part at our schools. First thing I would like to talk about is taxes. I assure you we understand the challenges faced by our taxpayers. We recognize the need for relief especially during these uncertain times. With that said, the Selectmen in Article 10 is requesting for \$250,000 tax cut for our tax payers. The decision was made with the thoughtfulness and what works best for the taxpayers. Our goal is to create a sustainable and equitable tax system that benefits all members of our community. To that end we have been working diligently on various measures to lower taxes where we can reduce spending without compromising essential services and so innovative solutions to maximizing our resources. One of our primary focuses has been attracting new businesses and industries to our Town by expanding our commercial base we can increase revenue without relying solely on residential taxes. We also committed to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our local government. We are implementing technology driven solutions and streamlining administrative processes to eliminate unnecessary expenses and minimizing waste. However, it is important to note that lowering taxes cannot be achieved overnight. It requires careful planning, collaboration with various stakeholders and a long-term vision. We remain steadfast in our dedication to providing essential services to our Town's residents. Our Town's infrastructure is being improved with investments in road repairs led by Tom Ferry, expansions of facilities with the hard work of Kevin Smith. We understand that a thriving community requires a solid foundation and we are committed to maintaining that foundation. Education is another area we have made significant strides. We have worked closely with our school district to provide our students with a quality education that prepares them for success. We have invested in our schools ensuring that they have the resources they need to offer innovative programs and support our students' growth and development. As we look to the future, we have ambitious visions for our Town. We are actively planning for sustainable growth, preserving our natural resources and enhancing the quality of life for all our residents. However, we cannot achieve these goals alone. Our success as a community relies on the active participation and engagement of each of you. I encourage you to join us in our efforts to share your ideas contribute to the collective vision we have for our Town. In closing I want to express my gratitude toward the dedicated Town employees, volunteers and community leaders who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Your commitment and passion for our Town are truly commendable. Thank you"

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

Good evening, Mr. Moderator, town officials, ladies and gentlemen, Thank you for attending this special town meeting to finalize the FY2024 Budget and act on various bylaws and revisions. The Board of Assessors is finishing up a random review of properties classified under Ch. 61, 61A, and 61B. As a reminder, a minimum of five acres is required in order to apply for a classification under Ch. 61.

Two important deadlines are approaching. Exemptions must be filed by April 1, 2024 but if they are received by the assessors' office as soon as possible, your February and April tax bills will be reduced to reflect the exemptions. After the January 2024 tax bills are issued, applications for abatements for real and personal property must be received by February 1, 2024. Forms to apply for exemptions or abatements are available on line or in the assessors' office. Anyone needing assistance or having questions should contact the assessors' office. In a few weeks, the Board of Assessors will meet with the Board of Selectmen at which time the tax rates for FY2024 will be set. This is an open public meeting if anyone wishes to attend. It will be held at the Old Town Hall.

Thank you.

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

Peter Roach of the Finance Committee read the following statement:

There was a request prior to the meeting to just give out a couple of numbers beforehand. If all the articles passed as they are written the free cash at the end of the meeting will be \$739,392.00. Stabilization is \$1.933M and capitalization stabilization 1.519M, neither of those have any articles contributing into them.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$4,587.75 to pay prior year bills.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

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

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of William Mello and seconded,

Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$46,347.74 to fund the FY2023 Snow & Ice deficit.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 5. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Andrew Horton and seconded, Mr. Moderator, 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 fifth and final-year lease payment on the 2020 Street Sweeper voted in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of June 15, 2020.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 6. MOTION CARRIES: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$90,000 to fund unforeseen educational and non-resident student vocational tuition and transportation costs as required by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Doug White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$300,000.00 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent for Main Street infrastructure and roadway improvements.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Doug White and seconded Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$40,000.00 to department #192- Public Buildings & Properties Maintenance to provide additional funding in the fiscal year 2024 budget for energy and utility costs.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and Seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of

\$90,000.00 to the “Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund” established to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for retirees’ health care and life insurance benefits.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 10. FAILED: On Motion of Peter Roach and seconded Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of \$250,000.00 to reduce the tax rate.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 10. MOTION TO AMMEND FAILED on motion of Leanord Hull and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move we move to amend to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of \$350,000.00 to reduce the tax rate.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 11. MOTION CARRIES: On Motion of Ronald McKay and seconded Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$28,000.00 to have Aquaria, LLC (\$13,000.00) and Dighton Power, LLC (\$15,000.00) appraised for the Fiscal Year 2025 five (5)-year certification reevaluations as required by the Department of Revenue.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 12. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of William Mello and seconded Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to fund necessary repairs to the Highway Department 2011 Ford bucket truck.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends*

ARTICLE 13. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Andrew Horton Mr. Moderator, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to establish a new Cannabis Stabilization Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, the purpose of which will be to establish clear accounting and tracking of revenues generated from Host Community Agreements between the Town and marijuana establishments and of expenditures of said funds approved by Town Meeting.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 14. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts 4 General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under said section of the General Laws, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 15. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Doug White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$36,042.40 and dedicate community impact fees paid by marijuana establishments operating within the Town, collected in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, Section 3, to the Cannabis Stabilization Fund established under Article 13, effective for fiscal year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2023

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 16. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of William Pruitt and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to create a special purpose Opioid Stabilization Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, to which receipts from the Massachusetts State-Subdivision for Statewide opioid settlement funds shall be appropriated annually to be used to supplement and strengthen resources available to communities and families for substance use disorder prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 17. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and Seconded Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$10,114.89, to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund established at the October 30, 2023 Special Town Meeting.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 18. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion from Jeff Carvalho and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by deleting sections 5420, 5441, 5442, 5445, 5450, and 5460, and replacing the same with new sections 5420, 5441, 5442, 5445, 5450, and 5460, and by italicizing all words within section 5400 of said Bylaws that are defined in Section VI, Definitions, all as incorporated and set forth in Article 18.

Planning Board Recommends

ARTICLE 19. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion from Jeff Carvalho and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by deleting sections 4659. a. II, 4659. a. III, and 4659. a. IV of said Bylaws, and replacing the same with new sections 4659. a. II, 4659. a. III, and 4659. a. IV, and by removing "Large-Scale Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation" from Section VI, Definitions, as it no longer applies, and by italicizing all words within section 4600 of said Bylaws that are defined in Section VI, Definitions, all as incorporated and set forth in Article 19.

Planning Board Recommends

ARTICLE 20. MOTION PASSES: On Motion of Nicole Mello and seconded Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Dighton General Bylaws by adding a new Article to be inserted after Article XLI as presented in Article 20

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 20. MOTION TO AMMEND PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion from the floor, Mark Pacheco and seconded, made motion to amend Section 1.3 to add the Town Clerk to the Financial Team.

ARTICLE 21. TABLED: On motion of Leonard Hull and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Dighton General Bylaws by amending Section 7 of Article I which states "The conduct of all Town meetings not prescribed bylaw or by these by-laws shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are adapted to Town meetings." by adding the following sentence:

"Amendments to the Town of Dighton General Bylaws shall only be decided by no less than a two-thirds vote."

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 21. MOTION TO TABLE PASSES: On Motion from the floor to table article 21

ARTICLE 22: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded. Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Dighton General Bylaws by amending Section 1 of Article II by striking out the last sentence of said section 1 and replacing it with the following:

“At the annual meeting and before the final adjournment thereof, there shall be appointed by the moderator a finance committee consisting of seven members to serve until the final adjournment of the next annual meeting and until their successors have been appointed, none of whom shall be an officer of or member of any board of the Town. ~~Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee.~~ Vacancies shall be filled by the moderator.”

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 22. AMENDMENT TO ADD TOWN RESIDENCY SHALL BE A REQUIREMENT TO SERVE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: MOTION PASSES

On motion from the floor to include a residency requirement as “Town residency shall be a requirement to serve on the Finance Committee”

ARTICLE 22. AMENDMENT TO TABLE DOES NOT PASS:

On motion from the floor to Table - Hand count was requested by Leonard Hull

ARTICLE 22. AMENDMENT STRIKE OUT VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED BY MODERATOR add back in VANCANCIES SHALL BE FILLED BY REMAINING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

“At the annual meeting and before the final adjournment thereof, there shall be appointed by the moderator a finance committee consisting of seven members to serve until the final adjournment of the next annual meeting and until their successors have been appointed, none of whom shall be an officer of or member of any board of the Town. Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee. Town Residency shall be a requirement to serve on the finance Committee ~~Vacancies shall be filled by the moderator.~~”

ARTICLE 23. NO MOTION

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

ATTEST:



Respectfully Submitted,
Shara Costa.
Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

We are pleased to report that we have received applications for exemptions that resulted from the town's acceptance of statutes or sections thereof that increased the exemption for elderly and low-income residents who meet the qualifications. As a reminder, the town also offers exemptions for the elderly; blind; widowed; disabled veterans; and there are also hardship exemptions. We encourage taxpayers to contact the office with any questions or concerns regarding their properties including exemptions and abatements. The board conducted reviews of land in Chapter 61A or 61B classifications.

During the year, three solar farm owners expressed interest in entering into Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreements. They are being reviewed and will be discussed with the selectmen and town administrator once they are in draft form. A fourth Agreement is currently on hold.

We worked with the selectmen to set the FY24 tax rates. We also worked with the commissioners of the Dighton Water District, Dighton Electric Light District, and North Dighton Fire District to set their tax rates.

During the year, training was available to employees and board members. The Bristol County Assessor's Association (BCAA) conducted its annual meeting with guest speaker, Kathleen Costello, Executive Director, Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers. She advised us that the action Eversource filed against all communities in its service area with the Appellate Tax Board was withdrawn for all but thirty large communities. The BCAA held a training meeting for local assessors hosted by the Town of Berkley.

We are working on preparations for FY2025 when all properties will undergo revaluation as required by state law. More information will be provided in a future report.

In closing, we express our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Stephanie Schecter, Mlles. Valerie Wilson, Lisa Tetreault, and all elected and appointed town officials and employees for their assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

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



**TOWN OF DIGHTON
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To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 with the following schedules:

Combined Balance Sheet - All Funds

General Fund

Statement of Cash Receipts

Statement of Cash Disbursements

Statement of Current Year Appropriations

Statement of Prior Year Appropriations

Statement of Revenues - Budget VS Actual - Budgetary Basis

Statement of Expenditures - Budget VS Actual - Budgetary Basis

Statement of Changes in Fund Balance

Special Revenue Funds

Highway Improvement Fund

Statement of Cash Receipts & Cash Disbursements

CPA (Community Preservation Act) Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balance

Other Special Revenue Funds

Statement of Cash Receipts & Cash Disbursements

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balance

Capital Projects Fund

Police/Communications Building Project

Statement of Cash Receipts & Cash Disbursements

Sewer Enterprise Fund

Statement of Cash Receipts & Cash Disbursements

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund
Balance

Trust & Agency Funds

Statement of Cash Receipts & Cash Disbursements

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund
Balance

Statement of Long-Term Obligations

Free Cash for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 as certified by the Department of Revenue –
Bureau of Accounts on September 29, 2023 was \$ 1,766,194.00

Respectfully,

Sirena Amaral

Sirena Amaral
Town Accountant

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET-ALL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Bank and cash equivalents	\$ 4,813,744.85	\$ 3,714,751.39	\$ 23,557.72	\$ 561,224.55	\$ 5,790,830.43		\$ 14,904,108.94
Investments							\$ -
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	\$ 48,820.53						\$ 48,820.53
Real estate taxes	\$ 834,591.65						\$ 834,591.65
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	\$ (463,798.59)						\$ (463,798.59)
Tax liens	\$ 753,341.75	\$ 1,612.72		\$ 1,969.51	\$ 65,553.22		\$ 822,477.20
Deferred taxes							\$ -
Motor vehicle excise	\$ 221,374.94						\$ 221,374.94
Other excises (Boat)	\$ 4,007.00						\$ 4,007.00
User fees		\$ 6,172.49		\$ 71,509.33			\$ 77,681.82
Utility liens added to taxes				\$ 7,091.17			\$ 7,091.17
Departmental	\$ 58,748.01	\$ 558,988.59					\$ 617,736.60
Special assessments		\$ 51,021.31					\$ 51,021.31
Due from other governments							\$ -
Other receivables	\$ 42,669.00						\$ 42,669.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	\$ 471,898.39						\$ 471,898.39
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds						\$ 4,239,174.44	\$ 4,239,174.44
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave							\$ 16,569.38
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,785,397.53	\$4,332,546.50	\$23,557.72	\$658,363.94	\$5,856,383.65	\$4,239,174.44	\$ 21,895,423.78
LIABILITIES							
Abilities:							
Warrants payable	\$ 303,766.26	\$ 12,553.14		\$ 4,008.50	\$ 514.20		\$ 320,842.10
Accounts payable							\$ -
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	\$ 419,613.59						\$ 419,613.59
Tax liens	\$ 753,341.75	\$ 1,612.72		\$ 1,969.51	\$ 65,557.95		\$ 822,481.93
Deferred taxes							\$ -
Foreclosures/Possessions	\$ 471,898.39						\$ 471,898.39
Motor vehicle excise	\$ 221,374.94						\$ 221,374.94
Other excises	\$ 4,007.00						\$ 4,007.00
User fees		\$ 6,172.49		\$ 71,509.33			\$ 77,681.82
Utility liens added to taxes				\$ 7,091.17			\$ 7,091.17
Departmental	\$ 58,748.01	\$ 558,988.59					\$ 617,736.60
Special assessments		\$ 51,021.31					\$ 51,021.31
Due from other governments							\$ -
Other receivables	\$ 42,669.00						\$ 42,669.00
Agency Funds					\$ 380,246.59		\$ 380,246.59
Other Obligations						\$ 123,000.00	\$ 123,000.00
Bonds payable						\$ 3,585,058.00	\$ 3,585,058.00
Vacation and sick leave liability						\$ 531,116.44	\$ 547,685.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,275,418.94	\$ 630,348.25	\$ -	\$ 101,147.89	\$ 446,318.74	\$4,239,174.44	\$ 7,692,408.26
FUND EQUITY							
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 1,801,306.89			\$ 20,000.00			\$ 1,821,306.89
Reserved for expenditures	\$ 509,869.63			\$193,311.23			\$ 703,180.86
Reserved for continuing appropriations			\$3,091,754.07				\$ 3,091,754.07
Reserved for appropriation deficit							\$ -
Reserved for snow and ice deficit	\$ (46,347.74)						\$ (46,347.74)
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit							\$ -
Reserved for debt service							\$ -
Reserved for premiums							\$ -
Undesignated fund balance	\$2,245,149.81	\$ 610,444.18	\$ 23,557.72		\$ 5,410,064.91		\$ 8,289,216.62
Unreserved retained earnings				\$343,904.82			\$ 343,904.82
Investment in capital assets							\$ -
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$4,509,978.59	\$3,702,198.25	\$23,557.72	\$557,216.05	\$5,410,064.91	\$ -	\$ 14,203,015.52
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$6,785,397.53	\$4,332,546.50	\$23,557.72	\$658,363.94	\$5,856,383.65	\$4,239,174.44	\$ 21,895,423.78

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GENERAL FUND - STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

Local Taxes:

Personal Property Taxes	\$ 2,447,171.07
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 17,819,381.45
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 160,497.11
Tax Foreclosures	\$ 106,000.00
	<u>\$ 20,533,049.63</u>

Local Receipts:

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,604,477.99
Boat Excise	\$ 15.00
Meals Excise	\$ 28,160.57
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	\$ 176,631.17
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 3,409.72
Fees	\$ 95,246.72
Fees from Landfill/Rubbish Services	\$ 309,831.50
Other Departmental Revenue	\$ 109,272.09
Licenses & Permits	\$ 366,284.10
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 19,727.50
Earnings on Investments	\$ 123,956.57
Sales of Inventory	\$ 42,674.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 91,655.27
	<u>\$ 2,971,342.20</u>

State Receipts:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Vets., Blind, Surv. Spouse	\$ -
Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Elderly	\$ 29,622.00
Veterans Benefits	\$ 17,762.25
State Owned Land	\$ 6,867.00
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games	\$ 895,710.00
Cannabis	\$ 51,364.07
	<u>\$ 1,001,325.32</u>

Other Financing Sources:

Transfers from Special Revenue Funds	
Ambulance	\$ 525,533.06
Title V	\$ 6,669.00
PEG/Cable	\$ 32,100.00
Trust	\$ 300,000.00
Other	\$ 11,556.42
Transfers from Sewer Enterprise- Indirect Costs (Net PY Adj)	\$ 20,489.69
Transfers from Capital Stabilization	\$ -
	<u>\$ 896,348.17</u>

Revenue Anticipation Notes Payable	\$ -
Tax Titles Due Districts	\$ -
Due to School District	\$ -
	<u>\$ -</u>

Total Cash Receipts	\$ 25,402,065.32
Cash Balance 6/30/2022	\$ 4,604,670.54
	<u>\$ 30,006,735.86</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GENERAL FUND - STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditures

General Government	\$ 1,713,205.72
Public Safety	\$ 3,916,450.38
Education	\$ 12,093,976.57
Highways	\$ 1,007,182.33
Sanitation	\$ 775,900.44
Other Environmental	\$ 21,339.91
Human Services	\$ 335,924.32
Culture & Recreation	\$ 309,347.79
Debt Service	\$ 374,593.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,041,696.99
Settlements/Judgments	\$ -
Liability Insurance	\$ 141,044.45
Total FY 2023 Budget Expenditures	\$ 22,730,661.90

Fiscal Year 2023 Special Articles

Point of Sale System	\$ 154.84
Library Renovations	\$ 111,183.13
Police Vehicle	\$ 6,187.94
Fire Lease	\$ 106,146.76
Williams St Guardrail	\$ 43,000.00
One Ton Dump Truck	\$ 170,000.00
Hart St. Drainage	\$ 10,649.57
Final Design & Permitting Muddy Cove	\$ 74,713.35
Sweeper Lease	\$ 50,561.92
Cyber Security Policy	\$ 1,867.85
Prior Year Bills	\$ 24,291.76
Transfer to Special Revenue	\$ 42,757.27
Transfer to Capital Stabilization	\$ 650,000.00
Transfer to OPEB	\$ 90,000.00
Transfer to Stabilization	\$ 392,292.14
Total FY 2023 Special Articles	\$ 1,773,806.53

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GENERAL FUND - STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

Prior Year Appropriations/Encumbrances

FY22 Budget Appropriations Encumbered

Administrator	\$ 11,360.00
Collector	\$ 1,144.16
Data Processing	\$ 535.80
Trails	\$ 345.05
Public Buildings	\$ 3,350.00
Police	\$ 71.28
Communications	\$ 855.89
Fire	\$ 374.99
Ambulance	\$ 375.00
Building Inspector	\$ 30,956.71
Harbormaster	\$ 1,380.06
Stormwater	\$ 27,907.05
Waste Collection	\$ 10,060.00
Veterans	\$ 50.23
Historical Commission	\$ 300.00

Prior Years Special Articles

Upgrade Network	\$ 1,072.19
Wage Classification Study	\$ 3,700.00
Town Hall ADA Eng Study	\$ 1,050.00
Library Renovations	\$ 2,447.05
Renovations & Upgrades Town Hall	\$ 25,055.54
Town Hall HVAC Unit	\$ 9,842.00
Police Vehicle	\$ 375.00
Body Worn Cameras	\$ 8,000.00
Fully Equipped Police Vehicle	\$ 56,856.38
Purchase One Unmarked Cruiser & Accessories	\$ 187.50
Scanning Archiving Digitizing Files	\$ 1,002.11
Purchase 1 New 2020 Ford Escape	\$ 5,031.90
Main St Sidewalk Design & Drainage	\$ 20,835.00
Pleasant StBridgew Engineering	\$ 135,000.00
Boom Mower	\$ 64,493.05
Hazardous Waste Day	\$ 12,000.00
Cable Mini Splits	\$ 11,428.00
Total Prior Year Appropriations	\$ 447,441.94

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GENERAL FUND - STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

Other Financing Uses

County Assessments	\$ 119,581.59
State Assessments	<u>\$ 77,317.00</u>

Total Other Financing Uses	\$ 196,898.59
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Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 25,148,808.96
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Add: Warrants Payable - 6/30/22	\$ 347,948.31
Less: Warrants Payable - 6/30/23	\$ (303,766.26)

Cash Balance 6/30/23	\$ 4,813,744.85
	<u><u>\$ 30,006,735.86</u></u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STATEMENT OF CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	FY23 Expenditures	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	Encumbrance Carried forward 6/30/23
Town Meetings	\$ 4,200.00			\$ 1,952.48	\$ 2,247.52	
Moderator	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Board of Selectmen	\$ 176,442.80		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 184,201.46	\$ 241.34	
Town Administrator	\$ 170,260.00			\$ 169,717.84	\$ 542.16	
Finance Committee	\$ 4,000.00			\$ 3,081.88	\$ 918.12	
Reserve Fund	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -		\$ 46,766.46	\$ 8,233.54	
Town Accountant	\$ 166,532.48	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 168,383.87	\$ 3,148.61	
Board of Assessors	\$ 218,661.92			\$ 214,861.58	\$ 3,308.53	\$ 491.81
Town Treasurer	\$ 117,325.80			\$ 103,770.26	\$ 12,962.25	\$ 593.29
Town Collector	\$ 103,325.80			\$ 102,659.69	\$ 666.11	
Town Counsel	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 62,972.75	\$ 0.25	\$ 2,027.00
Data Processing	\$ 71,706.28			\$ 66,037.97	\$ 1.35	\$ 5,666.96
Tax Title Foreclosure	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 9,994.27	\$ 5.73	
Town Clerk	\$ 152,954.20			\$ 156,841.04	\$ 113.16	
Elections	\$ 33,900.00	\$ 3,168.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 34,159.13	\$ 2,908.87	
Registration	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 2,465.00		\$ 7,732.15	\$ 432.85	
Conservation Commission	\$ 63,198.00			\$ 60,037.84	\$ 3,133.98	\$ 26.18
Dighton Trails	\$ 1,600.00			\$ 575.98	\$ 869.02	\$ 155.00
Planning Board	\$ 62,049.37			\$ 52,447.33	\$ 9,602.04	
Board of Appeals	\$ 40,972.40			\$ 30,847.01	\$ 9,845.39	\$ 280.00
Agricultural Commission	\$ 2,695.00			\$ 125.00	\$ 2,570.00	
Development & Industrial	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Public Buildings	\$ 187,740.00			\$ 187,369.62	\$ 370.38	
Building Insurance	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 2,355.00	\$ 45,720.85	\$ 0.15	\$ 1,634.00
Town Reports	\$ 2,200.00			\$ 2,199.26	\$ 0.74	
TOTALS	\$ 1,736,964.05	\$ 10,633.00	\$ 39,355.00	\$ 1,713,205.72	\$ 62,122.09	\$ 11,624.24

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STATEMENT OF CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	FY23 Expenditures	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	Encumbrance Carried forward 6/30/23
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	\$ 1,905,076.03			\$ 1,782,532.80	\$ 120,839.04	\$ 1,704.19
Communication	\$ 394,015.45			\$ 343,548.34	\$ 50,231.79	\$ 235.32
Fire	\$ 770,078.77			\$ 747,320.08	\$ 21,222.80	\$ 1,535.89
Ambulance Services	\$ 807,541.59			\$ 799,909.23	\$ 6,668.25	\$ 964.11
Building Inspector	\$ 171,234.00			\$ 141,855.57	\$ 3,308.43	\$ 26,070.00
Gas Inspector	\$ 8,000.00			\$ 3,570.00	\$ 4,360.00	\$ 70.00
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 8,000.00			\$ 4,655.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 245.00
Weights & Measures	\$ 1,400.00			\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	
Electrical Inspector	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 16,975.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 595.00
Animal Control Officer	\$ 55,750.00			\$ 55,749.01	\$ 0.99	
Forestry	\$ 263.82			\$ 263.82	\$ -	
Harbormaster	\$ 9,800.00			\$ 15,050.34	\$ 5,144.97	\$ 40.69
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 8,500.00			\$ 5,021.19	\$ 2,922.16	\$ 556.65
TOTALS	\$ 4,159,659.66			\$ 3,916,450.38	\$ 221,628.43	\$ 32,016.85
EDUCATION						
D-R Regional School Dist.	\$ 11,369,257.00		\$ (504,000.00)	\$ 10,865,020.01	\$ 236.99	
Bristol County Agricultural	\$ 147,146.56			\$ 147,146.56	\$ -	
Bristol-Plymouth	\$ 1,081,809.00			\$ 1,081,810.00	\$ (1.00)	
TOTALS	\$ 12,598,212.56			\$ 12,093,976.57	\$ 235.99	\$ -
HIGHWAYS						
Highway	\$ 780,154.30		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 790,990.33	\$ 9,163.97	
Snow & Ice Removal	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 96,347.74	\$ (46,347.74)	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,176.24	\$ 323.76	
Street Cleaning/Stormwater	\$ 159,908.10			\$ 118,668.02	\$ 19,440.08	\$ 21,800.00
TOTALS	\$ 991,562.40			\$ 1,007,182.33	\$ (17,419.93)	\$ 21,800.00
SANITATION						
Waste Collection & Disposal	\$ 847,266.66			\$ 775,900.44	\$ 71,366.22	
TOTALS	\$ 847,266.66			\$ 775,900.44	\$ 71,366.22	\$ -
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL						

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STATEMENT OF CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STATEMENT OF CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	FY23 Expenditures	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance		Encumbrance Carried forward 6/30/23
					 	 	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS							
Retirement & Pension Cont.	\$ 897,957.00			\$ 897,957.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Workman's Compensation	\$ 45,000.00			\$ 40,867.00	\$ 4,133.00	\$ -	
Group Health Insurance	\$ 1,312,436.25		\$ (40,400.00)	\$ 976,785.19	\$ 295,251.06	\$ -	
Group Life Insurance	\$ 950.00			\$ 685.80	\$ -	\$ 264.20	
Medicare Contributions	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 4,050.69		\$ 87,687.00	\$ -	\$ 363.69	
OPEB	\$ 35,000.00			\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Tuition	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 2,715.00	\$ 7,285.00	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 2,385,343.25	\$ 4,050.69	\$ (40,400.00)	\$ 2,041,696.99	\$ 307,296.95	\$ -	\$ -
SETTLEMENTS & JUDGMENTS							
Settlements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LIABILITY INSURANCE							
Liability Insurance	\$ 135,000.00			\$ 6,045.00	\$ 141,044.45	\$ 0.55	
TOTALS	\$ 135,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,045.00	\$ 141,044.45	\$ 0.55	\$ -
Total FY 2023 Budget Appropriations	\$ 24,024,750.49	\$ 14,683.69	\$ (468,564.00)	\$ 22,730,661.90	\$ 771,224.69	\$ 68,983.59	

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STATEMENT OF CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Fiscal Year 2023 Special Articles	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	FY23 Expenditures	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	Encumbrance Carried forward 6/30/23
Point of Sale System	\$ 13,000.00			\$ 154.84	\$ -	\$ 12,845.16
Library Renovations	\$ 150,000.00			\$ 111,183.13	\$ -	\$ 38,816.87
Railing System	\$ 75,000.00			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00
207 Main St	\$ -		\$ 404,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 404,000.00
Police Station Seal Coating	\$ 5,000.00			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Police Vehicle	\$ 75,500.00			\$ 6,187.94	\$ -	\$ 69,312.06
Fire Station Feasibility Study	\$ 150,000.00			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
Fire Lease	\$ 106,146.76			\$ 106,146.76	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance Lease	\$ 145,533.06			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,533.06
Dighton Campus Feasibility Study	\$ 150,000.00			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
DES/DMS Security Upgrades	\$ -		\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
Williams St Guardrail	\$ 43,000.00			\$ 43,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
One Ton Dump Truck	\$ 170,000.00			\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Light Duty Dump Truck	\$ 105,000.00			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00
Hart St. Drainage	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 10,649.57	\$ -	\$ 4,350.43
Final Design & Permitting Muddy Cove	\$ 267,000.00			\$ 74,713.35	\$ -	\$ 192,286.65
Sweeper Lease	\$ 50,561.92			\$ 50,561.92	\$ -	\$ -
BOH Two Roll off Containers	\$ 12,000.00			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Asphalt Lot 1551 Somerset Ave	\$ 30,000.00			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Cyber Security Policy	\$ 1,867.85			\$ 1,867.85	\$ -	\$ -
Prior Year Bills	\$ 28,612.09			\$ 24,291.76	\$ 4,320.33	\$ -
Transfer to Special Revenue	\$ 10,667.00	\$ 32,082.77	\$ -	\$ 42,757.27	\$ (7.50)	\$ -
Transfer to Capital Stabilization	\$ 650,000.00			\$ 650,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to OPEB	\$ 90,000.00			\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to Stabilization	\$ 392,292.14			\$ 392,292.14	\$ -	\$ -
Total FY 2023 Special Articles	\$ 2,736,180.82	\$ 32,082.77	\$ 504,000.00	\$ 1,773,806.53	\$ 4,312.83	\$ 1,494,144.23
Total FY 2023 Appropriations	\$ 26,760,931.31	\$ 46,766.46	\$ 35,436.00	\$ 24,504,468.43	\$ 775,537.52	\$ 1,563,127.82

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Balance 7/1/22</u>	<u>Budget Adjustments</u>	<u>FY23 Expenditures</u>	<u>Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance</u>	<u>Balance Carried forward 6/30/23</u>
<u>FY22 Budget Appropriations Encumbered</u>					
Administrator	\$ 12,275.00		\$ 11,360.00	\$ 915.00	\$ -
Accounting	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Treasurer	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Collector	\$ 1,144.16		\$ 1,144.16	\$ -	\$ -
Data Processing	\$ 535.80		\$ 535.80	\$ -	\$ -
Conservation	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trails	\$ 845.05		\$ 345.05	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Public Buildings	\$ 12,052.89		\$ 3,350.00	\$ 6,132.89	\$ 2,570.00
Police	\$ 847.41		\$ 71.28	\$ 776.13	\$ -
Communications	\$ 860.73		\$ 855.89	\$ 4.84	\$ -
Fire	\$ 374.99		\$ 374.99	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance	\$ 375.00		\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -
Building Inspector	\$ 35,748.56		\$ 30,956.71	\$ 4,791.85	\$ -
Harbormaster	\$ 1,380.06		\$ 1,380.06	\$ -	\$ -
Stormwater	\$ 27,907.05		\$ 27,907.05	\$ -	\$ -
Waste Collection	\$ 10,060.00		\$ 10,060.00	\$ -	\$ -
Veterans	\$ 50.23		\$ 50.23	\$ -	\$ -
Historical Commission	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Liability Insurance	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total FY22 Budget Appropriations Encumbered	\$ 104,756.93	\$ -	\$ 89,066.22	\$ 13,120.71	\$ 2,570.00
<u>Prior Years Special Articles</u>					
Upgrade Network	\$ 1,072.19		\$ 1,072.19	\$ -	\$ -
Wage Classification Study	\$ 5,200.00		\$ 3,700.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Town Hall ADA Eng Study	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ 28,950.00
Library Renovations	\$ 91,600.00		\$ 2,447.05	\$ -	\$ 89,152.95
Renovations & Upgrades Town Hall	\$ 25,055.54		\$ 25,055.54	\$ -	\$ -
Road Layouts	\$ 5,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Town Hall HVAC Unit	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 9,842.00	\$ -	\$ 3,158.00
Vangyzen Memorial Hall	\$ 2,949.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,949.00
Police Vehicle	\$ 1,482.50		\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ 1,107.50
Body Worn Cameras	\$ 27,350.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 19,350.00
Purchase 2 Fully Equipped Police Vehicles	\$ 107.11		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107.11
New Police Vehicle & Accessories	\$ 284.04		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 284.04
Fully Equipped Police Vehicle	\$ 58,840.06		\$ 56,856.38	\$ -	\$ 1,983.68
Purchase One Unmarked Cruiser & Accessories	\$ 224.46		\$ 187.50	\$ -	\$ 36.96
Online Permitting/Electronic Archiving	\$ 9,203.56		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,203.56
Scanning Archiving Digitizing Files	\$ 19,822.50		\$ 1,002.11	\$ -	\$ 18,820.39
Purchase 1 New 2020 Ford Escape	\$ 7,290.00		\$ 5,031.90	\$ -	\$ 2,258.10
Main St Sidewalk Design & Drainage	\$ 20,835.00		\$ 20,835.00	\$ -	\$ -
Pleasant StBridgew Engineering	\$ 147,000.00		\$ 135,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Forestry Truck	\$ 10,528.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,528.00
Utility Tractor	\$ 343.14		\$ -	\$ 343.14	\$ -
Boom Mower	\$ 64,500.00		\$ 64,493.05	\$ 6.95	\$ -
Recycle Containers-Repair/Purchase	\$ 2,237.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,237.00
Hazardous Waste Day	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Cable Mini Splits	\$ 14,000.00		\$ 11,428.00	\$ -	\$ 2,572.00
Taunton River Trailhead (Sweet Knoll)	\$ 19,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000.00
Total Prior Years Special Articles	\$ 588,924.10	\$ -	\$ 358,375.72	\$ 350.09	\$ 230,198.29
Total Prior Year Adjustments	\$ 693,681.03	\$ -	\$ 447,441.94	\$ 13,470.80	\$ 232,768.29

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES - BUDGET VS ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

REVENUES:	Budget	Actual	Difference
<u>LOCAL TAXES:</u>			
Personal Property Taxes (Net of Refunds)	\$ 2,448,904.34	\$ 2,447,171.07	\$ (1,733.27)
Real Estate Taxes (Net of Refunds)*	\$ 18,164,118.80	\$ 17,819,381.45	\$ (344,737.35)
Overlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ -	\$ 160,497.11	\$ 160,497.11
Tax Foreclosures	\$ -	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 106,000.00
Total Local Taxes	\$ 20,613,023.14	\$ 20,533,049.63	\$ (79,973.51)
<u>LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$ 1,258,594.00	\$ 1,604,477.99	\$ 345,883.99
Other Excise:			
Vessel Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$ 4,235.26	\$ 15.00	\$ (4,220.26)
Meals Excise	\$ 20,374.00	\$ 28,160.57	\$ 7,786.57
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	\$ 102,427.00	\$ 176,631.17	\$ 74,204.17
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 3,411.00	\$ 3,409.72	\$ (1.28)
Fees	\$ 61,417.03	\$ 95,246.72	\$ 33,829.69
Landfill Fees - Solid Waste	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 309,831.50	\$ 44,831.50
Other Departmental Revenue	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 109,272.09	\$ 47,272.09
Licenses & Permits	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 366,284.10	\$ 126,284.10
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 19,727.50	\$ 18,327.50
Sales of Inventory	\$ -	\$ 42,674.00	\$ 42,674.00
Earnings on Investments	\$ 6,601.13	\$ 123,956.57	\$ 117,355.44
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 51,263.00	\$ 91,655.27	\$ 40,392.27
Total Local Receipts	\$ 2,076,722.42	\$ 2,971,342.20	\$ 894,619.78
<u>STATE RECEIPTS:</u>			
Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Veterans, Blind & Surviving Spouses, Chapter 59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Loss of Taxes, Elderly, Chapter 73	\$ 46,457.00	\$ 29,622.00	\$ (16,835.00)
Veterans Benefits, Chapter 115	\$ 20,288.00	\$ 17,762.25	\$ (2,525.75)
State Owned Land	\$ 6,867.00	\$ 6,867.00	\$ -
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games, Chapter 29	\$ 895,710.00	\$ 895,710.00	\$ -
Cannabis	\$ -	\$ 51,364.07	\$ 51,364.07
Total State Receipts	\$ 969,322.00	\$ 1,001,325.32	\$ 32,003.32
<u>TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:</u>			
Special Revenue Funds:			
Ambulance	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 525,533.06	\$ 145,533.06
Title V	\$ 6,669.00	\$ 6,669.00	\$ -
PEG/Cable	\$ 32,100.00	\$ 32,100.00	\$ -
Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -
Other Special Revenues Closed to General Fund	\$ -	\$ 11,556.42	\$ 11,556.42
Sewer Enterprise (<i>Net PY Adjustment</i>)	\$ 21,197.61	\$ 20,489.69	\$ (707.92)
Stabilization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Transfers From Other Fund	\$ 439,966.61	\$ 896,348.17	\$ 156,381.56
<u>OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:</u>			
Free Cash Prior Year voted to use	\$ 349,314.14	N/A	\$ (349,314.14)
Free Cash Current Year	\$ 2,481,760.49	N/A	\$ (2,481,760.49)
Total Other Available Funds	\$ 2,831,074.63	N/A	\$ (2,831,074.63)
TOTAL ALL REVENUES	\$ 26,930,108.80	\$ 25,402,065.32	\$ (1,528,043.48)

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET VS ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>TOWN BUDGETS:</u>			
General Government	\$ 1,786,952.05	\$ 1,713,205.72	\$ 73,746.33
Public Safety	\$ 4,170,095.66	\$ 3,916,450.38	\$ 253,645.28
Education	\$ 12,094,212.56	\$ 12,093,976.57	\$ 235.99
D-R Assessment Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Highways	\$ 1,011,562.40	\$ 1,007,182.33	\$ 4,380.07
Sanitation	\$ 847,266.66	\$ 775,900.44	\$ 71,366.22
Other Environmental	\$ 24,700.00	\$ 21,339.91	\$ 3,360.09
Human Services	\$ 417,368.81	\$ 335,924.32	\$ 81,444.49
Culture & Recreation	\$ 354,080.10	\$ 309,347.79	\$ 44,732.31
Debt Service	\$ 374,593.00	\$ 374,593.00	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,348,993.94	\$ 2,041,696.99	\$ 307,296.95
Settlements & Judgments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Liability Insurance	\$ 141,045.00	\$ 141,044.45	\$ 0.55
Total FY 2023 Budget Appropriations	\$ 23,570,870.18	\$ 22,730,661.90	\$ 840,208.28
<u>Fiscal Year 2023 Special Articles:</u>			
Point of Sale System	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 154.84	\$ 12,845.16
Library Renovations	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 111,183.13	\$ 38,816.87
Railing System	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00
207 Main St	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Station Seal Coating	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Police Vehicle	\$ 75,500.00	\$ 6,187.94	\$ 69,312.06
Fire Station Feasibility Study	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
Fire Lease	\$ 106,146.76	\$ 106,146.76	\$ -
Ambulance Lease	\$ 145,533.06	\$ -	\$ 145,533.06
Dighton Campus Feasibility Study	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
DES/DMS Security Upgrades	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Williams St Guardrail	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ -
One Ton Dump Truck	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -
Light Duty Dump Truck	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00
Hart St. Drainage	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,649.57	\$ 4,350.43
Final Design & Permitting Muddy Cove	\$ 267,000.00	\$ 74,713.35	\$ 192,286.65
Sweeper Lease	\$ 50,561.92	\$ 50,561.92	\$ -
BOH Two Roll off Containers	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Asphalt Lot 1551 Somerset Ave	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Cyber Security Policy	\$ 1,867.85	\$ 1,867.85	\$ -
Prior Year Bills	\$ 28,612.09	\$ 24,291.76	\$ 4,320.33
Total FY 2023 Special Articles	\$ 1,593,221.68	\$ 598,757.12	\$ 994,464.56
Total Town Budgets	\$ 25,164,091.86	\$ 23,329,419.02	\$ 1,834,672.84
Prior Year Appropriations - Expended in FY 2023	\$ 693,681.03	\$ 447,441.94	\$ 246,239.09
<u>OTHER FINANCING USES:</u>			
County Assessment	\$ 119,582.00	\$ 119,581.59	\$ 0.41
State Assessments	\$ 76,737.00	\$ 77,317.00	\$ (580.00)
Transfer to Stabilizations	\$ 1,042,292.14	\$ 1,042,292.14	\$ -
Transfer to OPEB	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -
Transfer to Special Revenue	\$ 42,749.77	\$ 42,757.27	\$ (7.50)
Total Other Financing Uses	\$ 1,371,360.91	\$ 1,371,948.00	\$ (587.09)
<u>OTHER:</u>			
Prior Fiscal Year Fund Deficits			
Appropriation Deficits			
Snow & Ice Removal	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 96,347.74	\$ (46,347.74)
Tax Titles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board of Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Over/Under Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Abatements & Exemptions (Overlay Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Prior Fiscal Year Deficits	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 96,347.74	\$ (46,347.74)
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES	\$ 27,279,133.80	\$ 25,148,808.96	\$ 2,130,324.84

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

Fund Balance, June 30, 2022	\$ 4,256,722.65
Revenues Closed to Fund Balance for FY 2023	\$ 25,402,065.32
Expenditures Closed to Fund Balance for FY 2023	<u>\$ (25,148,809.38)</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 4,509,978.59</u></u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND (230)
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS (230)

Cash Balance 7/1/22	\$ (415,704.06)
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Commonwealth of Mass.	\$ 579,128.80
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$ 579,128.80</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Roadway Resurfacing	\$ 174,674.74
Off Duty Police Detail	\$ -
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ (174,674.74)</u>
Cash Balance 6/30/23	<u><u>\$ (11,250.00)</u></u>

COMPLETE STREETS (235)

Cash Balance 7/1/22	\$ (366.05)
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Transfer from Free Cash	\$ 366.05
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$ 366.05</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Roadway Resurfacing	\$ -
Off Duty Police Detail	\$ -
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ -</u>
Cash Balance 6/30/23	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUES FUND (240)
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

RECEIPTS	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
<u>FEDERAL GRANTS:</u>		
FY22 EMPG Grant	3108-23	\$ 2,347.56
ARPA Fund	3175-40	\$ 416,947.19
FY22 Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Grant	3745-22	\$ 1,749.95
Total Federal Grant		\$ 421,044.70
<u>STATE GRANTS:</u>		
FY23 COA Formula Grant	3100-23	\$ 21,036.00
FY23 Library MMP	3101-23	\$ 100,000.00
FY23 District Efficiency	3102-23	\$ 90,000.00
FY23 Library Mass CC	3103-23	\$ 26,660.00
Opioid Settlement	3106-40	\$ 10,114.89
FY23 Sweet Knoll Trails	3111-23	\$ 40,000.00
FY23 WRAP	3117-23	\$ 201,144.39
FY 23 Library MEG/LIG Grant	3120-23	\$ 17,214.66
FY23 Arts Lottery Council Grant	3130-23	\$ 7,300.00
Arts Council	3130-40	\$ 3.95
FY23 Green Communities Grant	3143-23	\$ 51,384.75
MA DEP Recycling Dividends Program	3144-23	\$ 3,780.00
FY23 Earmark COA	3149-23	\$ 10,000.00
Med-Project Grant	3153-20	\$ 1,300.00
Municipal Road Safety	3158-22	\$ 11,641.19
Municipal ADA Improvements	3161-22	\$ 150,082.71
Public Health Excellence	3162-22	\$ 4,758.25
FY23 Body Cameras	3163-23	\$ 50,165.00
FY23 CCC Municipal Fiber Grant	3174-23	\$ 201,124.00
FY23 Elections State Grant	3170-23	\$ 2,994.93
Total State Grants		\$ 1,000,704.72
<u>COUNTY GRANTS</u>		
Total County Grants	\$ -	\$ -
<u>RECEIPTS RESERVED:</u>		
Conservation/Wetlands Filing Fees	3000-40	\$ 4,822.50
Conservation Rollback Taxes:	4100-40	\$ 5,009.55
Sale of Real Estate	3010-40	\$ 90,000.00
M W I & M Fund	3015-40	\$ 7.50
Council Oak Land MGT Fees	3275-40	\$ 4,385.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	3025-40	\$ 1,850.00
Ambulance Fees	3020-40	\$ 602,725.11
Title V Betterments Received	3090-40	\$ 2,287.34
TNC Surcharge	3075-40	\$ 297.00
PEG Access & Cable Related	3022-40	\$ 155,984.80
Total Receipts Reserved		\$ 867,368.80

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUES FUND (240)
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

REVOLVING FUNDS:

Prime Time	3270-40	\$ 30,320.76
Library-Fees	3280-40	\$ 227.14
Library-Copies	3290-40	\$ 61.20
	Total Revolving Funds	\$ 30,609.10

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:

Gifts & Donations

Animal Shelter Gifts	3336-40	\$ 150.00
Ambulance Gifts	3343-40	\$ 1,150.00
Police Gifts	3345-40	\$ 25.00
Dighton Police K-9 Gifts	3346-40	\$ 1,250.00
COA Gifts	3350-40	\$ 498.00
COA Romero Gifts	3370-40	\$ (10,000.00)
Prime Time Romero Gifts	3380-40	\$ 10,690.00
Library Gifts	3390-40	\$ 98.62
DPL New Library Building Gifts	3405-40	\$ 121.78
Library Arts-Gifts	3410-40	\$ 475.00
Prime Time Gifts & Donations	3500-40	\$ 1,180.00
	Total Other Gifts & Donations	\$ 5,638.40

Other

Injury on Duty Fund 111f	3016-40	\$ 47.04
Insurance Reimbursements	3035-40	\$ 150.00
Highway Insurance Reimbursements	3853-18	\$ 1,144.04
Law Enforcement Trust	3197-40	\$ 1,312.00
Orchards Affordable Housing Fund	4135-40	\$ 5,372.91
	Total Other	\$ 8,025.99

53G ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

Sewer-Stonegate Landing LLC 53G	3963-40	\$ 0.24
Sewer Downwind Realty 53G	3967-40	\$ 2.78
Sewer-HMFH Architects Inc 53G	4007-40	\$ 1.56
Conservation- Long Built Homes Inc 53G	4013-40	\$ 8,001.39
Conservaiton-DI Trust II 53G	4014-40	\$ 2.72
Conservation-Geosyntec 53G	4099-40	\$ 10,251.98
Conservation-Strawberry Fields Estates LLC 53G	4111-40	\$ 1.01
Conservation- JK Holmgren 53G	4113-40	\$ 6,200.86
Conservation- RJR Prop 0 Horton 53G	4114-40	\$ 2,250.18
Conservation- New Leaf Energy	4116-40	\$ 4,700.26
Planning Board-Hunter's Hill 53G	3520-40	\$ (1,994.31)
Planning Board-Wellington Acres 53G	3611-40	\$ 0.14
Planning Board-Wellington St Subdivision 53G	3612-40	\$ 1.19
Planning Board-1050 Williams St 53G	3635-40	\$ 500.11
Planning Board-Elm Street Estates 53G	3955-40	\$ 0.12
Planning Board-PB 1 Connection Corp 53G	3971-40	\$ 0.36
Planning Board-Knotty Pine Estates 53G	3975-40	\$ 0.24
Planning Board-Nickerson Retreat Lot 53G	3976-40	\$ 0.12
Planning Board-Forefront Power Solar 53G	3999-40	\$ 1.61
Planning Board-ISM Williams St 53G	4001-40	\$ 0.51
Planning Board-0 Hart St Solar 53G	4002-40	\$ 1.11
Planning Board-Bluwave Solar 53G	4006-40	\$ 0.45
Planning Board-ISM Solar Dighton 3 53G	4008-40	\$ 15.13

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Planning Board-Hawthorne Development 53G	4015-40	\$ 0.12
Planning Board-Center Street Woods 53G	4020-40	\$ 0.24
Planning Board-Old Williams Estates 53G	4025-40	\$ 5,001.14
Planning Board-ISM Solar 53G	4026-40	\$ 0.22
Planning Board-Hunters Hill Silvertown 53G	4036-40	\$ 0.12
Planning Board-TJA Solar 53G	4064-40	\$ 2,500.69
Planning Board-Cedar Estates 53G	4070-40	\$ 0.84
Planning Board-Blue Wave Solar - Racine 53G	4089-40	\$ 0.77
Planning Board-Forest Hills 53G	4092-40	\$ 10,402.15
Planning Board-Roderick O Williams St 53G	4096-40	\$ 0.12
Planning Board- Pure Oasis LLC 53G	4097-40	\$ 0.30
Planning Board- Sunrun 53G	4098-40	\$ 4,500.78
Board of Appeals-Arborcrest Estates 53G	3620-40	\$ 0.12
Board of Appeals-Strawberry Fields 53G	3625-40	\$ 0.12
Board of Appeals-Stonegate Landing 53G	3630-40	\$ 0.49
Board of Appeals-Somerset Woods Village LLC 53G	3877-40	\$ 0.17
Board of Appeals-Stoney Ridge Estates 53G	3887-40	\$ 11,655.59
Board of Appeals-Dighton Woods 53G	3920-40	\$ 0.87
Board of Appeals-Stoney Ridge Estates LLC II 53G	4131-40	\$ 29.23
Stormwater- Grasshopper Brook St 53G	3104-40	\$ 2,500.12
Stormwater- Clearway 53G	3106-40	\$ 8,601.18
Total 53G Accounts		\$ 75,135.14
Total Other Revenue		\$ 88,799.53
TRANSFERS:		
Transfer from Prime Time Romero Gifts to Prime Time Fees	3270-40	\$ 19,324.94
Transfer from General Fund to PEG Access	3022-40	\$ 17,993.25
Total Transfers		\$ 37,318.19
Total Cash Receipts		\$ 2,445,845.04
Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/22		\$ 2,830,304.71
Beginning Balance plus Receipts		\$ 5,276,149.75

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DISBURSEMENTS	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
<u>FEDERAL GRANTS:</u>		
FY21 EMPG Grant	3108-21	\$ 2,347.56
ARPA Fund	3175-22	<u>790,000.00</u>
	Total Federal Grants	<u>\$ 792,347.56</u>
<u>STATE GRANTS:</u>		
FY19 COA Formula Grant	3100-19	\$ 170.00
FY20 COA Formula Grant	3100-20	\$ 300.00
FY21 COA Formula Grant	3100-21	\$ 11,240.32
FY23 Library MMP	3101-23	\$ 200,000.00
Opioid Settlement	3107-40	\$ 10,114.89
FY20 Fire Safe Grant	3110-20	\$ 1,804.50
FY23 Sweet Knoll Trails	3111-23	\$ 10,459.45
FY21 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant	3112-21	\$ 3,265.00
FY20 Fire Senior Safe Grant	3113-20	\$ 575.75
FY23 WRAP	3117-23	\$ 201,144.39
FY18 MEG/LIG Grant	3120-18	\$ 2,921.68
FY19 MEG/LIG Grant	3120-19	\$ 9,542.73
FY20 MEG/LIG Grant	3120-20	\$ 10,064.60
FY21 MEG/LIG Grant	3120-21	\$ 13,021.86
FY22 MEG/LIG Grant	3120-22	\$ 2,788.57
FY20 Arts Lottery Grant	3130-20	\$ 1,277.03
FY21 Arts Lottery Grant	3130-21	\$ 505.00
FY22 Arts Lottery Grant	3130-22	\$ 6,257.97
FY20 Green Communities Grant	3143-20	\$ 4,564.00
FY23 Green Communities Grant	3143-23	\$ 51,210.00
FY23 Earmark COA	3149-23	\$ 10,000.00
FY19 PSAP Training Grant	3151-19	\$ 516.00
FY19 PSAP Support & Incentive Grant	3152-19	\$ 29,814.16
Med-Project Grant	3153-20	\$ 953.64
FY20 PSAP Support & Incentive Grant	3154-20	\$ 6,669.54
FY20 State 911 Emergency medical Dispatch	3155-20	\$ 159.80
FY22 State 911 Emergency medical Dispatch	3155-22	\$ 159.80
FY20 State 911 Emergency medical Dispatch	3156-20	\$ 658.00
FY23 State 911 Emergency medical Dispatch	3156-23	\$ 1,555.00
Municipal Road Safety	3158-22	\$ 14,185.15
FY22 Community Compact IT Grant	3159-22	\$ 4,727.04
FY23 Body Cameras	3163-23	\$ 45,165.00
Mass EVIP Grant	3168-23	\$ 9,415.81
FY23 Elections State Grant	3170-23	\$ 2,994.93
FY22 Community Compact Cabinet Grant	3172-22	<u>\$ 2,258.63</u>
	Total State Grants	<u>\$ 670,460.24</u>
<u>COUNTY GRANTS</u>		
ARPA County Funds	3176-40	<u>\$ 229,155.40</u>
	Total County Grants	<u>\$ 229,155.40</u>

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RECEIPTS RESERVED:

Conservation Commission C82 Acts of 2004	4100-40	\$ 16,450.74
Sale of Real Estate	3010-40	\$ 12,440.99
		\$ 28,891.73

REVOLVING FUNDS:

Council on Aging-Prime Time	3270-40	\$ 67,718.18
		\$ 67,718.18

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:

Gifts & Donations

Police Gifts	3345-40	\$ 283.08
Dighton Police K-9 Gifts	3346-40	\$ 2,687.01
Prime Time Romero Gifts	3380-40	\$ 230.69
Library Arts-Gifts	3410-40	\$ 733.69
COA Gifts	3350-40	\$ 1,133.98
Prime Time Gifts & Donations	3500-40	\$ (864.93)
Animal Shelter Gifts	3336-40	\$ 3,445.20
Library Gifts	3390-40	\$ 92.38
		\$ 7,741.10

Other

Highway Insurance Reimbursements	3853-18	\$ 1,900.00
Law Enforcement rust	3197-40	\$ 6,157.00
		\$ 8,057.00

53G ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

Conservation- Long Built Homes Inc 53G	4013-40	\$ 7,323.75
Conservaiton-DI Trust II 53G	4014-40	\$ 11,625.81
Conservation-Geosyntec 53G	4099-40	\$ 9,737.56
Conservation- JK Holmgren 53G	4113-40	\$ 3,333.18
Conservation- RJR Prop 0 Horton 53G	4114-40	\$ 1,423.36
Planning Board-Hunter's Hill 53G	3520-40	\$ 12,181.25
Planning Board-1050 Williams St 53G	3635-40	\$ 500.00
Planning Board-Forefront Power Solar 53G	3999-40	\$ 120.00
Planning Board-Blue Wave Solar 53G	4006-40	\$ 850.00
Planning Board-Old Williams Estates 53G	4025-40	\$ 5,336.52
Planning Board-TJA Solar 53G	4064-40	\$ 500.00
Planning Board-Blue Wave Solar - Racine 53G	4089-40	\$ 850.00
Planning Board- Forest Hills 53G	4092-40	\$ 8,827.50
Planning Board- Sunrun 53G	4098-40	\$ 4,500.00
Board of Appeals-Stonegate Landing 53G	3630-40	\$ 1,104.00
Board of Appeals-Stoney Ridge Estates 53G	3887-40	\$ 7,864.56
Board of Appeals-Stoney Ridge Estates LLC II 53G	4131-40	\$ 106,135.78
Board of Appeals-Dighton Woods 53G	3920-40	\$ 736.00
Stormwater- Clearway 53G	3106-40	\$ 3,907.86
		\$ 186,857.13

Total 53G Accounts

Total Other Special Revenue Funds

\$ 202,655.23

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Other Financing Uses TRANSFERS:

Transfer to General Fund-Municipal Waterways	3015-40	\$ 5,000.00
Transfer to General Fund-Ambulance Fees	3020-40	\$ 525,533.06
Transfer to General Fund-PEG Access & Cable	3022-40	\$ 32,100.00
Transfer to General Fund-Title V Funds	3090-40	\$ 6,669.00
Transfer to General Fund-State Election Grant	3170-21	\$ 1,441.53
Transfer to General Fund- ARPA	3175-40	\$ 25,000.00
Transfer to Prime Time Revolving - Romero Grant	3380-40	\$ 3,807.00
	Total Transfers	<u>\$ 599,550.59</u>

Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,590,778.93</u>
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/23	<u>\$ (12,345.50)</u>
Net Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,578,433.43</u>
 Ending Cash Balance 6/30/23	 <u>\$ 2,697,716.32</u>
 Ending Balance plus Net Disbursements	 <u>\$ 5,276,149.75</u>

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PROGRAM NUMBER	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (240)	FUND BALANCE 7/01/2022	FEDERAL	STATE	FEES &	GIFTS	PRNTS	EARNS ON INVEST.	TRANSFERS IN/REFUNDS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	SALARY	EXPEND.	CONST.	CAP/OUTLAY	TRANSFERS OUT	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2023	
240-351-122-3510314420 EMPC GRANT	\$ 7,553.98	\$ 23,475.6								\$ 23,475.6	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,475.6	\$ -	
240-351-3510316620 CARES ACT RELIEF FUND	\$ 7,558.98	\$ 23,475.6								\$ 23,475.6	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,475.6	\$ -	
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNDS	SUB-TOTAL	\$ 14,174.04	\$ 41,697.19							\$ 41,697.19								
OTHER FEDERAL GRANTS	SUB-TOTAL	\$ 233,400.5	\$ 925.49															
240-351-122-3510317640 ARPA Fund	\$ 1,320.50	\$ 1749.95																
240-351-105-3510315721 MAIB Additional CARES Act Funding	\$ 74,540.43																	
240-352-299-3520316440 CARES Act-Curf - State Share of Covid-19	SUB-TOTAL	\$ 724,194.31	\$ 418,971.14							\$ 418,971.14								
TOTAL FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 731,778.29	\$ 421,044.70								\$ 421,044.70								
STATE GRANTS																		
GENERAL																		
240-352-122-352031351-18 F18 CCCC/DIA GRANT	\$ 72.72																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 DIA/GRANT	\$ 6,435.89																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT	\$ 5,091.68																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 COMMUNITY COMPACT GRANT	\$ 25,000.00																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 CCCC/MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 150,082.71																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 2.15																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 0.50																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 137.76																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 1,303.77																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 2,994.93																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 12,000.00																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 40,000.00																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 100,000.00																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 26,600.00																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 201,144.39																	
240-352-122-352031452-23 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 4,758.25																	
TOTAL GENERAL	\$ 115,593.49	\$ 868,149.03								\$ 688,149.03	\$ 2,794.93	\$ 74,534.32	\$ 20,144.39	\$ 1,461.53	\$ 479,070.04	\$ 273,476.50		
PUBLIC SAFETY																		
240-352-20-352031532-22 Med-Prvt Crt Gmt	\$ 3,612.26																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 1,300.00																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 1,077.25																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 12,033.69																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 50,165.00																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 29,814.16																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 33,177.00																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 159.80																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 650.00																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 2,532.85																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 1,987.00																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 7,500.00																	
240-352-20-352031532-22 F122 MUNICIPAL AREA IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$ 407.72																	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 111,289.44	\$ 63,518.89								\$ 63,518.89	\$ 49,046.65	\$ 40,899.00	\$ 5,534.00	\$ -	\$ 15,399.45	\$ 40,137.48		
STATE PUBLIC WORKS GRANTS																		
240-352-20-352031532-22 MA DEP Recycling Dividends Program	\$ 4,800.02																	
240-352-33-352031344-22 MA DEP Recycling Dividends Program Fy22	\$ 4,800.02	\$ 3,780.00								\$ 3,780.00							\$ 8,880.02	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS GRANTS																		
CULTURE & RECREATION																		
240-352-66-35203130120 F122 Arts/Lottery Grant	\$ 1,277.03																	
240-352-66-35203130120 F122 Arts/Lottery Grant	\$ 6,500.00																	
240-352-66-35203130120 F122 Arts/Lottery Grant	\$ 7,300.00																	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 8,332.65	\$ 7,300.00								\$ 7,300.00			\$ 8,040.00				\$ 7,586.40	
COMING ON AGING																		
240-352-66-35203130019 F122 CCCC/On Aging Grant	\$ 170.00																	
240-352-66-35203130021 F122 CCCC/On Aging Grant	\$ 500.00																	
240-352-66-35203130021 F122 CCCC/On Aging Grant	\$ 1,682.24																	
240-352-66-35203130022 F122 CCCC/On Aging Grant	\$ 16,180.00																	
240-352-66-35203130023 F122 CCCC/On Aging Grant	\$ 21,036.00																	
TOTAL COMING ON AGING	\$ 31,036.00	\$ 21,036.00								\$ 21,036.00			\$ 10,000.00				\$ 21,580.32	\$ 41,847.92
LIBRARY																		
240-352-66-35203130118 F122 Library/MEGAG Grant	\$ 2,921.68																	
240-352-66-35203130120 F122 Library/MEGAG Grant	\$ 9,547.73																	
240-352-66-35203130120 F122 Library/MEGAG Grant	\$ 10,046.60																	
240-352-66-35203130120 F122 Library/MEGAG Grant	\$ 13,021.86																	
240-352-66-35203130120 F122 Library/MEGAG Grant	\$ 13,946.25																	
240-352-66-35203130120 F122 Library/MEGAG Grant	\$ 17,214.66																	
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 51,894.12	\$ 17,214.66								\$ 17,214.66			\$ 38,397.44				\$ 30,769.34	
OTHER																		
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 93,701.98	\$ 990,983.38								\$ 990,983.38			\$ 203,343.08		\$ 1,461.53		\$ 662,298.45	

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RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION																	
240.330-29-5.330.301-540 MUNICIPAL WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT	\$ 9,304.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
240.330-171-330-300-40 CONSERVATION WETLANDS PROTECTION FUND	\$ 25,675.59	\$ -	\$ 4,822.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,822.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,890.09	
240.330-231-330-3020-40 AMBULANCE BILLINGS	\$ 757,407.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 602,725.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 602,725.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,109.10	
240.330-122-330-301-40 SALE OF REAL ESTATE	\$ 69,100.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,059.09	
240.330-49-5.330-3025-40 SALE OF CEMETARY LOTS	\$ 8,650.00	\$ -	\$ 1,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500.00	
240.332-42-3320-507-540 TNC Starcharge	\$ 812.10	\$ -	\$ 297.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,312.00	\$ -	\$ 297.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,157.00	
240.338-21-3380-317-40 Low Enforcement Trust	\$ 10,040.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,144.04	\$ -	\$ 1,144.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,059.09	
240.338-21-3380-3855-19 POLICE CRUISER INSURANCE REIMB	\$ 739.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 739.99	
240.338-42-3380-422-40 Ford Ins Rebmb	\$ 898.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,427.44	
240.338-19-3380-4125-40 Municipal Building Insurance Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
240.338-19-3380-422-40 Dighton Police Station Site Repair Work/Claim Inf	\$ 925.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 925.00	
240.330-171-330-404-00 Conservation Commission C82 Act on 20/4	\$ 170,540.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,450.74	
240.338-54-3380-3395-22 FV22 VETERANS COLA CHAPTER 115 FUNDS	\$ 948.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 948.00	
240.330-49-5.330-3025-40 PIG Access & Cable Relied Fund	\$ 42,508.11	\$ -	\$ 297.00	\$ -	\$ 37,199.10	\$ -	\$ 118,785.70	\$ -	\$ 51.10	\$ 17,993.25	\$ 17,993.25	\$ -	\$ 24,507.74	\$ -	\$ 36,948.73	\$ 56,407.74	
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP.	\$ 1,295,638.28	\$ -	\$ 297.00	\$ -	\$ 81,649.26	\$ -	\$ 245,604	\$ -	\$ 51.10	\$ 18,000.75	\$ 88,145.65	\$ -	\$ 36,948.73	\$ -	\$ 562,633.06	\$ 599,581.79	
REVOLVING FUNDS	CH-44-SE12	\$ 36,081.11	\$ -	\$ 30,320.76	\$ -	\$ 19,667.00	\$ -	\$ 49,287.76	\$ -	\$ 63,375.40	\$ -	\$ 4,342.78	\$ -	\$ 6,718.18	\$ 18,777.69		
240.336-54-3360-3380-40 PRIME TIME FEES	\$ 5,031.07	\$ -	\$ 278.04	\$ -	\$ 227.14	\$ -	\$ 61.20	\$ -	\$ 227.14	\$ -	\$ 61.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,258.21	
240.336-41-3360-3380-40 LIBRARY FINES/BOOKS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 339.24	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS	\$ 41,817.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,619.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,718.18	
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	THE V. ORA T. B. & RAP	\$ 132,310.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,739.61	\$ -	\$ 527.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,287.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,669.00	\$ 6,669.00	
240.352-51-3320-3090-40 TITLE V. BETTERMENTS RECEIVED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,928.90	
GIFTS & DONATIONS	Gifts & Donations	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 283.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	
240.338-122-3380-341-540 Dighton Community Garden Gift Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	
240.338-171-3380-320-40 Brownwood Estates Delention Basin	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	
240.338-21-3380-334-40 Police Gifts	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 283.08	
240.338-21-3380-334-40 DIGHTON POLICE K-9 GIFTS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	
240.338-21-3380-340-40 Fire Gifts	\$ 1,247.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,247.88	
240.338-21-3380-345-40 RHCSC Trainer Support	\$ 1,247.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,247.88	
240.338-21-3380-338-40 Ambulance Gifts	\$ 1,150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150,000	
240.338-21-3380-338-40 Animal Shelter Gifts	\$ 3,384.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,445.20	
240.338-21-3380-338-40 TREE RESTITUTION	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	
240.338-21-3380-338-40 Hormone Replacement Gifts	\$ 285.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285,000	
240.338-21-3380-338-40 Nursey Needs Gifts	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
240.338-21-3380-338-40 Cemetery Gifts	\$ 2,057.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,133.98	
240.338-54-3380-337-40 Council Aging Gifts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	
240.338-54-3380-337-40 Prime Time Romero Gifts	\$ 19,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,690.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,690.00	
240.338-54-3380-330-40 Prime Time Gifts	\$ 1,871.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,180.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,180.00	
240.338-41-3380-339-40 Library Gifts	\$ 12,446.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98.62	
240.338-41-3380-334-40 New Library Building Gifts	\$ 48,594.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121.78	
240.338-41-3380-334-40 Library Arts Gifts	\$ 904.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 733.69	
240.338-41-3380-335-40 Cemetery Gifts	\$ 800.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 646.02	
240.338-41-3380-335-40 Recreation Gifts & Donations	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.57	
240.338-41-3380-335-40 Historical Seg. School Gifts	\$ 5,083.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.57	
TOTAL GIFTS & DONATIONS	\$ 139,181.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,638.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,638.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,807.00	\$ 21,611.09
55. ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	55. ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	\$ 865.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 865.52	
240.338-000-3380-336-340 Strategic Landscaping LLC 53G	\$ 9,939.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,939.75	
240.338-000-3380-336-340 SWR DOWNWIND REATH 33G	\$ 5,404.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,241.98	
240.338-000-3380-336-340 SWR - HMF Architects Inc 53G	\$ 8,476.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,523.35	
TOTAL GIFTS & DONATIONS	\$ 133,208.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,683.34	

ANNUAL REPORT ON A
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND (CPA) (250)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

RECEIPTS

Local Taxes:

CPA Surcharge:	
2020 CPA Surcharge	\$ 4.09
2021 CPA Surcharge	\$ 48.31
2022 CPA Surcharge	\$ 2,132.09
2023 CPA Surcharge	\$ 133,651.90
CPA Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 1,037.96
	<u>\$ 136,874.35</u>

Local Receipts:

CPA Surcharge Interest	\$ 726.54	
Earnings on Investments	\$ 25,350.99	
Other Miscellaneous Revenue		<u>\$ 26,077.53</u>

State Receipts:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Distributions from State Trust Fund	<u>\$ 49,586.00</u>
	<u>\$ 49,586.00</u>

Total Cash Receipts \$ 212,537.88
Cash Balance 7/1/22 #####

Beginning Cash plus Total Cash Receipts #####

DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Expended

Clerk -Part Time	\$ 586.08	
Professional & Technical	\$ 1,021.49	
Communications	\$ 207.64	
Office Supplies	\$ -	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 875.00	
		<u>\$ 2,690.21</u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND (CPA) (250)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

Fiscal Year 2023 Projects

FY2023 Prior Year Bills	\$ _____ -	\$ _____ -
Total FY 2023 Encumbrances & Special Articles Expended	\$ _____ -	\$ _____ -
 Prior Year Appropriations/Encumbrances		
Pleasant Street Boat Ramp	\$ _____ -	\$ _____ -
North Dighton Playground	\$ 247,314.30	\$ 247,314.30
Preservation Consultant	\$ 16,875.00	\$ 16,875.00
Agricultural Preservation	\$ _____ -	\$ _____ -
Total Prior Year Appropriations Expended	\$ 264,189.30	\$ 264,189.30
 Total Cash Disbursements		
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/23	<u>\$ 266,879.51</u>	<u>\$ 266,879.51</u>
\$ (6,718.58)	\$ (6,718.58)	\$ 260,160.93
 Cash Balance 6/30/23		
 Ending Cash Balance plus New Cash Disbursements		
#####		

CPA FUND - RESERVES - FY 2023

	7/1/2022	RESERVES	DISBURSEMENTS	CLOSED TO UFB	6/30/2023
Fund Balance Reserved for :					
Open Space	\$ 40,876.87	\$ 12,500.00			\$ 53,376.87
Historic Resources	\$ 85,876.87	\$ 12,500.00	\$ (62,500.00)		\$ 35,876.87
Community Housing	\$ 25,876.87	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -		\$ 38,376.87
Encumbrances	\$ -				\$ -
Expenditures		\$ 2,690.21		\$ (2,690.21)	\$ -
Budgeted Reserves	\$ -	\$ 82,500.00		\$ (82,500.00)	\$ -
Reserved CPA Projects	\$ 257,866.94	\$ 285,000.00	\$ (264,189.30)		\$ 278,677.64
	7/1/2022	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	RESERVES-NET	6/30/2023
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 659,346.51	\$ 212,537.88	\$ 2,690.21	\$ 247,500.00	\$ 621,694.18

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (301)
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

POLICE/COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING PROJECT

RECEIPTS

Earnings on Investment	\$ _____ -
Total Cash Receipts	\$ _____ -
Cash Balance 7/1/22	<u>\$ 23,557.72</u>
	<u><u>\$ 23,557.72</u></u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Owners Project Manager	_____ -
Total Cash Disbursements	_____ -
Cash Balance 6/30/23	<u><u>\$ 23,557.72</u></u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

RECEIPTS

User Fees	\$ 290,173.76
Assessments	\$ -
Interest on Late Payments	\$ 3,647.37
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	\$ 16,650.01
Sewer Liens In Tax Title	\$ -
By-Law Books	\$ -
Permits	\$ -
Drainlayers Permits	\$ 350.00
Connection Fees	\$ 2,800.00
Application Fees	\$ 75.00
Sale of Inventory	\$ -
Earnings on Investments	\$ 2,758.55
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -
 Total FY23 Revenues	 \$ 316,454.69
 Total Cash Receipts	 \$ 316,454.69
 Cash Balance 7/1/22	 \$ 498,364.07
 Beginning Cash plus Receipts	 \$ 814,818.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary & Wages	\$ 108,541.44
Expenditures	\$ 111,896.86
Capital Outlay	\$ -
Indirect Costs (Transfer to General Fund)	\$ 21,197.61
 Total FY23 Cash Disbursements	 \$ 241,635.91
Prior Year Expended in FY 2023	\$ 12,033.30
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/23	 \$ -
 Total Disbursements	 \$ 253,669.21
 Cash Balance 6/30/23	 \$ 561,149.55
 Ending Cash plus Disbursements	 \$ 814,818.76
	\$ -

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGETARY BASIS - BUDGET VS ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Difference
<u>REVENUES</u>			
User Fees	\$ 273,766.30	\$ 290,173.76	\$ 16,407.46
Interest	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,647.37	\$ 2,347.37
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 16,650.01	\$ (999.99)
Sewer Liens in Tax Title	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Drain Layers Permits	\$ 428.00	\$ 350.00	\$ (78.00)
Connection Fees	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 100.00
Application Fees	\$ 225.00	\$ 75.00	\$ (150.00)
Earnings on Investments	\$ 3,530.70	\$ 2,758.55	\$ (772.15)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ (400.00)
 Total Receipts	 \$ 300,000.00	 \$ 316,454.69	 \$ 16,454.69
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>			
Sewer Budget	\$ 459,203.90	\$ 211,259.02	\$ 247,944.88
Prior Year Expended in FY2023	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 13,187.78	\$ 12,812.22
Transfer to General Fund-Indirect Costs	\$ 21,197.61	\$ 21,197.61	\$ -
 Total Budget	 \$ 506,401.51	 \$ 245,644.41	 \$ 260,757.10
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>			
Fund Balance 7/1/22		\$ 486,405.77	
Revenues		\$ 316,454.69	
Less Expenditures		\$ (245,644.41)	
 Fund Balance 6/30/23		 \$ 557,216.05	
Fund Balance 6/30/23		\$ 557,216.05	
LESS: Fund Balance Reserved For Encumbrances		\$ (20,000.00)	
LESS: Fund Balance Reserved For Expenditures 6/30/23		\$ (193,311.23)	
 Unreserved Retained Earnings 6/30/23		 \$ 343,904.82	

FY23 Retained Earnings Certified by the Bureau of Accounts on September 29, 2023 was \$ 343,905.00

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TRUST FUNDS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

OPEB LIABILITY TRUST (750)		
Cash Balance 7/1/22		\$ 1,603,216.13
RECEIPTS:		
Transfers from General Fund	\$ 125,000.00	
Earnings on Investments:	<u>\$ 137,754.30</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		\$ 262,754.30
DISBURSEMENTS:		
	\$ -	
Cash Balance 6/30/23		<u>\$ 1,865,970.43</u>
Proof: Begin Cash plus Receipts minus Disbursements		\$ 1,865,970.43
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (810)		
Cash Balance 7/1/22		\$ 23,809.62
RECEIPTS:		
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	\$ -	
Total Cash Receipts		\$ -
DISBURSEMENTS:		
	\$ -	\$ -
Cash Balance 6/30/23		<u>\$ 23,809.62</u>
Proof: Begin Cash plus Receipts minus Disbursements		<u>\$ 23,809.62</u>
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (820)		
Cash Balance 7/1/22		\$ 7,113.75
RECEIPTS:		
ELD/DIS Taxation Fund	\$ 305.00	
Earnings on Investments:		
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	\$ 6.82	
Charles Chase School Fund	\$ 0.74	
Library Founders Memorial Fund	\$ 0.87	
ELD/DIS Taxation Fund	<u>\$ 0.89</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>\$ 314.32</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Cemeteries-Maintenance & Care	\$ -	
Charles Chase-Scholarships	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Cash Balance 6/30/23		<u>\$ 7,378.07</u>
Proof: Begin Cash plus Receipts minus Disbursements		<u>\$ 7,378.07</u>
OTHER TRUST FUNDS (830)		
Cash Balance 7/1/22		\$ 2,718,698.55
RECEIPTS:		
Earnings on Investments:		
Stabilization Fund	\$ 29,402.01	
Unemployment Fund	\$ 2,789.61	
Call Firefighters Dis. Fund	\$ 592.56	
Municipal Capital Stabilization	<u>\$ 22,732.90</u>	
Other Receipts:		
Transfers from General Fund- to Stabilization	\$ 392,292.14	
Transfers from General Fund- to Unemployment	<u>\$ -</u>	
Transfers from General Fund- to Municipal Capital Stabilization	<u>\$ 650,000.00</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>\$ 1,097,809.22</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Unemployment	\$ 3,086.78	
Transfers to General Fund-Stabilization	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>	
Transfers to General Fund-Capital Stabilization Fund	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		<u>\$ 303,086.78</u>
Cash Balance 6/30/23		<u>\$ 3,513,420.99</u>
Proof: Begin Cash plus Receipts minus Disbursements		<u>\$ 3,513,420.99</u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TRUST FUNDS - COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

FUND NUMBER	FUND BALANCE 7/1/2022	CONT. & DONATIONS	EARNINGS ON INVEST.	TRANSFERS IN	TOTAL RECEIPTS	51XX- 57XX EXPEND.	59XX TRANSFERS OUT	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2023
									TRUST FUNDS
750 OPER LIABILITY TRUST	\$ 1,603,216.13		\$ 137,754.30	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 262,754.30				\$ 1,865,970.43
810 NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS									
7100-40 CEMETERIES PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 2,396.75				\$ -				\$ 21,396.75
7110-40 CHARLES CHASE SCHOOL FUND	\$ 1,002.87				\$ -				\$ 1,002.87
7120-40 LIBRARY FOUNDERS MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 1,410.00				\$ -				\$ 1,410.00
TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	\$ 23,809.62			\$ -	\$ -				\$ 23,809.62
820 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS									
7400-40 CEMETERIES PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 1,219.41		\$ 6.82		\$ 6.82				\$ 1,226.23
7410-40 CHARLES CHASE SCHOOL FUND	\$ 1,421.80		\$ 0.74		\$ 0.74	\$ 50.00			\$ 1,372.54
7420-40 LIBRARY FOUNDERS MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 1,498.31		\$ 0.87		\$ 0.87				\$ 1,499.18
7440-40 ELD/DIS TAXATION FUND	\$ 2,974.23		\$ 0.89		\$ 305.89				\$ 3,280.12
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	\$ 7,113.75		\$ 9.32	\$ -	\$ 314.32	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,378.07
830 OTHER TRUST FUNDS									
7700-40 STABILIZATION	\$ 1,649,110.98		\$ 29,402.01	\$ 392,292.14	\$ 421,624.15	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 1,920,805.13
7710-40 UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 68,682.05		\$ 2,789.61		\$ 2,789.61	\$ 3,593.87	\$ 3,593.87		\$ 67,877.79
7720-40 CALL FIREFIGHTERS DIS. FUND	\$ 14,006.12		\$ 592.56		\$ 592.56				\$ 15,198.68
7730-40 MUNICIPAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 986,292.29		\$ 22,732.90	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 672,732.90		\$ 150,000.00		\$ 1,509,025.19
TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS	\$ 2,718,691.44		\$ 55,517.08	\$ 1,042,292.14	\$ 1,097,809.22	\$ 3,593.87	\$ 303,593.87	\$ 303,593.87	\$ 3,512,906.79

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
AGENCY FUND (890)
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

RECEIPTS

Federal Withholding Tax	\$ 653,561.87
Medicare Withholding Tax	\$ 89,166.02
State Withholding Tax	\$ 307,649.50
County Retirement Withholdings	\$ 486,408.08
Health Insurance Withholdings	\$ 439,041.49
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Withholdings	\$ 5,003.11
Dental Ins. Withholdings	\$ 45,647.68
Vision Withholdings	\$ 1,897.14
Colonial -Universal Life Insurance Withholdings	\$ 1,321.83
AFLAC Withholdings	\$ 17,356.76
Union Dues-Highway	\$ 3,586.14
Union Dues-Clerical	\$ 7,866.00
Union Dues-Police	\$ 13,104.00
Union Dues-Fire	\$ 8,780.00
Miscellaneous Withholdings	\$ 31,438.15
Flex Spending Withholdings	\$ 9,650.83
Deferred Compensation Withholdings	\$ 125,868.91
Obra Withholdings	\$ 44,570.10
Comm. of Mass.-FID Licenses	\$ 15,000.00
Due to Districts-Tax Title	\$ 55,053.73
DWD Tax Revenue	\$ 1,614,257.66
DED Tax Revenue	\$ 79,612.57
NDFD Tax Revenue	\$ 102,568.78
Off Duty Work Detail-Police	\$ 381,224.24
Off Duty Work Detail-Fire	\$ 12,526.02
Group Insurance Receipts Payable (Districts)	\$ 124,925.44
GATRA Passes	\$ 660.00
Unclaimed Items	\$ 1,316.10
Performance Bonds-Earnings on Investments	\$ 115.71
 Total Cash Receipts	 \$ 4,679,177.86
 Cash Balance 7/1/22	 \$ 422,617.28
	 <u>\$ 5,101,795.14</u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
AGENCY FUND (890)
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & CASH DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

DISBURSEMENTS

Federal Withholding Tax	\$ 653,561.87
Medicare Withholding Tax	\$ 89,166.02
State Withholding Tax	\$ 307,649.50
County Retirement Withholdings	\$ 486,408.08
Health Insurance Withholdings	\$ 422,397.23
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Withholdings	\$ 4,681.29
Dental Ins. Withholdings	\$ 46,000.87
Vision Withholdings	\$ 2,242.84
Colonial -Universal Life Insurance Withholdings	\$ 1,321.83
AFLAC Withholdings	\$ 17,692.31
Union Dues-Highway	\$ 3,586.14
Union Dues-Clerical	\$ 7,866.00
Union Dues-Police	\$ 12,852.00
Union Dues-Fire	\$ 8,600.00
Miscellaneous Withholdings	\$ 31,438.15
Flex Spending Withholdings	\$ 9,650.83
Deferred Compensation Withholdings	\$ 125,868.91
Obra Withholdings	\$ 44,570.10
Comm. of Mass.-FID Licenses	\$ 15,837.50
Due to Districts-Tax Title	\$ 53,513.77
DWD Tax Revenue	\$ 1,622,155.84
DED Tax Revenue	\$ 80,104.91
NDFD Tax Revenue	\$ 102,924.67
Off Duty Work Detail-Police	\$ 406,666.11
Off Duty Work Detail-Fire	\$ 12,794.02
Group Insurance Receipts Payable (Districts)	\$ 150,060.87
GATRA Passes	\$ 1,200.00
Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 4,720,811.66
Add: Warrants Payable 6/30/22	\$ 50,436.21
Less: Withholdings Payable 6/30/23	<u>\$ (49,704.05)</u>
	<u>\$ 4,721,543.82</u>
Cash Balance 6/30/23	<u>\$ 380,251.32</u>
	<u>\$ 5,101,795.14</u>
	\$ -

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
AGENCY FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

FUND NUMBER	PAYOUT WITHHOLDINGS	FUND BALANCE 7/1/2022	RECEIPTS IN	EARNINGS ON INVEST.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	DISBURSE. OUT	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2023
8000-40	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 653,561.87	\$ 653,561.87	\$ 653,561.87	\$ 653,561.87	\$ 653,561.87	\$ 653,561.87	\$ -
8010-40	MEDICARE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 89,166.02	\$ 89,166.02	\$ 89,166.02	\$ 89,166.02	\$ 89,166.02	\$ 89,166.02	\$ 0.01
8020-40	STATE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 307,649.50	\$ 307,649.50	\$ 307,649.50	\$ 307,649.50	\$ 307,649.50	\$ 307,649.50	\$ -
8030-40	COUNTY RETIREMENT WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 486,408.08	\$ 486,408.08	\$ 486,408.08	\$ 486,408.08	\$ 486,408.08	\$ 486,408.08	\$ -
8040-40	GROUP INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 439,041.49	\$ 439,041.49	\$ 439,041.49	\$ 422,397.23	\$ 422,397.23	\$ 422,397.23	\$ 51,926.68
8042-40	BOSTONNIALIFE INS WH	\$ 5,003.11	\$ 5,003.11	\$ 5,003.11	\$ 4,681.29	\$ 4,681.29	\$ 4,681.29	\$ 1,139.52
8045-40	DENTAL INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 45,647.68	\$ 45,647.68	\$ 45,647.68	\$ 46,000.87	\$ 46,000.87	\$ 46,000.87	\$ 2,613.86
8046-40	VISION WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 261.76	\$ 261.76	\$ 261.76	\$ 1,897.14	\$ 1,897.14	\$ 2,242.84	\$ 83.94
8050-40	UNIFIED-CONCORD LIFE INSURANCE W/H	\$ 30.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.51
8055-40	COLONIAL-UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE W/H	\$ 115.95	\$ 1321.83	\$ 1321.83	\$ 1,321.83	\$ 1,321.83	\$ 1,321.83	\$ 115.95
8060-40	AFLAC DISABILITY INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 1,379.41	\$ 17,356.76	\$ 17,356.76	\$ 17,692.31	\$ 17,692.31	\$ 17,692.31	\$ 1,243.86
8065-40	AMERICAN HERITAGE-ALL STATE INSURANCE W/H	\$ 54.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54.82
8070-40	HIGHWAY UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 3,586.14	\$ 3,586.14	\$ 3,586.14	\$ 3,586.14	\$ 3,586.14	\$ -
8075-40	CLERICAL UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 7,866.00	\$ 7,866.00	\$ 7,866.00	\$ 7,866.00	\$ 7,866.00	\$ -
8080-40	POLICE UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 185.50	\$ 13,104.00	\$ 13,104.00	\$ 12,852.00	\$ 12,852.00	\$ 12,852.00	\$ 437.50
8090-40	FIRE UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 8,780.00	\$ 8,780.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 180.00
8120/50/60-	MISCELLANEOUS WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 726.00	\$ 31,438.15	\$ 31,438.15	\$ 31,438.15	\$ 31,438.15	\$ 31,438.15	\$ 726.00
8125-40	FLEX SPENDING WITHHOLDINGS	\$ (726.00)	\$ 9,650.83	\$ 9,650.83	\$ 9,450.83	\$ 9,450.83	\$ 9,450.83	\$ (726.00)
8130-40	DEFERRED COMPENSATION WITHHOLDINGS	\$ -	\$ 125,848.91	\$ 125,848.91	\$ 125,848.91	\$ 125,848.91	\$ 125,848.91	\$ -
8140-40	OBRA WITHHOLDINGS	\$ (215.50)	\$ 44,570.10	\$ 44,570.10	\$ 44,570.10	\$ 44,570.10	\$ 44,570.10	\$ (215.50)
TOTALS \$ 41,079.63		\$ 2,299,917.61	\$ -	# #####	\$ 2,275,553.97	# #####	\$ 57,443.27	

DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

8410-40	POLICE FID CARDS	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,837.50	\$ 15,837.50	\$ 3,572.50	
1140-40	Due to Districts-Tax Title	\$ (618.80)	\$ 55,053.73	\$ 55,053.73	\$ 53,513.77	\$ 53,513.77	\$ 921.16	
8220-40	DWD TAX REVENUE	\$ 8,335.30	\$ 1,614,257.66	\$ 1,614,257.66	\$ 1,622,155.84	\$ 1,622,155.84	\$ 637.12	
8230-40	DED TAX REVENUE	\$ 718.78	\$ 79,612.57	\$ 79,612.57	\$ 80,104.91	\$ 80,104.91	\$ 226.44	
8240-40	NDFD TAX REVENUE	\$ 492.79	\$ 102,568.78	\$ 102,568.78	\$ 102,924.67	\$ 102,924.67	\$ 136.90	
TOTALS \$ 13,338.07		\$ 1,866,492.74	\$ -	# #####	\$ 1,874,536.69	# #####	\$ 5,494.12	

OTHER LIABILITIES

8600-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL-POLICE	\$ (45,610.39)	\$ 381,224.24	\$ 381,224.24	\$ 406,666.11	\$ 406,666.11	\$ (7,052.26)	
8610-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL-FIRE	\$ (416.00)	\$ 12,526.02	\$ 12,526.02	\$ 12,794.02	\$ 12,794.02	\$ (684.00)	
8700-40	GROUP INSURANCE RECEIPTS PAYABLE	\$ 16,108.57	\$ 124,975.44	\$ 124,975.44	\$ 150,060.87	\$ 150,060.87	\$ (19,266.86)	
8900-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-ANDREW'S FARM	\$ 5,167.85	\$ -	\$ 1,56	\$ 1,56	\$ -	\$ 5,169.41	
8904-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-ELM ST ESTATES	\$ 3,576.56	\$ -	\$ 1,08	\$ 1,08	\$ -	\$ 3,577.64	
8910-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-HILL CREST ESTATES	\$ 26,166.49	\$ -	\$ 7.87	\$ 7.87	\$ -	\$ 26,174.36	
8914-40	MAINI. BOND-HUNTERS HILL HOMEOWNERS TRUST	\$ 75,163.00	\$ -	\$ 22.65	\$ 22.65	\$ -	\$ 75,485.65	
8916-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-PALMER RIVER DEV.	\$ 60,012.82	\$ -	\$ 18.01	\$ 18.01	\$ -	\$ 60,030.83	
8918-40	ISM SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING DEPOSIT	\$ 20,636.28	\$ -	\$ 6.21	\$ 6.21	\$ -	\$ 20,642.49	
8920-40	GRASSHOPPER SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING FUND	\$ 139,557.84	\$ 41,83	\$ 41,83	\$ 41,83	\$ -	\$ 139,399.67	
8921-40	GRASSHOPPER SOLAR -DRAINAGE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE	\$ 30,011.14	\$ 8.99	\$ 8.99	\$ 8.99	\$ -	\$ 30,020.13	
8922-40	GRASSHOPPER SOLAR -LANDSCAPE PERFORMANCE	\$ 10,003.83	\$ -	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ 10,006.83	
8923-40	10,000.65	\$ -	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ 10,003.65	
8924-40	893 BROOK ST SOLAR- DRAINAGE BASINS & ROADWAY MAINT	\$ 5,000.32	\$ -	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.51	\$ -	\$ 5,001.83	
8705-40	GATRA PASSES	\$ 600.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 60.00	
8708-40	BES NUTRITION	\$ 947.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 947.00	
TOTALS \$ 340,477.99		\$ 518,675.70	\$ 115.71	\$ 518,786.90	\$ 569,521.00	\$ 569,521.00	\$ 289,743.89	

UNCLAIMED ITEMS

8800-40	UNCLAIMED ITEMS-TAILINGS	\$ 2,866.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,866.36
8805-40	UNCLAIMED ITEMS	\$ 7,370.39	\$ 1,316.10	\$ 1,316.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,686.49

TOTALS \$ 10,236.75	\$ 1,316.10	\$ -	\$ 1,316.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,552.85
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS \$ 405,332.44	\$ 4,678,402.15	\$ 115.71	\$ 4,678,402.15	\$ 115.71	\$ 4,712,811.66	\$ 4,712,811.66	\$ 34,234.13

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (900)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Date	Loan	Outstanding 7/1/2022	Principal Paid FY 2023	Borrowed FY 2023	Outstanding 6/30/2023
INSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
February, 2018					
	Police Station	\$ 3,730,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,495,000.00
OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
May, 2013					
	Title V	\$ 36,606.00	\$ 3,328.00	\$ -	\$ 33,278.00
	Title V	\$ 60,120.00	\$ 3,340.00	\$ -	\$ 56,780.00
	Total Outside Debt Limit	\$ 96,726.00	\$ 6,668.00	\$ -	\$ 90,058.00
	Totals	\$ 3,826,726.00	\$ 241,668.00	\$ -	\$ 3,585,058.00
LEASES PAYABLE					
October, 2021					
	Street Sweeper	\$ 135,417.00	\$ 48,204.00	\$ -	\$ 87,213.00
	Fire Engine	\$ 585,944.39	\$ 91,879.49		\$ 494,064.90
	Totals	\$ 135,417.00	\$ 48,204.00	\$ -	\$ 87,213.00
OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS					
General Fund					
Accrued Compensated Absences:					
	Landfill Post-Closure Care Costs	\$ 531,116.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 531,116.44
	30 years thru 2031	\$ 123,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,000.00
	Totals	\$ 654,116.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 654,116.44
Sewer Enterprise					
Accrued Compensated Absences:					
		\$ 16,569.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,569.38

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS AS OF 06/30/2023

		ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL
SPECIAL TRUST		
CHARLES S. CHASE TRUST	\$	1,000.00
PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED		1,624.67
INTEREST EARNED FY 2023		0.74
AWARDS PAID		(250.00)
ENDING BALANCE	\$	2,375.41
MEMORIAL TRUST LIBRARY	\$	1,410.00
PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED		1,498.45
INTEREST EARNED FY 2022		0.87
ENDING BALANCE	\$	2,909.32
OPEB LIABILITY TRUST FUND	\$	1,409,158.31
PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED		194,057.82
INTEREST EARNED FY 2023		137,754.30
FY23 DEPOSITS		125,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$	1,865,970.43
ELDERLY AND DISABILITY FUND	\$	2,931.98
PEVIOUS INTEREST EARNED	\$	42.25
INTEREST EARNED FY2022	\$	0.89
FY 23 DEPOSITS	\$	305.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$	3,280.12
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE		
JOSHUA BLISS	\$	5,000.00
SUBMIT BABBITT		150.00
MARY J. BRIGGS		100.00
EDGAR A. ESSEX		200.00
EBENEZER GAY		150.00
WILLIAM D. GOFF		100.00
BLISS-ARTHUR HATHAWAY		200.00
NANCY JONES		150.00
DR. A.J. SMITH		150.00
MARTHA L. SMITH		50.00
RUFUS P. HORTON		400.00
CHARLES OSMAN GAY		200.00
SARAH BABBITT		100.00
JOSEPH GOODING		142.75
JOSEPHINE G. THAXTER		100.00
WILLIAM WALKER		250.00
JESSE P. GOFF		100.00
GEORGE H. HORTON		100.00
E. & J. LINCOLN		200.00
JOSIAH R. TALBOT		100.00
EMERY WHITE		200.00
EMELINE WILLIAMS		100.00
KAY SMITH		500.00
BRIGGS		125.00
HARRIET M. BRIGGS		200.00
HELEN C. BRIGGS		75.00
SYLVANUS JONES		100.00
NATHAN WALKER		100.00
WENDELL WEED		100.00
CHARLES & MARY OLNEY		200.00
ASA & HANNAH WATERMAN		200.00
BLISS-WESTCOAT		200.00
DAVID W. FRANCIS		100.00
ALBERT F. GOFF		50.00
ELBRIDGE G. FRANCIS		200.00
GEORGE E. FRANCIS		100.00
JAMES COREY		350.00
JOHN & ALICE LIMA		700.00
DIGHTON VETERANS CEM		350.00
JEFFERY ALLIE		350.00
ELIZABETH MULLANEY		350.00
DONNA DEMOURA		350.00
AUDREY FURTADO		900.00
		TOTAL
		21,396.75
		PREVIOUS INTEREST EARNED
		1,219.27
		INTEREST EARN 2022
		6.82
		ENDING BALANCE
		22,622.84
		TOTAL TRUST FUNDS
		1,897,158.12

7/3/2023																			
BEGINNING BALANCE		COMMITMENTS		REFUNDS		COLLECTIONS		ABATEMENTS		TAX TITLE		ADU		COLLECTORS		PRINTOUT		REF DUE	
FY2023		1,451,601.70		14,341.50		1,275,549.79		35,040.29				\$ 155,353.12		155,353.12		(0.00)			
FY2022		214,802.02		160,530.31		13,593.55		337,849.87		18,825.18		\$ 32,250.83		32,250.83		(0.00)			
FY2021		30,146.40		8,001.19		1,959.75		19,117.61		1,981.43		\$ 11,007.11		11,007.11		-			
FY2020		4,304.63		4,120.95		3,131.98		2,468.18		3,175.48		5,489.51		5,489.51		-			
FY2019		4,120.95		2,552.29		924.11		881.78		200.83		3,380.52		3,380.52		-			
FY2018		2,552.29		2,824.81		299.17		213.44		200.83		2,351.46		2,351.46		-			
FY2017		2,824.81		1,806.99		1,853.98		1,853.98		1,853.98		2,525.64		2,525.64		-			
FY2016		1,806.99		2,330.04		3,129.23		3,129.23		-		1,593.55		1,593.55		-			
FY2015		2,330.04		-		-		-		-		1,853.98		1,853.98		-			
FY2014		-		-		-		-		-		2,330.04		2,330.04		-			
FY2013		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			
FY2012		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			
FY2011		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			
FY2010		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			
FY2009		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			
FY2008		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			
FY2007		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			
FY2006		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			
7/3/2023										COLLECTORS		PRINTOUT		REF DUE		balanced			
BALANCE		COMMITMENTS		REFUNDS		COLLECTIONS		ABATEMENTS		TAX TITLE		ADJUSTMENTS		COLLECTORS		PRINTOUT		REF DUE	
30AT		-		-		-		-		-		-		CORRECTIONS NEEDED		7/3/2023		balanced	
FY2023		1,503.00		-		15.00		-		-		\$ -		\$ 1,488.00		1,488.00		-	
FY2022		911.00		-		-		-		-		-		911.00		911.00		-	
FY2020		1,608.00		-		-		-		-		-		1,608.00		1,608.00		-	
FY2019		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
FY2018		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
FY2017		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
FY2016		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
FY2015		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
7/3/2023										COLLECTORS		PRINTOUT		REFUND NEEDED		balanced			
BALANCE		COMMITMENTS		REFUNDS		COLLECTIONS		ABATEMENTS		SEV LIEN		ADJUSTMENTS		COLLECTORS		PRINTOUT		REFUND NEEDED	
SEWER		21,528.70		339,965.84		174.21		290,333.73		135.00		\$ 15,881.24		\$ 55,318.78		55,318.78		0.00	
7/3/2023										COLLECTORS		PRINTOUT		REFUND NEEDED		balanced			

WATER <u>DISTRICT</u>	BEGINNING <u>BALANCE</u>	COMMITMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTORS	PRINTOUT <u>REPT. BALS.</u>	CORRECTIONS <u>NEEDED</u>
REAL ESTATE										
FY/2023	1,420,224.37	1,018.34		1,387,814.06	98.62		17.50	\$ 33,347.53	33,347.53	ok w/accounting
FY/2022	69,321.59			44,167.15			\$ 25,154.44	25,154.44	0.00	pos ref/act has bal
FY/2021	3,066.13			2,390.55			675.58	675.58	(0.00)	
FY/2020	118.27			118.27			-	-	-	
FY/2019	-									
PERSONAL PROPERTY										
FY/2023	172,317.76			172,165.10	28.37		\$ (3.16)	\$ 124.29	124.29	ok w/accounting
FY/2022	425.99			377.98			\$ 44.85	44.85	(0.00)	tyler syst
FY/2021	19.81			4.21			15.60	15.60	(0.00)	
FY/2020	203.21			3.14			200.07	200.07	0.00	
FY/2019	316.34			175.35			140.99	140.99	(0.00)	
FY/2018	162.85			1.46			161.39	161.39	-	
FY/2017	335.82						335.82	335.82	-	
FY/2016	193.54						193.54	193.54	-	
FY/2015	696.52						696.52	696.52	-	
FY/2014	489.19						489.19	489.19	-	
FY/2013	386.70						386.70	386.70	-	
FY/2012	496.00						496.00	496.00	-	
FY/2011	301.86						301.86	301.86	-	
NO. DIGHTON <u>FIRE DISTRICT</u>	BEGINNING <u>BALANCE</u>	COMMITMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTORS	PRINTOUT <u>REPT. BALS.</u>	CORRECTIONS <u>NEEDED</u>
REAL ESTATE										
FY/2023	101,744.02	3.88		96,240.96	72.08		\$ (49.06)	\$ 5,385.80	5,385.80	ok w/accounting
FY/2022	4,662.12			1,682.23			\$ 2,979.89	2,979.89	0.00	Debits Simas
FY/2021	160.65						\$ 160.65	160.65	-	
FY/2020	-								-	
FY/2019	-								-	
PERSONAL PROPERTY										
FY/2023	4,061.54						\$ -	\$ -	-	
FY/2022	-						\$ -	\$ -	-	
FY/2021	-						\$ -	\$ -	-	
FY/2020	-						\$ -	\$ -	-	
FY/2019	-									

<u>ELECTRIC LIGHT</u>	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>COMMITMENTS</u>	<u>REFUNDS</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>ABATEMENTS</u>	<u>TAX TITLE</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENTS</u>	<u>COLLECTORS</u>	<u>PRINTOUT</u>	<u>CORRECTIONS</u>	<u>REPT. BALS.</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>7/3/2023</u>	<u>Balanced</u>
REAL ESTATE															
FY2023		73,214.63		41.09	71,488.56	11.92			\$ 1,755.24	1,756.43				ok w/accounting	
FY2022	3,755.25				2,388.37				\$ 1,366.88	1,366.88				(1.19) lower rate caused credit	
FY2021	53.13				25.82				27.31	27.31				-	
FY2020	3.86				3.86				-					0.00	
FY2019	-													-	
PERSONAL PROPERTY															
FY2023	5,317.87				5,312.72	0.98			\$ 4.17	4.17				(0.00) ok w/accounting	
FY2022	15.44				13.79				\$ (0.21)					balanced	
FY2021	0.53				0.11				0.42	0.42				0.00	
FY2020	9.87				0.15				9.72	9.72				0.00	
FY2019	28.47				15.77				12.70	12.70				(0.00)	
FY2018	15.08				0.15				14.93	14.93				-	
FY2017	28.18								28.18	28.18				-	
FY2016	11.34								11.34	11.34				-	
FY2015	23.29								23.29	23.29				-	
FY2014	30.29								30.29	30.29				-	
FY2013	25.62								25.62	25.62				-	
FY2012	29.43								29.43	29.43				-	
FY2011	18.20								18.20	18.20				-	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

I respectfully submit this annual report of the Building Department to the people of the Town of Dighton. Year 2023 continued to be challenging due to the high interest rates and economic uncertainty. Permits decreased by 10% from last year's count, issuing a total of 769 Permits. Newly constructed homes increased from last year with a total with 10 Permits issued.

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

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

Total Building Permits.....	304
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New Homes.....	10
Additions.....	8
Weatherization.....	37
Solar Systems.....	58
Commercial.....	17

Electrical Permits.....	239
Gas Permits.....	79
Plumbing Permits.....	84
Sheet Metal Permits.....	12
Trench Permits.....	51

TOTAL - 769

Respectfully Submitted

James D. Aguiar Jr.

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Building Commissioner**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the citizens of Dighton,

The Dighton Board of Health (BOH) is an interdisciplinary and community focused department with primary goals of protecting and improving the health and quality of life for all Dighton residents, workers, and visitors. To protect and promote public health, the Dighton BOH manages and implements education, prevention, and regulatory programs and participates in private and intergovernmental programs as well as regional coalitions. The BOH administers health inspections for food establishments, housing, sanitation and enforcement (Title V) including soil evaluations; tobacco control; town nurse functions, including emergency immunization dispensing site planning and operation; health nuisance abatement (abandoned houses); solid waste disposal; recycling; and household hazardous waste disposal initiatives.

In 2023, Town Nurse Nicole Mello continued to service as the town's Public Health Nurse. The Public Health Nurse supports the health and well-being of the population of Dighton. This is done by addressing both the immediate and anticipated health needs of the community. These services are offered in a variety of ways through clinics, education sessions, and community events. The annual flu clinic was held partnering for a third year with Manet Community Health. Blood pressure clinics are continued to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at Prime Time/ Council on Aging. Nicole continued to create new ways to reach residents and provide important health education and trainings. This fall was the first emergency preparedness series where residents learned how to stop the bleed, hands only CPR, and how to administer Narcan. Nicole attended a number of events such as the annual Strawberry Festival and Firecracker festival where she provided residents with health education materials. December ended the yearlong study being conducted by Boston Medical Center called The HEALing Communities Study that Dighton, Berkley, and Freetown all participated in. The members of the study worked to educate the towns and residents on opioid use disorder and implemented lifesaving programs and resources. Nicole's work with substance use disorder will continue with making Narcan and other valuable resources available to whoever is in need.

The BOH is faced with the constant challenge of trash & recycling disposal costs. In 2023 the Board contracted with WasteZero to mitigate the continuing bag defect issues we had faced. We are excited about the new partnership and are confident that WasteZero will support the needs of Dighton residents in the future. The Board is looking for alternatives or solutions to the increased rate of disposal, but unfortunately economical trash disposal is a nationwide problem. Working closely with the Solid Waste Committee, the BOH is continuously looking to find a solution. It would be helpful if residents would practice proper recycling habits and not dispose of plastic bags or contaminated materials in the recycling. Further information can be found in the Health Departments page on the Town of Dighton website.

During the year, there were several personnel changes, including the resignation of Board of Health Chair Nicole Mello. Nicole ran a successful campaign for the Board of Selectman, where she is currently seated as the Clerk. Paul Pacheco was appointed as Chair to the Board, Pat McGovern continued as a member. The Board held interviews for the vacant seat and selected Jo-Ann Wilson

as the newest Member. Jo-Ann Wilson was appointed as the Clerk and in November, she was also recommended by the BOH to be a member of the Solid Waste Committee. In 2023 the BOH also received resignation from the Health Agent, Todd Pilling. In September, the Board hired Heather Guenard to fill the role. Heather has been working continuously on improvements to better serve the Dighton residents. The new board continued to work on identifying areas of need within the department. With the many obstacles of 2023 the Board saw value in creating a position for a Health Director. James Aguiar Jr. was hired to ensure we are efficiently meeting the needs of residents and following State and Federal guidelines within the Health Department. James has been a valuable asset to the Department and continues to find improvements that increase functionality.

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

18 - Food service establishments	09 - Septage Hauler
09 - Retail food establishments	35 - Septic Installer licenses
42 - Temporary food establishments	37 - Sanitation permits
02 - Mobile food establishments	18 - Soil Exams / Percolation tests
19 - Milk & Cream Permit	06 - Well permits
04 - Schools	104 - Inspections of Septic Systems
01 - Group homes	13 - Title 5 Inspector Licenses
00 - Body Art License	18 - Title 5 Report reviews
07 - Tobacco	02 - Stormwater Permits
00 - Barn Permits	220 - Bulky Item Stickers Sold
22 - Stable Permits	02 - Marijuana Licenses

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dighton Board of Health

Paul Pacheco, Chairman
Jo-Ann Wilson, Clerk
Pat McGovern, Member
James Aguiar Jr., Health Director

Nicole Mello, Town Nurse
Heather Guenard, Health Agent
Elizabeth Moreira, Office Manager



Paul Pacheco, Chairman



Pat McGovern, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2023.

I continue to work under the general supervision of the Chief of Police. The support of the Dighton Police Department allows me to ensure that Massachusetts General Laws and town by laws are being followed. Over this past year the Animal Shelter served its purpose by comfortably housing temporary or stray animals. I would like to thank the townspeople as they have continued to respectfully renew livestock permits annually.

I am able to keep any and all certifications required by the State of Massachusetts up-to-date by participating in continuing education.

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

In closing, I want to thank the Dighton Police Department, Fire Department, Building Commissioner, Board of Health, and Highway Department for always being there to lend a helping hand. I especially want to thank the residents of Dighton for giving me the privilege to serve you and your animals and I look forward to continuing that service in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ferry

Stacy Ferry,
ACO

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

I would like to thank Captain Eric Gagnon who has been working diligently in his role as the Fire Prevention Officer. His organization and efficiency allowed the department to process several hundred permits and inspections. On November 1, 2023 Call Lieutenant Samuel Pine Jr. was promoted the rank of Captain and Call Firefighter/EMT-A Zachary Smus was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, both officer positions are at Station 2. Congratulations to both Captain Pine and Lieutenant Smus. I continue to look to my entire command staff frequently for their knowledge and support. I would also like to thank Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic Sarah Guilmette who has taken on the role of SAFE/Senior SAFE officer for this department. This role is vital in the education of our youth and senior citizens on fire safety in the community.

The department would like to recognize our newest members EMT-B Sarah Silveira, EMT-B Ruben Jacob who are both currently in Paramedic School and Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Tracy who comes to us already ProBoard certified Firefighter I/II and also works fulltime for the Berkley Fire Department. Congratulations to Call Firefighter Noah Andrade on successfully completing the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Call/Volunteer Academy Program and receiving his ProBoard Firefighter I/II certification. Congratulations to Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic Sarah Desmond and Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Campanella on successfully completing the Massachusetts Firefighting academy, Career Recruit Academy Program sponsored by Fall River Fire Department and receiving their ProBoard Firefighter I/II certifications. Thank you to all of you and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you to the departments Executive Assistant/Ambulance Billing Clerk Rebeca Moss. Rebeca continues to work tirelessly on processing all ambulance bills. Without the speedy processing and billing of runs, the Ambulance Revenues would not be what they are to help support this department. Rebeca is an asset to me in assisting with the day-to-day paperwork of the department and is always willing to go above and beyond what is asked of her.

Thank you, as always to retired Lieutenant Thomas Medeiros, Captain Samuel Pine, Kyle Medeiros, Justin Daigneault, Christopher Caron, Lieutenant Zachary Smus, Alex Clifford and Joshua Desmond for their dedication to the Dighton Junior Firefighter program. Without their

commitment to training the young members of this organization, it would not be a success. Membership has stayed consistent over the past year, that is a true testament to the time and effort put into the program. This program is integral in laying the foundation of knowledge and enthusiasm for the fire service. It has produced several firefighters for this department and surrounding communities in years past. Recruiting new members to our department is vital to maintain and improve the level of support we provide to the community. The Junior Firefighter program is a great avenue for recruitment.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Maguy

Chief of the Fire Department

Dighton Fire Department

Official Roster as of December 31, 2022

Christopher J. Maguy, Chief of the Fire Department

Andrade, Noah +	Jacob, Ruben ***
Bourgault, John +*	Maguy, Christopher (Chief) #***
Campanella, Kevin #*	Medeiros, Kyle +
Caron, Christopher +	Medeiros, Michael +
Carr, Matthew +***	Medeiros, Thomas +**
Clifford, Alex +	Moss, Rebeca (Amb. Billing Clerk)
Costa, Nicholas +*	Pine Jr., Samuel (Captain) +
Daigneault, Justin #*	Raposo, Christopher +***
Desmond, Joshua +***	Santos, Jerry #*
Desmond, Sarah #*	Sgro, Christopher +
Ferreira, Constance *	Silva, Matthew #*
Finney, Samuel +*	Silveira, Sarah ***
Gauthier, John (Lieutenant) #*	Silvia, David +*
Gagnon, Eric (Captain) #*	Smus, Zachary (Lieutenant)+**
Gagnon, Samantha +	StLaurent, Melissa ***
Greene, Alex (Lieutenant) #*	Tanis, Matthew +**
Guilmette, Sarah #*	Tracy, Brian +*
Grassie, Nicholas +	Urban, Shawn +
Hathaway, John (Lieutenant)+	Wright, Allyiah +

Full Time Firefighter

+ Call Firefighter

* Paramedic

** AEMT

*** EMT-B

Permits for Year Ending 2023

Open Air Burning Permits	251
Blasting Permits	0
Fire Alarm System Commercial & Repairs	3
Fire Protection Commercial Sprinkler	0
Fire Protection Residential Sprinkler	1
Fire Warning Residential (all permits)	84
Flammable Storage Above Ground Commercial	7
Flammable Storage Underground Commercial	4
Flammable Storage Above Ground Residential	19
Flammable Storage Underground Residential	11
Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Display	1
Hazardous Material Processing	0
Oil Burner Installs / Alterations	22
Oil Tank Replacement/Installs Residential	0
Torches and Heating Devices	1
Fuel Tank Vehicle	4
Transfer Tank	0
Above Ground Tank Removal	0
Underground Tank Removal	3
Waste Oil Storage	<u>0</u>

Total Permits: 411

Miscellaneous for Year Ending 2023

Car Seat Installations	10
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Fire Department Call Information for 2023

<u>Fire</u>	<u>17</u>
Building Fire	5
Outside Trash/Waste Fire	2
Brush Fire	7
Vehicle Fire	1
Fuel Burner Malfunction	1
Fire, Other	1
<u>Rescue and EMS</u>	<u>111</u>
Assist EMS Call	65
Motor Vehicle Collision	45
Search for Person	1
<u>Hazardous Conditions</u>	<u>16</u>
Gas Leak	3
Carbon Monoxide Incident	4
Electrical Wiring/Equipment	8
Structure Weakened or Collapsed	1
<u>Service Call</u>	<u>178</u>
Lock-out	1
Water Leak/Removal	8
Smoke or Odor Removal	2
Public Assist	5
Assist Police	2
Fire Station Standby	7
Unauthorized Burning	17
Odor of Smoke	5
Alarm Activation	111
Good Intent Call/No Incident Found	19
Lightning Strike (no fire)	1
<u>Ambulance Calls</u>	<u>898</u>
Total Call for Assistance 2023:	1,220

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE HARBOR MASTER

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

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

The Harbor Master department began on-water training with the Dighton Police Department this past summer. The Harbor Masters have each shared this responsibility and have instructed the officers in the basic elements of boating knowledge, boating safety, local knowledge of Dighton harbor and the Taunton River, as well as basic boat handling, marlinspike, and typical Harbor Master routines on the water. The Department of Environmental Protection also conducted a classroom session with the officers and brought them on the town patrol boat demonstrating much of the same teaching elements. This coming boating season the Harbor Masters will instruct the officers on evolution risk assessment (GAR), missing vessel/person search techniques, recovery techniques, and advanced boat handling skills. In addition, the officers will be trained to use the on-board electronics as tools during search and rescue/recovery evolutions (global positioning system, radar, depth finder, and multi-window display characteristics).

The Harbor Master has been given access to, and training in, the Dighton Police Department's Incident Management reporting system and procedures (IMC) and will be utilizing this reporting

system for all department related stops where citations may be issued and other stops where documentation may be required to detail the actions of the Harbor Masters. This is a major advancement in standardizing how the Harbor Masters issue citations as well as how to document all on-water situations that may require a paper trail. The Harbor Masters thank the Dighton Police Department for this interagency cooperation.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted:

Ron Marino

Dighton Harbor Master

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

I am pleased to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Police – Communications – Animal Control – Harbor Master

Administration/Leadership

Acting Chief – George L. Nichols

Executive Administrative Assistant

Karlene Bourque

Appointed Full-Time Police Officers:

Sergeant - Christopher Magan, Jason McGovern, Nicholas Barros

Detective - Ryan Richards

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

Appointed Reserve Police Officers:

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

Appointed Special Police Officers:

Edward Dutra, Tyler Hazel

Full-Time Communications Dispatchers

Theresa Costa

Vanessa Smith

Paul Reed

Andrew Lapointe

Part-Time Communications Dispatchers:

Dalton Johnson

Matthew Tannis

Barbara Greve

Animal Control Officer:

ACO Stacy Ferry

Harbor Masters:

HM Ronald Marino

Asst. Mark Marino

Asst. Alex Cembalisty

As 2023 rolled in, Chief Shawn Cronin and myself had a good handle on the Justice Equity and Accountability Act. With all the changes made in 2023, the Department now has adequate supervisory staffing. During the early months of 2023, then as the Administrative Sergeant, Chief Cronin and I worked diligently to ensure that the Department maintained MA State POST-C compliance. In June of 2023, unfortunately the department had little set back when Chief Cronin was put on administrative leave. On June 29, 2023, I was sworn in as Acting Chief. In my new role as Acting Chief, I realized the need to evaluate the department administrative needs. Upon evaluation, the need to maintain the Administrative Sergeant role allowed me to utilize and train

different officers with the hopes to keep the department flowing smoothly. To the best of my ability as Acting Chief of Police, my responsibility is to continue to see that the Department is equipped and trained to meet the needs of not only the overseeing State agencies, but more importantly, of our community

As Acting Chief, I valued Chief Cronin's belief in the need for Community interaction and partnerships, especially with our youth. Our Community Outreach Officer, Patrolman Steven Ferreira, along with our SRO's (Student Resource Officers), are continuously looking to evolve our standing within the community and identify and implement programs that are beneficial to both our experienced and youth population of Dighton.

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

Detective Richards continues maintaining the software administration and interfacing within the complex network of today's police technology. All of DPD's officers remain current and up-to-date with their annual in-service and specialized training which occur at numerous times throughout the year. We continue to enjoy an excellent working relationship with the training collaborative group of Taunton PD, Raynham PD and Seekonk PD. The in-service training that our officers attend is the best in the area and special thanks to Sergeant Jason McGovern and Patrolman Kenneth Almeida for their part in making sure that the training stays current, fresh and real-time in relation to the ever-evolving police world

The Dighton Police Department remains a member of S.E.M.L.E.C. (Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council). The purpose of S.E.M.L.E.C. is to provide various mutual aid services to participating agencies in the event of any natural or man-made incident that would require resources beyond the capacity of any one police agency. Sergeant Jason McGovern, Detective Ryan Richards, myself, Patrolman/SRO Stephen Hathaway and Patrolwoman/SRO Alyssa Bennett are active members of S.E.M.L.E.C. As a contributing member agency, this gives us the invaluable opportunity for extra resources when needed.

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

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

Moving on to the Holiday Season, the Dighton Police Officers Local 306 collaborated with the Dighton Fire Association and hosted the 8th Annual Stuff-A-Cruiser event on December 2nd. The DPO306 and DFA organized donations for Stuff-A-Cruiser to be dropped off at the Police Station. Once again, the Community involvement was incredible and we were able to increase the number of families to whom assistance was provided. The funds raised during this event were donated and given to youth organizations and scholarship committees in and around Dighton.

The department logged 19,859 calls for service in 2023. The Chief of Police responsibilities is to see that our department is equipped and trained to meet the needs of the people as the Town of Dighton continues to grow. My future goal for the coming year is to continue to advance the Department through training and relationships and to continue keep Dighton a safe place to live and raise your families. I request your continued support to aid us in our endeavors and to make where we call home, the best it can be.

Please do not hesitate to call the DPD to report anything you believe to be suspicious in nature or out of the ordinary in behavior. It's a simple approach of "see something, say something." Dial 911 for emergencies to stop a crime, save a life, and to report a fire. You may use 508-669-6711 for all other business.

I would genuinely like to recognize and thank the Executive Administrative Assistant, Karlene Bourque. There is seemingly an unending number of things that come up daily and her experience and pride in her work have proved invaluable during this past year. She gives 100% to all of the members of the Department and for that, we are very grateful. Special thanks to Fire Chief Christopher Maguy and to all the fire department personnel for their service and support; Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry and his staff, especially Mark Carr for being up and current on repairs and maintenance to our fleet of cruisers; to Town Administrator Michael Mullen, for his support to the Department and his confidence in me through the transition over this past year; and of course, to the Board of Selectmen for believing in my abilities to lead the men and women of the DPD, Communications, ACO and Harbor Master Departments.

In closing, I request the continued support of all as we face increasing complex changes in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Nichols
Acting Police Chief



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Chief George Nichols,

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District experienced many changes for the 2023-2024 school year. After continued school tragedies throughout the United States our Police Department, District, and citizens recognized our responsibility to focus on our school safety systems. SRO Alyssa Bennett was assigned to DR High School and SRO Stephen Hathaway was assigned to Dighton Middle/Elementary School campus accompanied by Comfort K9 Oakie. We follow the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO)'s training and ideology of a "triad" concept of school-based policing. This establishes 3 main responsibilities for SRO's: Public Safety Educators, Mentor/Informal Counselor, and Law Enforcement Officer. The following articulates our impact as School Resource Officers for this school year.

SCHOOL SAFETY

- SRO Hathaway and SRO Bennett became certified in CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Train-the-trainer).
- Det. Richards, SRO Hathaway, and SRO Bennett facilitated training to all faculty on the updated safety procedures such as A.D.D.
- Assisted staff in the implementation and use of Crisis Go to better communication in crisis.
- Assisted Dighton Police Dispatch, Rehoboth Dispatch, Dighton Fire Department in the implementation of Crisis Go.
- Built upon our relationship with the Rehoboth Police Department by facilitating Patrolman tours, utilizing them in safety drills, established accessibility via keycard access, active shooter training, and security procedures.
- Established a relationship with local Massachusetts State Police who would be responding in a crisis.
- Completed **Hold and Secure: Silent and Invisible Drill** and **Hold and Secure: As Is Drill's** in all schools supported by Dighton PD.
- Analyzed and addressed the drill's success and areas for improvement with school staff, faculty, and responding officers.

- Maintaining and referring reports from Patrol's daily door checks ensuring all doors are secure throughout the school day.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS

- Continued to have weekly meetings with school administrators.
- Obtained educational material related to vaping and teen dating.
- Attended sporting events, extracurricular events, and after school meetings.
- Det. Richards, SRO Hathaway, and SRO Bennett had multiple high Five Fridays at the Middle School and Elementary School with introduction of patrol units and COO Steven Ferreira as well.
- Department members again participated in the "Stuff a Cruiser" event where we were able to fill cruisers with toys/goods for our youth.
- Attended DR High School's "Green and Gold Night" highlighting our district's school safety/SRO involvement.
- Participated in classes specific to law and forensics.
- Continued to build positive and professional rapport with the students, faculty, and parents of the school district.
- Acting Chief Nichols, Det. Richards, SRO Bennett, and SRO Hathaway taught bus safety to the children in the Elementary, and Middle School including evaluation drills.
- Met with different student body groups to answer questions.
- Worked with IT at the High School to strengthen



nnett and SRO Hathaway hosted a RadKIDS program for our community's children where we will provide safety drills, physical skills to resist or stop harm, and dynamic simulation.

UED EDUCATION/TRAINING

ipated in Rescue Task Force Active Shooter training with Dighton Fire Department, Taunton PD, Wrentham PD, Seekonk PD, and Massachusetts State

- SRO Bennett & SRO Hathaway continued to attend training specific to MA Juvenile Law.
- Police Reform required the certification of SRO's in the state; Both SRO Bennett and Hathaway obtained our certifications.
- SRO Bennett & SRO Hathaway maintained our POST-C certified as a Police Officer in the State of Massachusetts¹.
- Attended Massachusetts Active Shooter Hostile Event (ASHER) Training.
- Collaborated with Taunton Department of Children and Families to provide mandatory reporting training to school administration.

INVESTIGATIONS

- Annual K-9 Sweep was conducted at the High School utilizing THC, Narcotic, and Firearms/Explosive dogs.
- Investigations on assaults, destruction of property, motor vehicle accidents, domestic violence, sexual assaults, substance abuse, child neglect, and illicit drug sales.
- Investigated a multitude of allegations of bullying and harassment at High School and Middle School levels.
- Assisted in implementation of 258E Harassment Prevention Orders & 209A Restraining orders in DRRHS and DMS.
- Continued a partnership with **SouthCoast Youth Courts**² to provide our students with juvenile delinquency diversion programs in attempts to avoid juvenile criminal court.

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

- Members of the crisis committee at the High School, Middle School and Elementary School.
- Continued to attend Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC) School Resource Officer meetings. These meetings were held with other SROs from the area.
- Continued to meet and offer guidance to faculty at various meetings during the school year.

¹ [Post-commission](#)

² www.southcoastyouthcourts.org

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC ENGAGEMENT

- Participated in parent-teacher conferences and open houses at DR High School, introducing myself as a resource to the parents and families who participated in the event.
- Participated and facilitated discussion in classroom discussions based on law enforcement and legal rights.
- Worked with the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, who provided assemblies for Freshman/Sophomores based on bullying and cyberbullying.
- Maintained membership of the Crisis Committee at the High School.
- Participated in classes outside of law such as CTE, biology, and
- Developed a positive relationship with students from the club largely from the ACE and SAILS program.
- Worked with Norton Crisis Emergency Response Team to support mental health crisis.
- Participated in “Group” meetings and re-entry meetings when necessary with the Adjustment Counselors and students.
- Established a reporting sheet for patrol’s daily door checks, which can be used to evaluate and correct problem areas for security.
- Continued leadership of the chapter under the organization, “Students Against Destructive Decisions”. This chapter is building events focused on issues of motor vehicle safety, student mental health, Bullying/Cyberbullying, and more.
- Worked with student groups to create posters highlighting current issues such as Vape usage, Substance Use, and youth violence.



DIGHTON MIDDLE, DIGHTON ELEMENTARY & BRISTOL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC ENGAGEMENT

- Participated in school safety meetings.
- Member of the safety teams at both Dighton Middle and Dighton Elementary Schools.

- Conducted mock safety drills.
- Continued safety checks of both schools to ensure the safety of our students and staff.
- Continued building positive relationships with students.
- Attended anti-bullying assemblies at the Dighton Middle and Dighton Elementary Schools.
- Participated in school safety drills at the Bristol Agricultural High School.
- Continued providing child safety kits to the Kindergarteners at the Dighton Elementary School.



COMFORT K9 OAKIE'S IMPACT



- K9 Oakie continues to have a positive impact on all students and staff that he interacts with.
- K9 Oakie continues to participate in classroom readings and visits.
- K9 Oakie continues to be a celebrity, as he walks down the halls chants of “Oake, Oakie, Oakie!” can be heard.
- K9 Oakie continues to attend events in the community such as Bristol Aggies Fall Show, The Child Advocacy Center Trunk O’Treat in Fall River, Dighton PTO events and High School Football games.

CLOSING

School Resource Officers Alyssa Bennett and Stephen Hathaway would like to thank Chief George Nichols, Superintendent Runey, Assistant Superintendent Souza, and all members of our School District for allowing us to be part of this incredible community. Dighton Police Department SRO unit is focused on building on the foundation we have created over the past few years. Whether that is as an open ear and mind to listen, helping in moments of crisis, or fostering necessary education on situations that could be criminal we are dedicated to making an impact.

For the remainder of this year and into next year we will continue our commitment to creating a safe and secure learning environment for the students. We plan to provide further training for staff, students, and families on criminal topics/safety. Efforts such as K9 sweeps and

simply monitoring students helps ensure our schools remain drug free to help our students achieve the highest level of education possible. This summer we will host our third Youth Police Academy where we will educate our community's youth and provide them with leadership skills. We are excited to see what the 2024-2025 school year will bring and hope to further our community engagement.

SRO Bennett, SRO Hathaway, and K9 Oakie would like to thank the community for their continued support~

Respectfully Submitted,

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

School Resource Officer Stephen Hathaway
Dighton Middle/Elementary SRO

Dighton Police Department
1458 Somerset Ave.
Dighton, MA 02715
508-669-6711

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department consists of ten (10) full-time employees, and one (1) part-time employee: Foreman; Mike, Asst. Foreman; Nick, Erik, Mechanic; Mark, Rick, Jim, Jeff, Dakota, Office Manager; Heather, and Transfer Station Attendant; Connor. We also have seasonal employees that assist with snow and ice removal/treatment so all trucks can be on the road, which includes six (6) drivers, and four (4) hired trucks.

We now have a full time Office Manager, Heather Nicora. She has been brought aboard to oversee the endless office duties, which include: financial, technical, and administrative work, supporting the activities of the Highway Department, Transfer Station and Stormwater Committee.

Mark, our mechanic, maintains our Highway vehicle fleet of the following: 1992 International, 1995 International, 1996 Ford, 1997 Ford, 2002 Chevy, 2004 Ford, (2) 2005 Ford, 2009 Chevy, 2010 Freight Liner, 2011 Ford, 2015 Ford, 2016 Ford, 2018 Ford, 2019 Ford, 2020 Ford and a 2022 International. He also maintains our trailers and heavy equipment. In addition, he continues to repair and maintain seventy-six (76) registered Town vehicles (Highway, Fire, Police, Building Commissioner, and Animal Control).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Serving our Town,

Thomas Ferry
Superintendent of Streets
Cell # 774-218-5339
tferry@dighton-ma.gov

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT
38R Forest Street * Attleboro, MA 02703
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ANNUAL REPORT -DIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

This year marks the 64th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

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

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

During the 2023 mosquito season, 14,763 individual mosquitoes in 497 samples were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 6 isolations of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had 22 mosquito samples test positive for WNV with no reported human cases. There were no reported equine cases for EEE or WNV.

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

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed the following work in the Town of Dighton during the time period of January 1, 2023– December 31, 2023.

- Sprayed over 2,896 acres
- Treated 23.10 acres in 49 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received and completed 92 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 4,990 feet of brush
- Treated 960 catch basins

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

www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol for updates and information.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton
Superintendent

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Joseph Barile, Chairman
Gregory D. Dorrance

Christine A. Fagan
Henry R. Vaillancourt

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Staffing Update:

In 2023, longtime Dighton Public Library (DPL) Director Jocelyn Tavares accepted a position as Library Director for the Swansea Public Library. Library Trustees proceeded to hire Mark Procknik to the position, who began his new role in December. The Library also hired Fuchsia Haskell in early 2024 to the role of Library Page, a position previously held by Lisa Mello up until December 2023.

Dighton Public Library Building Project Update:

The Smith Memorial Hall renovations continue to progress. In April, the Library received a \$20,000 grant from the American Library Association. At the Annual Town Meeting on June 5th, residents approved \$323,000 of funding from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and an additional \$404,000 from available funds. In December, the Library also received a FY24 state budget earmark of \$87,500 sponsored by State Representative Pat Haddad. The building project was also fortunate to engage students enrolled in Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School's Carpentry Program and Electrical Technology Program to assist with the renovation work. We are grateful for their hard work in moving the project closer to completion and look forward to their continued engagement throughout 2024. While 2023 marked a banner year for the new library, 2024 should prove even more substantial, and we are extremely grateful to all those who supported the project in 2023.

General Services:

While renovations at 207 Main Street bring us closer to our new library, staff continued to offer library services out of our two temporary locations from the modular unit adjacent to Dighton Town Hall and the lower level in Dighton Town Hall, with the old 395 Main Street building serving as storage for most of the Library collection accessible only to Library staff. The DPL offers access to over 34,000 books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, ebooks, wi-fi hotspots, maker kits, downloadable audiobooks, and streaming movies. The DPL offers digital library resources for Dighton library cardholders available all hours of the day. They include eBooks and audiobooks, continuing education classes, recipes, crafting tutorials, travel guides, genealogy research, streaming music, and streaming films. The DPL also provided assistance with computers, printing, the Internet, and wireless Internet.

Programs and Events:

Throughout the course of 2023, the Library offered 129 programs attracting a total of 855 attendees with the following breakdown:

Children's programs:	87	Children attendees:	411
Teen programs:	22	Adult attendees:	354
Adult programs:	13	Teen attendees:	90
Family programs:	7		

These statistics reflect not only the regular weekly programs offered by Youth Services Librarian Lorie Van Hook, but also include evening lectures, weekend programs, school vacation activities, book clubs, and summer reading.

Friends of the Dighton Public Library:

The DPL is grateful for the steadfast support of the Friends who continued to meet regularly throughout the year and supported the Library's ongoing operations by sponsoring various lectures, programs, and museum passes. In 2023, the Friends spearheaded the gift card fundraiser, purchased books for kids to track their summer reading, participated in the Festival of Trees, and hosted floral decorating programs with Araujo Farms. They also held their first annual Golf Tournament, donating \$10,000 of the proceeds to the 207 Main Street project in addition to creating and sending out mailers advocating CPC funds for the project. Also, 2023 witnessed the establishment of an official Trustee Liaison who regularly attended the Friends meetings.

Statistics:

Hours Open per Week:	37 hours open at both temporary locations
Physical Items:	34,033
Physical Items Added:	1,334
Total Circulation:	20,297
Total Digital Circulation:	9,140
Cardholders Registered:	201

The DPL also received \$17,214.66 from the MBLC's State Aid program for the library's Fiscal Year 23 certification. To qualify for state aid, a municipality and its library must be annually certified by the Library Commissioners and be in compliance with state statutes.

Special Thanks:

Special recognition is due to Britt Grealish-Rust, Lorie Van Hook, Phyllis Haskell, and Lisa Mello who worked tirelessly throughout 2023 to meet the needs of all Library patrons. Their hard work does not go unnoticed, and Dighton is fortunate to have a staff as committed to their patrons as this one. Special thanks are also due to Mason Tavares, who volunteered 47 hours towards assorted programs, Logan Tavares, who volunteered 38.25 hours running the Library's Dungeons and Dragons program, and Spencer Powers, who volunteered 17.75 hours towards assorted summer programs and movie nights. Thank you to the Friends of the Dighton Public Library for their unwavering support and advocacy. Thank you also to Library Trustees Ron O'Connor, Rita Araujo, and Ann Meitzen for their leadership and advocacy throughout the year. The Library would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Building Commissioner, Library Building Committee co-chaired by Ron O'Connor and Ken Pacheco, Highway Department, Finance Committee, Parks and Recreation Department, and all department heads, in addition to all elected officials, appointed officials, and residents for supporting the DPL during 2023. A big thank you goes out to Bristol-Plymouth and all the students assisting with the renovations in addition to all who contributed to the Library Building Project in 2023. The list of contributors to the building project is certainly extensive, but no contribution goes unnoticed, and we are sincerely grateful to everybody associated with the project. The DPL Staff and Board of Trustees would also like to thank Jocelyn Tavares for her 16 years of dedication and leadership as Library Director. Library Director Mark Procknik would like to personally thank all who have helped him in his new role and welcomed him into the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark D. Procknik, Library Director

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

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

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

Since our reorganization in late 2022, the Dighton Council on Aging and Prime Time Supportive Adult Day Program have triumphed through many challenges. Management; Anabela Powell, Laura Medeiros and Trista Tate, have worked together to create a vibrant active Council on Aging with the contribution of many volunteers, departments and organizations.

In 2023 the Dighton Council on Aging was successful in securing \$75,000 in grant funding for accessibility, outreach and program investments. With these funds, new programs were created, existing programs were funded, an Outreach Coordinator position was created and the construction of a new patio entranceway had begun.

Along with grant funds acquired, the Dighton Council on Aging won the 2023 Massachusetts Councils on Aging's Walk Challenge winning \$1,000 to be put towards fitness programming. The Walk Challenge was an effort achieved by committed Dighton residents and participants who continuously logged their steps from May through October for Team Dighton.

The Dighton Council on Aging continues to be a resource for any resident 60 years of age or older. The department works closely with Bristol Elder Services, Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA), the SHINE Program, St. Vincent's De Paul Society and the Dighton Lion's Club to name a few. The department collaborated with Bristol Plymouth Regional High School Nursing Program for the second consecutive year, by utilizing interns at the Council on Aging and Prime Time. We also collaborated with Dighton-Rehoboth Regional Public Schools for intergenerational programming and local farms to create pop-up farmer's markets.

The Council on Aging/Prime Time-shared space at 1059 Somerset Ave., continues to operate Monday – Friday, 8 am – 3 pm successfully. Office hours are held at Lincoln Village Housing for the Elderly on Wednesdays. Prime Time Program operates Tuesday – Thursday 8 am – 3 pm. The Council on Aging would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, all the town departments, devoted volunteers and the citizens of Dighton who have always been supportive.

Respectfully submitted,
Anabela Powell, Executive Director

Thomas Ferry, Chairman
Jeffrey Allie, Vice Chairman
James DeArruda, Secretary
Dr. James Hoye
Adele Collard

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE DIGHTON VETERAN SERVICES

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Veteran Services had three active cases for the year ending December 31, 2023, who received M.G.L. Chapter 115 Benefits, for a total of \$16,896.36. The Town of Dighton is reimbursed 75% as regards to Veterans' Benefits by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A free breakfast was held at Old Town Hall on November 4, 2023 to celebrate Veteran's Day with sixty Veterans in attendance. It was catered by Alice's Last Stop with assistance from the Dighton Lions Club, the Board of Selectmen, and many other volunteers.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2023 the Town Officials and Dignitaries honored our Veterans who served our country at the Veterans Memorial Park.

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

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

Respectively submitted,

Raymond E. Hague

Ray E. Hague
Director of Veterans' Services



Bristol County Agricultural High School

Kevin P. Braga

Assistant Superintendent/Principal

Derek Costa

Superintendent

Samantha Stone

Business Manager

Ryan Miranda

Facilities Director

Lauren Harwood

Technology Director

2003 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL



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[Bristol Aggie Video Tour](#)



BRISTOL AGGIE

The impact of Agricultural Education

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



Overview of the campus:

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

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

Meet the Bristol County Agricultural High School's Administrative Team



Mr. Derek Costa Superintendent |Director

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

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

Mr. Kevin P. Braga- Principal | Assistant Superintendent



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



Mrs. Samantha Stone - Business Manager | Treasurer

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

Ms. Lauren Harwood- Technology Director



With over 25 years of dedicated service in the field of education, Ms. Harwood is deeply passionate about leveraging technology to empower both educators and students. With a wealth of experience in educational technology implementation and a steadfast belief in the importance of continuous learning and adaptation, she is dedicated to fostering a culture of innovation and collaboration within educational communities. When she is not turning things off and back on again, Ms. Harwood loves spending time with her family and friends, including her three grown children and three granddaughters. Her interests include knitting, reading, boating, and her cat and dog. Ms. Harwood loves being part of the Bristol Aggie family and looks forward to many more years working alongside staff and students.



Mr. Ryan Miranda-Facilities Director

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

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



Ms. Beth Sylvia-Assistant Principal

Ms. Sylvia has been in education for over 2 decades and 13 of those years has been in the role of Assistant Principal. She has her undergraduate degree in Criminology from Saint Leo University in Florida. Ms. Sylvia also holds 2 Master's Degrees, in Counseling Psychology and Educational Leadership from Cambridge College and Endicott College. Ms. Sylvia grew up in Taunton, adding a local connection to Bristol Aggie. Ms. Sylvia is passionate about working with

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

Mrs. Ashley Fullen- Vocational Coordinator



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

pursuing a BFA degree at the UMass Dartmouth in Art Education with a concentration in ceramics. I studied clay & glaze formulation, firing techniques and how to build and operate kilns. My first "professional" role was working part-time as a paraprofessional at a special education school for students in grades 5-12, who had been impacted by severe trauma. I took some additional classes in special education and then took on a Special Education teaching role. I taught a variety of subjects including Math, Sciences, Art, Animal Husbandry and Gardening at this same school. I fell in love with the work of helping kids to regulate, build connections & develop competencies to overcome the challenges they faced, and become the very best versions of themselves. I then pursued a master's in educational leadership at Bridgewater State University and was promoted to Director of Educational and Vocational Programming at Meadowridge Academy. I served 7 more years in that role for a total of 11. Also, during this time, I married a young Landscape Construction entrepreneur and at the beginning of our relationship I spent much time helping him create his company, known as T-Scape Inc. Landscape Services, out of Dighton, which has been in operation for 21 years now. My husband and I have two amazing children Max (a BA student), and our pre-teen Maya. After my kids were born, I shifted careers and spent 10 years serving as an Assistant Principal in the Dighton schools, a very rewarding role.

Ms. Kellie Costa, Student Services Coordinator



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

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

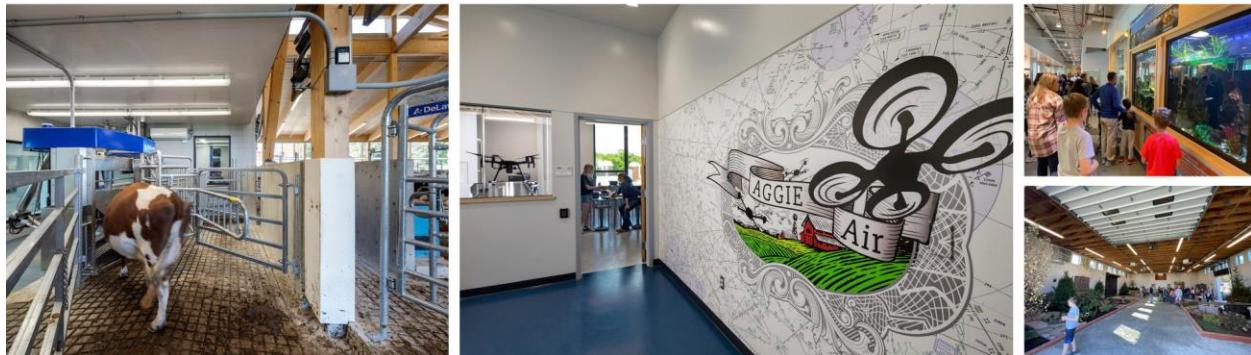
Reimagined Campus Programs and Classrooms:



IMPACTFUL CHANGES

Facilities and Education

1. Teachers + staff + New Space = Interdisciplinary opportunities
2. Innovative curriculum + New delivery of Education = Workforce, Career readiness and Post secondary preparation



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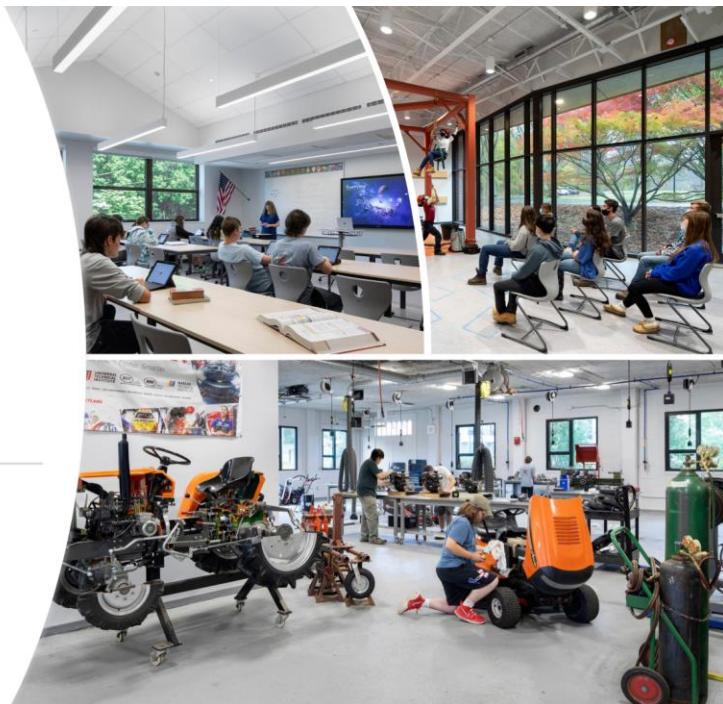




BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL



RE-IMAGINED AG EDUCATIONAL LEARNING SPACES



Grant Funding secured by the Campus:

The campus secured over \$4.2 Million dollars of grant funding to support the purchase of equipment for the vocational agricultural programs and enhance facilities that were not included in the expansion. In this year we continued our efforts to revitalize the campus.

CAPITAL SKILLS + FACILITY EXPANSION

Grant Funding



FY18	\$494,000	Program - Natural Resources Management
FY19	\$492,000	Program - Ag Mech Equipment
FY21	\$250,000	Program - Horticulture
FY23	\$464,700	Program - Veterinary science
FY23 - FY25	\$2,500,000	Chapter 74 Vocational Instructional Space Facility Expansion Grant

Total Funding Secured = \$4,200,700

*Proposed - FY24 \$498,000 Programs - Environment Conservation Science and Horticulture

*Massachusetts has invested \$200 Million in Vocational-Agricultural Education

Year in Review Highlights:

Opening of the Veterinarian Center at Bristol Aggie

For over 100 years Bristol County Agricultural High School has provided quality education in the field of Animal Science and now we offer a concentration in Veterinary Science. Our goal in agricultural education is to educate and supplement the workforce with highly trained and qualified young adults.

The Bristol Aggie Veterinary Center will act as a hands-on training facility for students to learn industry specific skills on new, state of the art equipment. We seek to create a space where students can actively participate in hands-on learning in a real world setting which will enable them to gain competency in assisting with animal nursing, laboratory procedures, radiography, pre and post operative procedures, and many more. Our goal is not to compete with local veterinary practices, but instead create learning opportunities for our students to receive high quality training and help with the current demands of veterinary shortages (11.8% growth according to local Labor Market Insights data). We expect to see a very limited number of clients and our students' educational hands-on learning experiences are not intended to replace clients' primary veterinary care.

Our students in Veterinary Science tend to be very driven academically, with 80% continuing to either 2- or 4-year college, in such majors as Veterinary Technology, Pre-Vet, Biomedical Sciences, or Business. As part of their vocational experience, our students complete approximately 400 hours of in-classroom learning in their Freshman and Sophomore years. They study anatomy, pathology, pharmacology, radiology, animal nursing and husbandry. By the beginning of junior year, they will enter our full-service veterinary science center to start their clinical training hours (approx. 300 hours) which will be offset by the remainder of their in-classroom learning (approx. 550 hours). Clinical hours will be completed prior to taking the Certified Veterinary Assistant credential through the TVMA.

During the third semester of junior year and continuing through senior year, students can "go out on co-op or internships". This means they can take entry level jobs in their industry in place of attending their vocational course. Co-Op placements are typically paid positions, and we do ask that the student's supervisor take the time to assess them throughout the weeks. Unpaid internships are available in specific cases. Typical positions for our co-op or internship students would include veterinary assistant, animal care attendant, receptionist, or CSR. By the time they can go out, they have functioned as a receptionist, have worked extensively in Avimark software and with IDEXX diagnostics, prepared vaccines, prepared prescriptions for clients, restrained dogs, and cats, taken histories, and assisted in all aspects of outpatient care.

The Campus hosted the Vet Center Open House. To build relationships with local veterinarians and medical directors, we organized an Open House of the facility, February 8th, touring the new training facility and had discussions with local practices in Bristol County. If you have specific clinic-based questions you can email our Veterinary Medical Director Dr. Jeremy Murdock at jmurdock@bcahs.com.



FY23 - Veterinary Science Allocation \$464,700



Student Achievement

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

Strategic increase in enrollment

In the 2022-2023 school year we had a total enrollment of five hundred thirty-nine (539) students.

Spotlight of Dighton

In the 2022-2023 school year we had twenty-five students from Dighton.

In June 2023 five students from Dighton graduated.

- Nathan Baker
- Lauren Ferry
- Abigail Medeiros
- Ella Nicolau

Enrollment:

Last year we had five hundred ninety-one applications for our freshmen class with space for one hundred seventy-one seats.

Campus Virtual Tour

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

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

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

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

New Campus Website:

As a part of the transition of the renewed campus, we have been working on the development of a new website for the campus, today we soft launched the new website.

<https://www.bristolaggie.org/>

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

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

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

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

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



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BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

2023 Annual Report

As we reflect on the achievements and progress of the past academic year, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that we present to you the Annual Report for 2023. This document encapsulates the collective dedication, innovation, and strides we have made toward fostering an inclusive and enriching learning environment for all.

At the heart of our accomplishments lies our commitment to academic excellence with a particular focus on enhancing the educational experience for our 9th Grade students in English and Math. We are thrilled to announce the successful incorporation of High-Quality Instructional Materials in these critical subjects, ensuring that our students receive the best resources to foster their growth and development.

In our relentless pursuit of inclusivity, we have also embarked on a transformative journey by establishing Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles across our educational landscape. UDL ensures that our classrooms are diverse, accessible, and responsive to the unique needs of every learner. By embracing multiple means of engagement, representation, and expression, we are creating an environment that empowers all students to succeed.

Recognizing the diverse needs of our student body, we have implemented Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) to provide a comprehensive framework for addressing academic, social-emotional, and behavioral challenges. Our commitment to equity and excellence is manifested through these tailored support systems, ensuring that every student receives the assistance they need to thrive academically and personally.

As we celebrate the strides made this year, we extend our deepest gratitude to the entire school community – educators, students, parents, and support staff – for your unwavering dedication to the success and well-being of our students. Together we continue to shape an educational landscape that embraces innovation, inclusivity, and excellence.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to another year of growth and achievement.

Academic Achievement

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School continues its commitment to providing an education that is meaningful, powerful, and which can help students in building for the future. Bristol-Plymouth continues to offer students dynamic educational opportunities, challenging them to build bridges connecting theory and practice, joining the work of the hands and the work of the mind. A walkthrough of Bristol-Plymouth reveals students rising to various academic challenges, finding ways to work beside each other as members of the Bristol-Plymouth community, developing along the way determination and integrity. The students and staff continue to strive every day towards meeting our core values of **belonging, persistence, teamwork, excellence, creativity, and honor**.

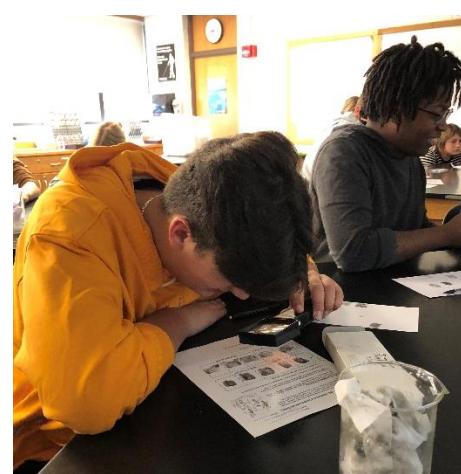


Bristol-Plymouth continues to foster high-quality, deeper learning through the continued implementation of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework. The UDL is a vision of what high-quality instruction looks like, including deep, personal engagement with learners that ensures that every student is engaged, can access the curriculum, and has opportunities to showcase the knowledge they have attained. Teachers and administrators continue to work towards full implementation, and have successfully implemented many facets of the UDL approach within their lesson planning and classroom instruction. As Bristol-Plymouth continues to work towards meeting the educational needs of all students, we will continue to explore how to best pair this UDL approach with our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), laying strong foundations upon which to build the education of students by making sure that they receive the targeted help they need.

Academic Achievement Continued

Bristol-Plymouth continues to implement High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) selected last year in Algebra I, Chemistry, and grade 9 English Language Arts, monitoring progress and working with instructional coaches to ensure full and coherent adoption of these materials. This year, content teams in Language Arts, Science, and Mathematics continue to research HQIM through the “implement” process designed by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE), including a thorough examination of high-quality instructional materials designated as “high-quality” by independent third-party researchers, as well as those designated as such by EdReports and DESE’s CURATE (Curriculum Ratings by Teachers). Currently, the HQIM teams are working to examine and select new curriculum materials in Geometry, grade 10 English Language Arts, and Biology.

Bristol-Plymouth continues to set high academic standards adapting to new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, changes within the MCAS examinations in ELA, Math, and Science, and renewing our commitment to providing challenging coursework. Bristol-Plymouth now has Advanced Placement courses, including Biology, Calculus, U.S. History, Psychology, and Statistics.



Students in their junior and senior years can also participate in the Early College Access Program through Massasoit Community College, taking English 101 or English 102. Juniors have the opportunity to take English 101 in the Fall semester followed by Psychology in the Spring semester. If they have completed the English 101 prerequisite, Seniors have the opportunity to take English 102 in the Fall semester followed by Communications in the Spring semester. Participation in this program brings the reward of experiencing a college-level course, and it also allows students to earn college credits while in high school.

Academic Achievement Continued

MCAS

Bristol-Plymouth's graduating Class of 2024 has 99% of students meeting the minimum competency determination (CD) requirements in all content areas to qualify for graduation.

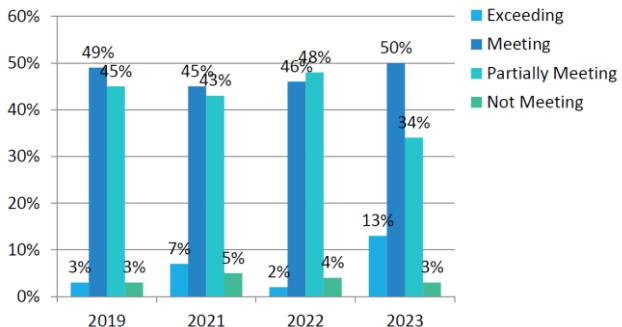
Instructional teams continue to regularly meet to review student scores, analyze data, identify strengths and weaknesses, and develop timely, targeted curriculum changes designed to improve student learning and outcomes. Data sources include MCAS examination results, District Shared Assessment results, and STAR Assessment results. This year's content team in ELA has focused on implementation of new grade 9 curriculum materials, including alignment of instruction related to essay writing, essay types, and UDL integration within the curriculum. Content teams in Biology have worked to implement a restructure of the course sequence within Biology, instituting spiraling within the curriculum to review important topics from the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to better prepare students for the MCAS Biology examination. The Mathematics team has focused on implementation of new curriculum materials for Algebra I, and maintaining the spiraling of core topics within Algebra I and Geometry to ensure students have adequate practice and review prior to MCAS Mathematics testing.

This year, eighty students in the Class of 2024 have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The Adams Scholarship is only awarded to students who have scored in the Exceeding category on one of the three high school State assessment tests in ELA, Math, or Science and in Meeting or Exceeding on the remaining two assessment tests. In addition, students must have a combined MCAS score on these assessments that is within the top 25% of all test-takers in the District.

Student performance on the 2023 ELA MCAS examination was as follows: 13% Exceeding Expectations, 50% Meeting Expectations, 34% Partially Meeting, and 3% Not Meeting.

B-P MCAS Examination 2023 English Language Arts

2019, 2021, 2023 Next Gen—class of 2025—current Juniors

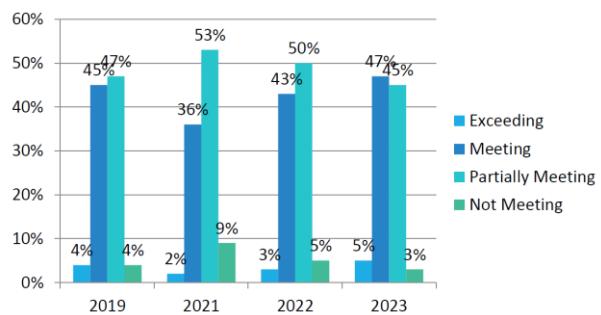


Academic Achievement Continued

Student performance on the 2023 Mathematics MCAS examination was as follows: 5% Exceeding Expectations, 47% Meeting Expectations, 45% Partially Meeting Expectations, and 3% Not Meeting Expectations.

B-P MCAS Examination 2023 Mathematics

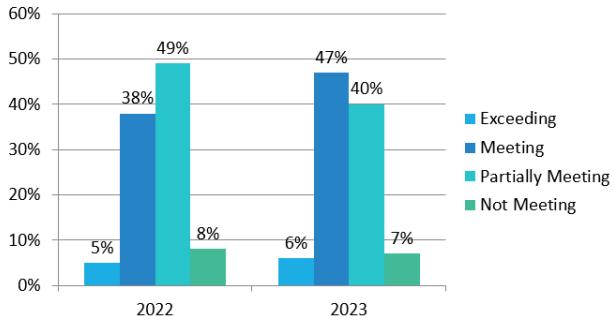
2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 Next Gen—class of 2025—current Juniors



Student performance on the second year of administering the 2023 Next Generation STE (Biology) MCAS examination was as follows: 6% Exceeding, 47% Meeting, 40% Partially Meeting, and 7% Not Meeting.

B-P MCAS Examination Biology

Next Generation Biology, 2022, 2023—Class of 2026, Current Sophomores



Bristol-Plymouth teachers continue efforts to adapt, implement, and amend instructional strategies and curricula to meet the challenging requirements of the MCAS examinations. For all tested subject areas, we continue to develop new approaches and curriculum materials to meet the high expectations set by the State's Curriculum Frameworks.

Technical Achievement

Vocational-technical education at Bristol-Plymouth was robust and rigorous in 2023. In each of our nineteen programs, students engaged in deep theoretical learning, participated in interactive, hands-on projects, and extended their learning through guest speakers and field trips.

Our students earned over 900 certifications in the 2022-2023 school year. These are industry-recognized credentials that demonstrate our students are prepared. They include OSHA 10-hour safety credentials and other safety credentials such as First Aid, CPR, Hot Work, and ServSafe Food Handler. They also have earned career-specific certifications such as: SolidWorks Associate, AutoDesk Inventor, First Responder, DANB OCE & RHS, EPA 608 and 410, Microsoft Office, Nursing Assisting, Early Childhood Infant and Preschool Teacher, Cosmetology State Board license, as well as hours toward state licenses in HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing.



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

Students in our Early Childhood Education program participate in internships at the Leddy School in Taunton, Head Start, and other Early Childhood learning centers. Our Community Health students intern at various locations such as Berkley Community School, Co-op of Dighton, Life Care, Crystal Springs, and other locations where they

Technical Achievement Continued

provide health-related services. Our Dental students earn their internship hours through various dental partnerships in our community.



Student Work in Our Community

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

The bench made by the Carpentry students for the Bridgewater Veterans Services.



Student Work in Our Community Continued

Picnic tables for Taunton's Portuguese-American Civic Club (PACC) and a podium for the Dighton Police Department were made by the Carpentry students.



Some of our programs take their skill on the road to complete projects for municipal agencies and non-profit organizations in our community. This past year, our Carpentry students completed a covered entry for the Senior Center in Bridgewater.



Our Electrical students completed a variety of lighting upgrades at Middleboro Town Hall and upgraded the lighting at the Dighton town park on School Street.

Student Work in Our Community Continued

Our Metal Fabrication department made a large sign for First Parish Church to display information relative to parish activities.



Post-Secondary

The evening post-secondary Dental Assisting program graduated eight students in June. All have shared that they were employed by area dental offices. The current class of students are expected to graduate in June 2024.



Post-Secondary Continued

Thirty-eight students graduated in June from the Practical Nurse Program. The program has achieved a 100% pass rate on the national licensure exam for this year. The majority of these graduates are employed in a variety of healthcare settings. Several have shared that they are continuing their education and are enrolled in RN (registered nurse) programs. Currently, there are 32 students enrolled in the full-time day program and 20 students enrolled in the part-time evening program.



Special Education

The Special Education Department continued to work closely with local agencies to support our students as they transition to adult living and work. In 2022-2023, we referred 78 students to the Southeast Center for Independent Living (SCIL) to participate in Pre-Employment Training Services (Pre-ETS) and their Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP). Individual student services were provided in the areas of self-advocacy, job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, post-secondary education and training, and workplace readiness training. We also partnered with SCIL to offer large group workshops in the areas of financial literacy, job exploration, vision statement planning, housing and insurance, and a driver's permit test preparation course. Additionally, Bristol-Plymouth referred four students for adult vocational rehabilitation services with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC).

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) met two times this year to share ideas and concerns that pertain to Bristol-Plymouth's special education programming, as well as to support other parents with students with disabilities. Meeting topics ranged from our annual parents' rights presentation to topics of transition.

Cooperative Education Program

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School's Cooperative Education Program's mission is always to empower students to become skilled professionals in a global workforce. Our objective is to engage students in a process of attaining on-the-job skills from their shop teachers and then to utilize these traits while working in the surrounding communities in high-pace environments. Students have been immensely interested in the idea of co-op and many have set their sights on taking on new and exciting challenges in the working environments of their vocations. Some of the new companies that have supported Bristol-Plymouth's Cooperative Education Program are: F.W. Webb, Environmental Systems Inc. (ESI), and Hathaway Auto Body.

Student Cooperative Education Placement

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

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

\$525,378

In December, students in all grade levels participated in a resume and self-advocating workshop. Several of the students are very excited about starting their co-op journeys in January 2024 and many have already landed jobs prior to the end of the year.

This year was another record year for the Biotechnology, Dental Assisting, and Plumbing programs. Sixteen senior students in Plumbing and fifteen senior students in Biotechnology are already out in the field working. Great work to both shops for their passion for their crafts!

Cooperative Education Program Continued



Ty Stempka from Metal Fabrication working at DeAngelis Iron Works.



HVAC student Tucker Bumila supporting a service call with WH Riley.

Anastasia Bettencourt, Madison Dias, and Brianna Marshall from Biotechnology working at the Boys and Girls Club Freight Farm.



Student Services

The Student Services Department continued to assist all students in the areas of academic achievement, career, and social/emotional development both in small groups and through many opportunities to ensure our students stay on track with their future career goals and aspirations. Our Naviance program allowed us the ability to reach and notify students of college, career, and scholarship opportunities on a regular basis whereby students and families were able to access the information. Our Career Center, connected to the Student Services Department, operates with small group presentations covering college application skills and scholarship workshops. Our in-house college fairs in the month of September were attended by over 80 colleges and universities. All 600+ grade 11 and 12 students attended this event. Additional events that took place in person included our financial aid evening and a wellness/mental health workshop for the benefit of parents and caregivers in our school community. Both events had unprecedented attendance. Guidance counselors continue to support the wellness of our entire student population.



The Credit for Life Fair, an interactive financial literacy program, took place in-person in June. Bristol-Plymouth was sponsored by FitMoney, an organization that provides an interactive financial literacy experience through the use of a website which students were able to access through their Chromebooks. All members from the Class of 2023 participated in this program which was designed to help high school students develop

Student Services Continued

personal financial management skills that they will use throughout their lives. This event was a success with the help of over 20 local business professionals from our community.



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

This subcommittee is continuing through the 2023-2024 school year to create a multi-year and multi-faceted MTSS plan that integrates an assessment map, identifies tiered supports in academic, social/emotional, and behavioral areas, and addresses implications for future resources, staffing, and scheduling needs.

Student Life

We believe that the achievement of our goals can also be measured by interest in our school and the success of our graduates. Within the seven member communities of our District, the number of students interested in attending Bristol-Plymouth continued to be high. The number of students accepted to the Class of 2027 was 443. Our online admissions process, utilizing go2cte.org, continued to be a positive asset to the admissions process. It has been found to be essential in tracking applications and supporting paperwork for review. It has also provided additional pathways to communicating information, upcoming events, and periodic notices to potential students and their parents/guardians. Interviews were successfully conducted throughout the admissions period.

Student Life Continued

This year, each class retained a high percentage of its students bringing the October 1 population of the school to 1,336. At Bristol-Plymouth's 50th commencement in June, 313 members of the class graduated with 48% continuing on to post-secondary education or training, 33% to the work force, and 3% to the military. One hundred and twenty-two graduates went on to four-year colleges, 29 graduates went on to two-year colleges, 9 graduates entered the military, and 30 graduates went to apprenticeship programs.

The Community Service Club continues to be a very active and involved organization within our district communities. Some of the work highlighted for this year included a volunteer outing at Gifts of Love, rock painting sent to local community centers to spread Valentine's love, cards for a 14-year-old from Attleboro with Leukemia, Spring cards sent to area nursing homes, a trip to Florida to help Habitat for Humanity and Give Kids the World, a collection of over 100 pairs of socks in Socktober donated for the homeless, and an event to help foster children with holiday gifts. Whether collecting, donating, or volunteering, our advisors and students in this club continue to be rewarded with the many meaningful ways that they are supporting our communities.



Fiscal Outlook

The District met its fiscal year net school spending requirement established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The District anticipates the Excess and Deficiency (E&D) account to be approved by the Department of Revenue for the full 5% allowance for fiscal year 2023.

Fiscal Outlook Continued

The District's member communities voted affirmatively to approve the Town of Freetown to join as the eighth member of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District, which will take effect on July 1, 2024.

The new school building project for Bristol-Plymouth, under the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) grant program, completed the site preparation phase during the Summer and the construction phase began in the Fall with Consigli, the general contractor, awarded the bid for the building project. The School Building Committee continues to work alongside the District's Owner's Project Manager, PMA Consultants, and design firm, HMFH Architects, to ensure the new school building project remains on schedule for a completion target date in the Spring of 2026. The Superintendent will continue to keep the School Committee and member communities up-to-date on the progress of the building project.



Groundbreaking Ceremony October 14, 2023

From Left to Right: Mary Pichetti, Executive Director, MSBA; Carolyn Pearson, Chair, School Building Committee; Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes, Superintendent-Director; Louis Borges, Jr., Chair, School Committee

In August, Governor Healey released her FY2024 state budget which increased aid across Massachusetts school districts by \$594 million or 9.9% over Fiscal Year 2023. Every operating District is slated to receive at least \$60 in additional aid per student. The Fiscal Year 2024 Chapter 70 program continues to implement the Student Opportunity Act (An Act Relative to Educational Opportunity for Students). This Act makes significant

Fiscal Outlook Continued

changes to the Chapter 70 formula based in large part on the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC). The District was grateful to receive an anonymous private grant to purchase equipment to support several of the vocational programs as well as a State Skills Capital Grant to purchase equipment for the Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) Program. Additionally, the District continued to receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III federal funds, along with other federal entitlement grants to allow the District to provide high quality professional development as well as state-of-the-art technology, equipment, supplies, and materials for the high school students.

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

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Respectfully submitted,



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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2023**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

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

Birth Certificate

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

Medical Records

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

SCHOOL DELAYS / CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Weather Alerts

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

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOTAL ENROLLMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Palmer River Elementary and D. L. Beckwith Middle Schools

Grade	Enrollment
Pre-K	33
K	115
1	113
2	115
3	121
4	117
5	131
6	111
7	123
8	113
TOTAL	1092

Dighton Elementary and Dighton Middle Schools

Grade	Enrollment
Pre-K	34
K	93
1	82
2	85
3	106
4	78
5	90
6	100
7	95
8	84
TOTAL	847

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

Grade	D	R	Enrollment
Pre-K			16
9	73	87	142
10	59	110	154
11	68	94	169
12	60	97	167
TOTAL			648

District OOD

School Choice 9-12

TOTAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT **2605**

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2023-2024

As approved by the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee

	# OF DAYS
School opens September 6, 2023	
Closes December 22, 2023	72 days
School opens January 02, 2024	
Closes February 17, 2024	33 days
School opens February 27, 2024	
Closes April 17, 2024	34 days
Opens April 22, 2024	
Closes June 18, 2024*	41 days
Total number of days attended	180 days

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

September 5, 2023 - Teacher Orientation - No School
October 4, 2023 - Teacher Professional Development - No School
October 9, 2023 - Columbus Day - No School
November 7, 2023 - Teacher Professional Development - No School
November 10, 2023 - Veterans Day Observed - No School
November 23-24, 2023 - Thanksgiving Recess - No School
December 25, 2023 - January 2, 2024 - Holiday Recess - No School
January 15, 2024 - Martin Luther King Day - No School
February 19-23, 2024 - Winter Recess - No School
March 29, 2024 - Good Friday - No School
April 15- 19, 2024 - Spring Recess - No School
May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day - No School
June 18, 2024 - Last Day of School*

PRE-K and K START DATE - September 11, 2023

Class of 2023 Graduation Date - June 7, 2024

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

In these challenging financial times, we are grateful to the taxpayers and town leaders for their magnanimous support of the education of our young people! We are committed to running an efficient and effective operation that still provides a high-quality education for our students and shapes them into the good human beings that our world needs today.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our talented and committed faculty and staff, who go above and beyond every day to support our students and ensure their success.

As we anticipate the future, we are enthusiastic about the possibilities that await us. Our dedication to equipping our students with an excellent education that readies them for a quality experience on their next path remains steadfast.

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

Together, we are DR!

Bill Runey
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PERSONNEL

There have been notable changes in personnel at Dighton Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year.

In response to shifting student enrollment, we opened a third grade, and closed a “fifth classroom” in the fourth grade. We had a few internal staff transfers within the building. Ms. Erin Donahue Taylor taking on a new role of Title One Reading Interventionist, Ms. Lauren DellaVilla transitioned from a Grade 4 position to Grade 3. Welcoming new staff to our team, Ms. Julia Bandera joined as a Grade 2 teacher and Ms. Kimberly Barone assumed the role of a Long-Term Sub for our TLC room. Additionally, we expanded our support staff with the hiring of a full-time BCBA, Ms. Kylee Campbell, for the Dighton Campus, a new School Psychologist Mr. James Paicopolos, and a new SPED Secretary Tiffany Levesque.

Further changes were made among our paraprofessionals in the building who have either replaced resignations or been added to replace positions moved due to the reorganization. We welcome Douglas Giles, Samantha Leandres, Jennifer Dupont, Katie Andrade, Ambra Arsenault, Kerri Fontaine, and Kristin Vieira to our dedicated team of paraprofessionals. These personnel changes reflect our commitment to adapting and optimizing our team to best serve the needs of our evolving school community.

ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment as of December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Pre-K	34	Third Grade	106
Kindergarten	93	Fourth Grade	78
First Grade	82		
Second Grade	85	TOTAL	478

The Dighton Community has seen an influx of new residents moving into town, contributing to the consistent annual growth in our school's enrollment. In the preceding academic year, our student body numbered 465 students, and this has now grown to 478 students. This increase highlights the dynamic nature of our community and the adaptability of our educational system in response to evolving circumstances.

DES TEACHING AND LEARNING

Dighton Elementary School (DES) has upgraded its Reading and Writing programs with the help of a DESE grant, introducing the engaging "Wonders" literacy curriculum by McGraw Hill. This curriculum aligns seamlessly with state standards and our tailored Reading program for Grades K-4, enhancing the learning experience.

DES is committed to academic excellence and has restructured its Response to Intervention (RTI) system, focusing on data-driven instruction to target specific skills and provide enrichment

opportunities. The school-wide data collected informs the delivery of tailored interventions for students. Our collaborative approach involves sharing effective practices among grade-level teams and reading interventionists, ensuring a unified effort for student success.

In our quest for personalized education, DES integrates technology into instruction. Student assessments throughout the year guide targeted teaching in both math and literacy, creating a balanced mix of traditional and tech-assisted learning. This approach ensures an engaging and comprehensive educational environment.

Regular collaboration is a key element at DES. During "TEAM Time," Grade Level teams, the Reading Team, and administration analyze data, adjust practices, and implement initiatives for social-emotional and mindfulness development. Professional development and team planning opportunities further enhance the cohesion and effectiveness of our educational approach within the DES community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our commitment to foster collaboration between teachers and administration at Dighton Elementary School (DES) remains persistent, emphasizing our dedication to the continual enhancement of instructional best practices for the benefit of all students. Throughout the preceding year, our concentrated efforts in professional development have resulted in a diverse range of opportunities that extend district wide.

Teachers at DES proactively participated in meaningful professional development, taking on leadership roles by facilitating DREAM Seminars and actively contributing to various district-wide initiatives. The scope of school-wide and district-wide professional development initiatives in the preceding year encompassed pivotal topics, such as the creation of engaging lesson plans, strengthening phonemic awareness, ensuring alignment in writing horizontally and vertically, incorporating instructional practices from the targeted high-impact learning approach of the Carrie Thurston approach, and the implementation of the Science of Reading supported by DESE Grant and Title I funding.

Looking forward, our focus in professional development centers on aligning writing instruction, elevating academic rigor, emphasizing the science of reading through our newly adopted Reading Program, and enhancing both Response to Intervention (RTI) and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). These targeted initiatives are strategically positioned to propel us forward in our continuous mission to deliver a high-quality education for all DES students.

DATA AND ASSESSMENT

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

sequence, emphasizing the focus on standards that drive daily core and supplementary instruction. Through this strategic approach, we strive to enhance the effectiveness and coherence of our instructional practices, fostering a comprehensive and targeted learning experience for every student.

TECHNOLOGY

Our ongoing commitment to advancing technology integration at Dighton Elementary School (DES) is reflected in our continued efforts to expand and improve technology use. Presently, Chromebook carts equipped with 1 to 1 devices are available for students in Grades K-4, and STEAM. Additionally, Dighton PTO donated additional smart view touch screen televisions to enhance classroom resources and now each grade level has one. Our mission revolves around evaluating and assessing the current technological landscape within the school. Through comprehensive research on the evolving needs of our students and compiling valuable input from teachers across all grade levels, we are working to develop a strategic technology plan. This plan is designed to empower teachers to cater to student needs effectively, fostering the enhancement of 21st-century skills through increased technology integration across the curriculum and within the classroom environment.

SAFE SCHOOL AND CLIMATE

DES, as a Feinstein Leadership School, proudly introduced the "Bird Bucks" program to foster a Schoolwide Accountability Culture. This initiative supports classroom management and establishes consistent behavioral norms using the "3 to Be" signposts. Students earn Bird Bucks for following these norms, storing them in classroom pouches and redeeming rewards at the Bird Buck Store in the Library. The program extends to classrooms, encouraging goals and offering rewards like extra recess or a no-homework day. Staff members, identified by green lanyards, use Bird Bucks exclusively for positive reinforcement, ensuring a unified and positive approach throughout DES.

INFRASTRUCTURE

At Dighton Elementary School (DES), we're all about making our learning environment even better. We've been checking and improving things to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone—students and staff alike. Here's some exciting news: the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) gave us the nod to join the Eligibility Period, along with eighteen other districts. It's a big deal!

During this special time, we're going to work closely with our school, local community, and everyone involved to explore ways to improve both our school buildings and programs. This is a big step forward in making sure DES is up to the task of providing the best education. The Eligibility Period is like the starting point for getting help from the MSBA. It takes about 270 days, and we'll be working together to figure out if we're ready to move on to the next steps.

This whole initiative fits right in with what the MSBA is all about—helping schools have facilities that are just right for learning. So, at DES, we're excited about the journey ahead, making sure our school is the best it can be for everyone.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Our team enthusiastically embraced "Casual Dress Fridays," actively participating in initiatives that contribute to significant causes. Among the various causes we are backing this year, our focus is on supporting the Alpha-1 Foundation, striving to make a positive impact for individuals affected by a genetic condition.

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

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

DES SCHOOL COUNCIL

The DES School Council has been busy with important plans for the year 2023-2024. We're focusing on three key goals. First, we want to make sure students benefit from a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum, helping them with emotional skills and well-being. Second, we're developing a One-Year School Improvement Plan (SIP) based on data to boost academic progress. Lastly, we're exploring ways to involve parents more and using best practices to strengthen the partnership between parents and the school.

During our recent meetings, we talked about ongoing parent activities and got feedback to make things even better. We discussed how the School Improvement Plan is going, making adjustments for academic improvement. We also shared a presentation on the "Portrait of a Graduate," asking council members for their thoughts. Additionally, we highlighted upcoming school events and opportunities for parents to volunteer, aiming to build a stronger community. It's all part of our commitment to working together for the school's success and the well-being of our students.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

Leading Dighton Elementary School brings me immense joy as we work together to create a positive and engaging learning environment. I see so much potential for our school to become a shining example of elementary education in our state. It's truly heartening to witness the dedication of our teachers, parents, and students, all coming together to foster a collaborative spirit that aligns with the district's goals.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, I'm excited about the continuous journey of reflection, learning, and growth. Our focus remains on embracing the principles outlined in our Portrait of a Graduate (PoG). This framework outlines the skills and qualities we aim for every Dighton Rehoboth student to have by graduation, ensuring they're well-prepared for college, career, and life.

Our commitment to PoG goes beyond just academic success; it's about nurturing the overall development of our students. We're dedicated to fostering critical thinking, collaboration, adaptability, and a sense of responsibility. By weaving these principles into our educational approach, we're not only setting an example within our community but also contributing significantly to the broader success of the Dighton~Rehoboth Regional School District. Together, we're building a foundation for our students' success and well-being.

#WeAreDR!

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Dessert, Principal
Dighton Elementary School

ANNUAL REPORT DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Personnel

- We have welcomed a new Special Education teacher Cheryl Weinstein, and a new Reading Specialist, Morgan Booth.
- We have also welcomed three new staff who support our district Special Education programs in Secretary Tiffany Levesque, BCBA Kylee Campbell, and Occupational Therapist Hannah Nadeau.
- In the Spring of 2023, DMS welcomed Special Education Coordinator Ashley Dodd, and Adjustment Counselor, Jennifer DeMatos.

Enrollment

Our enrollment as of December 1, 2023, is as follows:

- **Grade 5** 90
- **Grade 6** 100
- **Grade 7** 95
- **Grade 8** 84

TOTAL 369 Students

DMS Teaching and Learning

DMS teachers and staff continue to collaborate on best teaching practices, as well as in analyzing benchmark assessment data that is used in informing their teaching practices.

- As a school, we continue to focus on student engagement. DMS teachers strive to provide activities that are application- based and push students beyond basic understanding, while working to model outcomes and build the skills outlined in the district's Portrait of a Graduate.
- Math and English teachers have begun to utilize the Open Architect platform to analyze data. This includes reviewing overall benchmark assessment data, as well as individual student growth in grade level standards. From here, they are able to personalize instruction for students as needed.
- Social Studies teachers continue to work together to ensure that students experience writing across the curriculum, as well as project- based tasks. In addition, Grade 8 students are preparing for the upcoming Civics MCAS pilot in Spring 2024.
- Science teachers continue to provide hands- on, lab-based experiences for students that require higher order thinking skills and application- based thinking, as well as writing experiences that require students to provide a claim, evidence and reasoning.

- Students also experience six Unified Arts classes within the six-day cycle: Art, Computer Essentials, STEM, Music, Physical Education/Health, and Library.
- In addition, we continue to work on our systems of support for students, both for academic and social emotional needs. Moving forward, we hope to establish more proactive systems of support for students.

Professional Development

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

- Grade 5 ELA teachers have begun to implement Wonders as a new resource supporting their curriculum this school year. This is in alignment with the elementary schools, and Beckwith Middle School. Grade 5 ELA and Special Education teachers participate in monthly Professional Development in order to ensure effective implementation.
- On each of our half day Professional Development days, teachers and staff at DMS have begun collaborating more formally with their content area colleagues at Beckwith Middle School. They have participated in “Job Alike” sessions that have been facilitated by the Curriculum Coordinators of each department and were implemented as a way to support horizontal alignment between middle schools and vertical alignment across content areas, as well as overall curriculum pacing and implementation across the district.
- DMS teachers and staff continue to join their district colleagues at Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School on full day Professional Development Days. District staff have come together on each full day of professional development in attending Keynote Speakers, as well as a variety of hour-long sessions of their choice. The sessions are run by district staff, including administrators, teachers and support staff, and include professional development in implementing instructional technology, project- based instruction, and best teaching practices, as well as crisis prevention, ensuring all students have equitable access to their education, and behavior intervention strategies.

Professional development opportunities are in alignment with the knowledge and skills set out in our district’s Portrait of a Graduate.

Data and Assessment

We continue to administer and analyze district benchmark assessments three times a year. The new Open Architect platform has now created a seamless method for aggregating data for everything from STAR Reader and Math tests, to MCAS, and student attendance and conduct data. The new platform allows teachers and administrators to access multiple data points at the same time, and create next steps in supporting individual student needs, both for academic and social emotional purposes. In addition, school wide MCAS scores are reviewed and analyzed by departments at monthly Faculty Meetings, as well as individually by teaching staff.

Technology

- Students are provided with a new Chromebook upon entering 5th grade. This provides access for all students to have 1:1 Chromebooks each day.
- Educators blend student learning by utilizing instructional technology in conjunction with typical paper and project- based tasks.
- Students also participate in learning opportunities in both their STEM and Computer Essentials class. While Computer Essentials most often deals with learning about data, online presence, and communication through digital means, the STEM class requires the building and assessment of real-world projects.

Safe Schools Culture and Climate

- DMS has begun implementing the Satchel Pulse Universal Screener, as well as grade level lessons that strengthen students' social emotional learning competencies: self-awareness, social- awareness, self- management, relationship building and responsible decision making. The lessons also proactively educate students on bullying prevention and intervention.
- DMS has also reviewed and reestablished our PBIS initiatives, and we have implemented our new process in which students earn "Lion Loot" for their positive behaviors. We have also partnered with the Feinstein Foundation in creating the DMS Kindness Tree in which students earn a grade level leaf for random acts of kindness.
- DMS administration, in conjunction with the Dighton Fire Department and Dighton Police Department continue to collaborate on the reviewing, monitoring and implementation of school safety protocols, and practice with students and staff throughout the course of the school year.
- Each month, two students from each grade level are recognized as Students of the Month. Pre- determined themes are assigned to each month, and grade level students who model behaviors that support the themes are selected. Students then participate in a Student of the Month breakfast with the DMS Administrators, Officer Hathaway and Oakie.

Community Involvement

The DMS Student Government has continued their work at a local soup kitchen, collecting, preparing and serving dinner 2-3 times a year. In addition, the Dighton PTO sponsored a BMX Action anti- bullying assembly to start our school year, as well as the WizFit Challenge promoting physical fitness in students. They also continue to support our after-school ACE clubs as needed.

DMS also hosted a school-wide food drive in collaboration with the Feinstein Foundation, and we were able to support local families throughout November and December. In addition, and in collaboration with the district's work with *Christmas is for Kids*, a winter accessory drive was held in Grade 5. Students and families donated scarves, mittens, hats and other accessories

throughout this time. Also, the Dighton Fire Department and Dighton Police Department have joined us at arrival and dismissal for a few *High Five Fridays*.

School Council

Our School Council continues to meet monthly to review and monitor progress in alignment with the DMS School Improvement Plan. Outlined in the plan are four goals, and a variety of action steps:

- Continuously Improving Student Achievement
- Using Data & Technology
- Strengthening Teaching & Learning
- Creating Safe Schools/Culture & Climate

Being in year two of this plan, staff voice in the form of progress monitoring and feedback continues to be at the forefront of our vision as a committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

Concluding Remarks

It has been a pleasure to join the DMS team over the course of this school year. Students, staff and families have been extremely welcoming, and it is clear that all stakeholders are working towards supporting the success of Dighton Middle School students. Moving forward, we will continue to work together to improve our school overall. This includes setting goals for both students and staff, and monitoring and assessing the progress of those goals as we move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianne Kelleher, Principal
Dighton Middle School

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As principal of the Palmer River Elementary School, I hereby submit my annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

Personnel

The following changes in personnel can be noted at Palmer River Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year:

- At the end of the school year in June, Mrs. Sandra Klinkhamer (fourth grade teacher) retired after several decades of service to the district.
- In August, we welcomed Mrs. Francesca Facenda, Speech Language Pathologist, to fill a vacancy left by the retirement of Mrs. Maria Dunn who had served the district as an SLP for several decades.
- We also welcomed Mrs. Cindy Cabral and Mrs. Jennifer Gill as new paraprofessionals who were hired to fill positions left vacant by resignations.
- Ms. Georgia Eldridge was hired in September to fill a short-term substitute position until December in grade one. In January, Ms. Eldridge moved up to grade three to cover an additional leave of absence until the spring.

Enrollment

Our enrollment as of December 31, 2023, is as follows:

Pre-K: 33 students	Second Grade: 115 students
Kindergarten: 115 students	Third Grade: 121 students
First Grade: 113 students	Fourth Grade: 117 students
TOTAL: 614 students	

Over the past few years, elementary students continue to move into the community of Rehoboth, and enrollment has stabilized. As a result, our enrollment stands at 614 students, which is one more student than the enrollment count (613) at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

PRES Teaching and Learning

- With the district being awarded two literacy grants by DESE in the spring of 2023, PRES has committed to improving early literacy outcomes for all students through improved material implementation, professional development, enhanced teaching practice, and collaboration. The grants have also allowed us to partner with The Hill for Literacy, a non-profit organization that assists teachers in successfully implementing best practices in teaching literacy, and in the implementation of our new program called Wonders.
- The district is also providing high quality professional development with the Wonders publisher, McGraw Hill. Finally, teachers started taking a year-long course that explores The Science of Reading and helps teachers to identify ways to teach literacy skills using research as a guide. We continue to align our new resources with the learning standards

for the Commonwealth and we continue to action plan ways to improve our MCAS and standardized test scores, especially in reading and written language.

- PRES continues to implement grade level, common intervention blocks that support a multi-tiered system of support for all students. This year, the process is focused on targeting reading and writing for each grade level. Teachers work closely with our reading specialists to look at student assessment data and collaboratively design instruction to support student needs across each grade level.
- In mathematics, we continue to utilize the Envisions program. We received an updated version of the resources for the 2023-2024 school year that included new student workbooks, teacher manuals, and improved computer applications that support student learning.
- We continue to use various technology tools to enhance learning for all students. Some applications include Lexia, Freckle, Star Assessments, Open Architects and the Google platform.
- Teachers and school staff continue to engage in professional development opportunities to improve teaching and learning. In addition to improving early literacy for all students, we have also dedicated time to aligning our district's Portrait of a Graduate to our day-to-day curriculum.

Technology

- We continue to meaningfully integrate technology at Palmer River Elementary School. Currently, grades one through four are “one to one” with Chromebook devices.
- To support early literacy initiatives, students now have access to the Lexia platform, which is an application that individualizes student programming and exposure to literacy content.
- Team leaders lead the efforts in utilizing Open Architects, a platform that organizes student data into manageable and helpful categories and to inform instruction.
- Additionally, we continue to offer STEAM class and Technology Skills class to all students in grades K-4 every week.

Safe Schools Culture and Climate

- PRES continues to utilize the practices and principles of PBIS, by creating opportunities for students to collaborate across grade levels, and by creating opportunities for our fourth graders to lead initiatives in the school building.
- Teachers continue to utilize a social emotional learning block for students to work on a “monthly mindset” in class that aligns with the Portrait of a Graduate, and students are celebrated individually by teachers and administrators when they demonstrate the trait of the month.
- PRES continues to partner with the Feinstein Foundation as a Leadership School. We have received several grants since the school year began, along with an official Certificate of Recognition by Rhode Island Governor Daniel McKee for being a Leadership School of Distinction through service to our community.

Infrastructure

Along with the Central Office, PRES continues to assess infrastructure and identify goals to create the best possible environment for learning. Safety continues to be a priority and will continue to be assessed and considered.

- The Courtyard Committee has worked to acquire funding to support the enhancement of the courtyard. They have raised several thousand dollars in funds to support upcoming projects to create an outdoor classroom and learning environment.

Community Events

We had some exciting events this fall and winter that celebrated our school community.

- In June, we hosted families and invited guests of fourth graders for our first annual “Clap Out Celebration!” This event was well attended by our community and was full of pride and school spirit as we applauded the efforts of our fourth graders during this sendoff event.
- In October we were given the opportunity to present at the School Committee meeting. During our presentation, students and staff spotlighted our fabulous school and the amazing things taking place each and every day.
- In November, our fourth-grade community service leaders organized a food drive and donated 13 food baskets to families in need. They also made an enormous donation to the Rehoboth Food Pantry.
- In December, our music teacher Mrs. Kristie Grant brought a large cohort of fourth graders to publicly perform on bucket drums at the Seekonk Home Depot. Shoppers and families of students enjoyed the holiday music and made donations to the Rehoboth Food Pantry.
- Also in December, representative classrooms from grades one to four made crafts to sell at a “Holidays Around the World” Craft Fair. The fair, which took place during school hours, was attended by approximately 140 guests, and raised over \$800 for the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

School Council

Our school council has continued to help clarify and focus on our School Improvement Plan.

- During monthly meetings, we looked at our current School Improvement Plan and discussed our goals and the status in meeting the goals.
- We also reviewed MCAS data and discussed our school improvement plan for increasing our students’ performance on standardized tests.

Concluding Remarks

It continues to be a pleasure to provide direction and create a positive and productive learning environment at Palmer River Elementary School. Creating a caring and positive school community is crucial for the overall development and success of students. Collaboration between staff, parents, and students bodes well for the school's thriving future. We are a caring and positive school community with great students, a fantastic staff, and wonderful families. With the continued commitment and effort from staff, parents, and students, our school will thrive and remain successful. Over the next year, I look forward to continuing to support our students and staff on our path to being a premier elementary school in southeastern Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Kefor, Principal Palmer River Elementary School
#WeAreDR!

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE D.L. BECKWITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

As Principal of the Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle School, I hereby submit my Annual Report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

PERSONNEL

Sarah McNaughton was hired as a paraprofessional on January 17, 2023 and left on April 6th to pursue her career as a teacher in another district. Sheril Silva left her position as Special Education Coordinator for Beckwith and Dighton Middle School on January 13, 2023. Mrs. Silva's position was filled by Meaghan Moniz on February 6 through March 30, 2023. This position was subsequently filled on April 24th by Ashley Dodd. Our vacant custodial position was filled on March 9th by Stephen Roderick. On March 10th, Beckwith Middle School Paraprofessional Kristie Deslauriers left the district for personal reasons. In May of 2023, Ramie DaPonte was hired as a paraprofessional.

At the end of the 2022-2023 school year, Debora Wagner retired as Grade 6 Teacher. Her position was filled by Beckwith Special Education Teacher Teresa Charland. Mrs. Charland's Grade 6 Special Education Teacher Position was filled by Gina Day. Ellen McGovern left her Main Office Secretary Position on June 29th to work in another district out of state. Kristin Estes was hired on August 8th to fill her position. Katelyn Provenzano left her position as Special Education Secretary at Beckwith Middle School and Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School to pursue other interests. Her position was filled by Wendy DeGaetano. Lauren Hayden left her position as Speech and Language Pathologist and was replaced on September 5, 2023, by Jessica Tavares. Brittany Ross-DeMello, returned from her leave as of September 5, 2023. Zachary LaPointe and Rian Fortier were hired as paraprofessionals on September 5, 2023. The Spanish Teacher Position was eliminated. As a result, Laura Lynch transferred to Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

ENROLLMENT

Our student enrollment as of October 1, 2023, was as follows:

Grade 5	131
Grade 6	111
Grade 7	123
Grade 8	<u>113</u>
Total	478

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIA

The district focused on creating a unifying Portrait of a Graduate during the 2022-2023 school year. The Portrait of a Graduate was created in partnership with the District Leadership Team and the Great Schools Partnership with the final vision based on feedback from various community stakeholders through surveys and focus groups. The Portrait of a Graduate is the district's collective vision for student success. It was developed in concert with the "We Are DR" initiative built on the premise that the Portrait of a Graduate will help us shape the teaching and learning experiences from entry to graduation to be sure all students develop the necessary skills and personal qualities needed in order to help cultivate a stronger sense of belonging and inclusion. The Portrait of a Graduate articulates these skills and personal qualities we want all

Dighton-Rehoboth students to have experience with and support in developing in order to ensure all of our Dighton-Rehoboth graduates can pursue their hopes, DReams, and goals for the future. The Dighton-Rehoboth Portrait of a Graduate vision aspires for all Dighton-Rehoboth Graduates to be collaborators, communicators, critical thinkers, globally minded and community engaged, self and socially aware, and future ready. This vision is the district's north star to guide the district in its work and in its strategic planning.

The Dighton-Rehoboth Strategic Planning Committee began work during the 2023-2024 school year. With the Portrait of a Graduate or vision now completed, the task is now being undertaken to create a multi-year Strategic Plan that sets the goals of the district, actions to achieve those goals, and resources needed to take those actions. It is a framework designed to meet the needs of district students so they can achieve their full potential. School Improvement Plans across the district, one of which will be the Beckwith Middle School Improvement Plan, will be aligned to the Strategic Plan.

Beckwith Middle School staff participated in a large variety of professional development offerings in the first half of 2023, including two professional development days (October 4 and November 7) that were organized by the Dighton-Rehoboth Professional Development Committee. The overarching goal remained the same for district professional development: foster a stronger sense of belonging among Dighton-Rehoboth staff while providing valuable professional development. The District's Professional Development Focus revolved around Massachusetts Teacher Evaluation Standard II: Teaching All Students and Standard IV: Professional Culture, all the while incorporating our Portrait of a Graduate. District staff were able to choose from a number of professional development options, known as DREAM seminars, that were mostly facilitated by some of our own staff members. Some of the seminar options for the October 4th Professional Development Day included: Portrait of a Graduate, ELL 101 -An Overview of English Language Learners, Finding Your Why, Curriculum and Lesson Planning, Next Level Data, It's a Beautiful Day to Change Behavior, Getting Started with TouchView Interactive Panels, Getting Started with Adaptive Assessments, Artificial Intelligence Applications for Teachers, How Childhood Adversity Creates Different Traumatic Signatures, Importance of Self-Care and Mental Health for Educators, A Look at Inclusion, Thrillshare Website Editing, and An Introduction to the New IEP. The keynote speaker for the October 4th Professional Development Day was Carie Stack who presented on Emotional Intelligence and the Power of the Positive. Many of the same seminars that were offered on October 4th were offered again during the November 7th Professional Day in order to allow the opportunity for staff members who weren't able to select some of these seminars on October 4 the ability to do so. The keynote speaker for the November 7th Professional Development Day was Aric Jackson.

IXL was instituted school wide at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Its use by Beckwith staff continued to grow in the first half of the 2023-2024 school year. IXL provides students with personalized practice and support in math, language arts, social studies, and science. This online program allows students to gain fluency and confidence with essential skills through fun and interactive questions and built-in support.

In regard to curriculum, Dr. Souza held several Curriculum Coordinator Meetings with Curriculum Coordinators and Administrators. The main focus of these meetings was to assess the curriculum needs of the district and to help facilitate the creation of one-pager curriculum expectation documents that will be completed in early 2024. The District also adopted a new English Language Arts Program in grades K-5. Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the Beckwith Middle School Grade Five ELA Teachers began working with the HILL for Literacy

to implement the program. The Middle School Science Teachers spent the 2023-2024 school year piloting a new Middle School Science Program called Lab Aids. In April and May of 2023, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was administered to all students in Grade 8 (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science & Technology/Engineering); Grade 7 (English Language Arts, Mathematics); Grade 6 (English Language Arts, Mathematics); and Grade 5 (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science & Technology/ Engineering). These tests continue to be online assessments that must be taken on a computer device.

The results of the 2023 MCAS Scores for Beckwith Middle School were mixed. Overall, the percentage compared to the state when looking at "Meeting or Exceeding Expectations" was better on 4 of the 10 tests administered to Beckwith students. In addition, 6 out of 10 MCAS Scores improved when compared to the previous year when looking at "Meeting or Exceeding Expectations," the Student Growth Percentiles for all 10 of the MCAS Scores administered to Beckwith students were within the typical range (40 to 60 percent), and the School Achievement Percentiles were within the typical range (40 to 60 percent) with the exception of Grade 6 Mathematics, Grade 8 Mathematics, and Grade 8 Science & Technology / Engineering which were all above the typical range.

On April 11, 2023, the School Committee honored the following students at their School Committee meeting for their exceptional performance on their MCAS tests: Alexander Quin, Deven Dagnese, Brendyn Murphy, Jordan Arcisz, Zachary McCann, Allison Gagnon, Jacob Bourgoin, Zion Louis, Davi Oliveira, Luke Gallucci, Brody Palazzi, and Noelle Blais.

TECHNOLOGY

Beckwith teachers routinely use ChromeBooks, portable laptops, interactive displays and other forms of technology to help create innovative, differentiated lesson plans to use in their classrooms, in order to address the multiple learning styles of all students. Chromebooks have been assigned to each student for them to use for schoolwork at Beckwith and at home. Beckwith also uses ClassLink as a single login for students and staff.

Beckwith continued to use several technologies that were adopted in the previous school year, including Apptegy Thrillshare, a website and communications program, Smore and Canva, programs that allow administrators to create weekly newsletters for staff and parents, CrisisGo, an emergency alert system; EHallPass, an online digital hall pass management tool; and GoGuardian, a student monitoring software.

Beckwith purchased and implemented 25 TouchView interactive displays in November of 2022 and continued to receive training on the use of these displays during 2023. These interactive displays replaced the outdated technology of whiteboards or projectors and brought an improved experience to the classroom by modernizing the learning environment. These displays have proven to transform classrooms, engage students, and enhance learning and teaching.

In 2023, Beckwith expanded its use of the Parent Portal through Aspen by giving each parent their own log-in to monitor their child's information. This gives parents the ability to access their child's academic information and monitor their academic progress at any time. The 2023-2024 year was the first year that parents signed off on some of the beginning of the year paperwork using the Parent Portal, and 2023-2024 marked the first time in many years that Beckwith Middle School utilized online report cards exclusively.

Dr. Souza created an Internal #WeAreDR Website in 2023 which allows for easy access by staff to information regarding district policies, district procedures, staff login pages, student services, safety and security, mentoring, evaluation, Portrait of a Graduate, professional development, curriculum, and admin links. Dr. Donovan, Mrs. Abrams, and Mrs. Vinclette updated Beckwith's portion of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Website.

We continued to utilize Open Architects which is a tailored, easy-to-use online dashboard that integrates a variety of pertinent school data into one location. We are using this information in order to gain insights into Beckwith's student data, so we can better support students. A MCAS Data Analysis was conducted and provided to the staff with the use of some of the data pulled from the Open Architects Program.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

On January 14, 2023, D.L. Beckwith's Project 351 Ambassador Paxton Ramos along with eighth grade Ambassadors from every middle school throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts launched their year of service. This year's class makes the 13th class to participate in a year of serving others. The launch and service day kicked off at Faneuil Hall in Boston with a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King. The theme was "Embrace - Embrace Hope. Embrace Unity. Embrace Love." Governor Maura Healey shared remarks encouraging the Ambassadors to, "push for change and to not accept the status quo." The day was spent with the Ambassadors performing service projects throughout the Boston area. The day ended with a time of reflection and celebration of their mission which was to, "build bridges, forge friendships, and come together to create positive change." A Leadership Reunion was held on June 10 at Gillette Stadium. Paxton helped to facilitate Cradles to Crayons / Project 351 Clothing Drive at Beckwith Middle School in March.

The first-place winner for Bristol County in the statewide Fire Safety Poster Contest for students in grades 6 through 8 was Beckwith student Abbie Oldmixon. She received a plaque and cash prize in front of her peers at Beckwith. Abbie's artwork will also be published in next year's Fire Safety Poster Calendar.

The winner of the Grade 5 Fire Safety Poster Contest was Macy Frissell who also received her prize in front of her peers during lunch.

Beckwith choral students Olivia Couto, Claire Kiselica, Madeleine Nystrom, and Anne Reed auditioned against several middle and high school students from Southeastern Massachusetts and were selected to participate in the Junior SEMSBA Festival which was held at Hanover High School on May 5th and 6th. Under the direction of Choral Conductor, Mr. Christopher Landis and Piano Accompanist, Ms. Sarah Troxler, the students rehearsed with other middle and high school vocalists from the Southeastern Massachusetts area to prepare a variety of musical selections. This two-day festival concluded with a concert that was enjoyed by family and friends.

On March 24, the following members of our Math Club traveled to Westport where they competed against seven other schools from the Massasoit League in the Winter Math Meet: Jacob Bourgoin, Tayla Duarte, Avery Grage, James Holt, Derek Howland, Dylan Howland, Allison Mandeville, Charlotte Marr, Kristiyana Petrova, Cadence Pham, Elijah Polychronis, and Madelyn Simonds. Jacob Bourgoin had the highest individual score for Beckwith. Avery Grage,

James Holt, Cadence Pham and Elijah Polychronis all had Beckwith's second highest scores. Our Math Team Advisor was Mrs. Pamela Zalk.

Students were able to take part in the Debate Club and Drama Club. The former was once again led by Patricia Stillerman, and the latter led by Kasey Rocha. The 2023-2024 school year marked the first time in many years that Drama Club was an option for Beckwith students.

Our traditional Activity Clubs for Enrichment (ACE) Program was once again offered to Beckwith students in 2023. This program provides students from varying grade levels and backgrounds the opportunity to join together and make new friends in an atmosphere that promotes acceptance, learning enrichment, and camaraderie. As in the past, a one-time for the school year fee was required except for financial hardship. Offerings included: Cupcake Wars, Knitting, Community Service, Board Games, First Aid and CPR, Movie Club, Wiffle Ball, Kickball, Photography, Walking/Cross Country, Improv, and many more.

Our Unified Beckwith Believers Basketball Team played games against Berkley, Norton, Somerset, and Seekonk in 2023. They also played members of the staff during the annual Blue and White Game. Lastly, on March 15th, the Beckwith Middle School Unified Basketball Team hosted the 3rd Annual Massasoit League Jamboree at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. All the aforementioned teams took part in this Special Olympics-sponsored event.

Times change and that has definitely been the case for the Girls Basketball Team this year. A well-deserved win the second game of the season propelled the team as last year's team went without one. This proved to be the first of many and proved to be an awesome steppingstone for the 2022-2023 season. The team finished with a record of 7 wins and 9 losses. Members of this year's team were Addison Barios, Imelia Berwick, Courtney Botelho, Campbell Cordeiro, Bailey D'Alessio, Alyssa Daniels, Alexis Flood, Zoe Fortin, Leah Hyder, Lanie Kazanjian, Quinn Kotch, Reece Kotch, and Annie Reed. With no 8th grade team members, the future looks bright for the Raiders. The team was coached by Mrs. Carol Jerauld.

The Beckwith Boys Basketball Team had a tremendous season defeating their rivals from Dighton twice and recording the first two ties in Beckwith basketball history. They finished the season with a record of 3 wins, 11 losses and two ties. The team played some of the most exciting games that have ever taken place in the Beckwith gym. The boys were led by the playmaking of Eric Melo and the shooting of Patrick McCann. Cole Gifford was amazing as he led the team in rebounding and all-around hustle. Dario Conceicao was a jack of all trades with his shooting, passing and defense. Sam Baker was a force on offense scoring all over the court. The future is very bright for the boys as they will have several players returning next season. Aiden Beagan and Jonathan Bennett started many games throughout the season and showed great promise for next season. Dominic Andreozzi and Miles Trexler improved throughout the season and are going to be important players in the future. Zack Sidok and Cole LeBlanc did an outstanding job as they showed a toughness and competitiveness that will make an impact. The team also had a young dynamic duo of sixth graders James Whittle and Eric Lin. Both of these players worked hard all season long and will be expected to make huge contributions over the next two seasons. The team would like to thank all of the students, staff and parents who supported them throughout the season. Members of the team included Eric Lin, James Whittle, Zack Sidok, Cole Gifford, Eric Melo, Aiden Beagan, Cole LeBlanc, Sam Baker, Dario Conceicao, Miles Trexler, Domenic Andreozzi, Jonathan Bennett, and Patrick McCann. The boys were coached by Mr. Hamilton.

Mrs. Carol Jerauld again coached the 2023 Lady Raiders Softball Team. Team members were Eva Ainsworth, Addison Bairos, Courtney Botelho, Olivia Callahan, Alexis Courtemanche, Arianna Daggett, Alyssa Daniels, Tayla Duarte, Zoe Fortin, Haley Gomes, Lanie Kazanjian, Abbie Oldmixon, Marissa Rioux, Jenna Sidok, Madelyn Simonds, and Katie Silva. Mr. Stephen Patrick was the Assistant Coach. Their season record was 8 wins and 5 losses.

The 2023 Raiders Baseball Team, coached by Mr. Alan Jerauld and Mr. Jesse Francese, consisted of Cole Gifford, Jack Lynch, Patrick McCann, Reid Mello, Eric Melo, Mason Pacheco, Benjamin Roth, Connor Silva, Samuel Baker, Bryce Bouchard, Blake Cordeiro, Landon Ferreira, Zackary Bacon, Jax Fogel, and Nicholas Miller. They finished their season with 6 wins, 5 losses, and 2 ties.

The 2023 Raiders Cross Country Team was coached by Mrs. Helen Mahoney-Correia. Members of the Girls Cross Country Team were Camilla Bredemeier, Brooke Laliberte, Noelle Salwierz, Bailey D'Alessio, Campbell Cordeiro, Mia Fonseca, Emma Rapp, Taylor Pierce, Anna Zink, Brianna Chartier, Quinn Kotch, Reece Kotch, Cassidy Hasenfratz, Leah Hyder, and Cassidy Lawrence. Members of the Boys Cross Country Team were Cody Alves, Owen Angelini, Ryan Avila, Dario Conceicao, Walter Ellis, Aaron Mercer, Noah Silva, Ben Talbot, Abram Bonin, Micah Fischman, Jayden Hasenfratz, Reid Maloof, Liam Leonard, Zach Sidok, Miles Trexler, Quinn Garcia, Connor Hoyle, and Blake Young. Both the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams were undefeated for the 2023 Cross Country Spring Season. As a result, they captured the Massasoit League Championships. Leah Hyder was the top runner for the girls in the Massasoit Spring Cross Country League with a time of 8:38 and Ryan Avila was the top runner for the boys with a time of 8:01.

Eighth graders Alexis Courtemanche and Samuel Pickford were selected as D.L. Beckwith Middle School's Scholar Leaders for 2023. This prestigious award is given to students from schools throughout New England who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence and the school community. Alexis and Samuel were positive leaders in the Beckwith School Community who modeled the criteria for student leaders. Alexis and Samuel consistently worked hard in and out of the classroom demonstrating dedication to academic content and a strong work ethic. Among peers, they stood out as positive models of respect, responsibility, and safety. They were kind, considerate, and mature. They were personable students that positively impacted the climate and culture of the school building.

Beckwith Middle School was so happy to celebrate the success, hard work, and growth of our 8th grade students on June 21st during our Annual Promotion. Students received awards and certificates and received yearbooks if purchased. Students were later able to participate in a dance. Kaia Goulart was chosen to receive the Williams College Book Award for her outstanding accomplishments. Paxton Ramos received the Anthony Ferreira Citizenship Award for outstanding citizenship and contribution to school culture.

For their commitment to academic excellence and achievement, the following 8th grade students were awarded certificates and pins and were treated to our traditional Presidential Breakfast this year:

Ryan Avila, Eden Bessette, Noelle Blais, Dario Conceicao, Riley Gousie, Avery Grage, Addison Hoyle, Cameron Johnson, Patrick McCann, Zachary McCann, Caleigh Petersen, Cadence Pham, Samuel Pickford, Ava Randall, and Jalissa Raphino were awarded the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.

Madison Coyne, Walter Ellis, Devin Fournier, Willow Fredericks, Sarah Hathaway, Dylan Howland, Damien Landry, Allison Mandeville, Paxton Ramos, Mikayla Rose, and Noelle Salwierz were awarded the Presidential Award for Academic Achievement.

This year's recipient of The Linda Sousa Unity Award was Aiden Ware. This award was given out at the Beckwith Believers Potluck.

The 2023 Beckwith Raiders Boys Soccer Team finished the season with a 10-1-4 record. Players this year included: 8th graders Domenic Andreozzi, Jonathan Bennett, Kaleb Chappell, Micah Fischman, Jayden Hasenfratz, Reid Maloof, Zachary Sidok, Logan Slater, and Miles Trexler as well as 7th graders Jax Fogel, Quinn Garcia, Gyor Jean-Louis, Andrew Mandeville, Nicholas Miller, Connor Ruhle, Bradley Russell, Alexander Warren, Ryan White, and 6th graders Chase Moniz and Alex Quin. The boys were coached by Mr. Jesse Francese.

The 2023 Beckwith Lady Raiders Soccer Team finished their season undefeated with a record of 12 wins, no losses, and 1 tie. As a result, the girls were named the 2023 Massasoit League Girls Soccer League Champions and received the DR Championship Belt from Superintendent Runey. Players this year included 8th graders Campbell Cordeiro, Bailey D'Alessio, Alexis Flood, Zoe Fortin, Taylor Pierce, and Annie Reed as well as 7th graders Vanessa Escobar, Cassidy Hasenfratz, Bree Hoskins, Leah Hyder, Lanie Kazanjian, Quinn Kotch, Reece Kotch, and Lyla Lewandowski. Sixth grade team members were Macy Frissell, Cecilia Oliveira, Abigail Polychronis, and Maeve Santos. The team's manager was Audrey Kreizinger. The girls were coached by Mrs. Helen Mahoney-Correia.

Beckwith's fall Unified Bocce Team members were Brendyn Murphy, Robbie Monteforte, Brayden Cheverie, Shane DaPonte, Davi Oliveira, Aiden Ware, Katie Silva, Bailey D'Alessio, James Johnson, Connor Quinn, and Ricky Karvelas.

The Dighton Arts Festival was held on November 5th and featured artwork by the following Beckwith students: **Grade Five:** Ava Benevides, Audrey Brown, Allison Carson, Alana Ollivierre, Selene Ollivierre, Benjamin Cordeiro, Xavier Feliciano, Brooke Pento; **Grade Six:** Amelia Trexler, Veda Tavares, Ella Sampson, Luke DeMoura, Clara Arrigo, Deven Dagnese, Abigail Polychronis, Mitchell Ramos, Raegan Walczak, Drew Oldmixon; **Grade Seven:** Keegan Lay, Cailyn Haslett, Madison Crosby, Logan Jodat, Leah Hyder, Blake Young, Leah Levesque, Braydon Raposo, Reece Kotch, Taylen Sequeira; **Grade Eight:** Lillian Swan, Rebecca George, Michael Perez, Bailey D'Alessio, Jillian Del Fino, Brent Raposo, Alexis Flood, Logan Slater, Annalie Zink, Ciara Peavey.

Beckwith sixth grade student Leah Levesque was the Rehoboth Men's Lions' and Rehoboth Women's Anawan Lions' 2023 Peace Poster Contest winner. For over three decades, Lions Clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. Amelia's poster will advance to the next round at the district-wide level.

Once again, Beckwith held an Open House and parent-teacher conferences to bolster communication between parents and teachers.

On September 14, 2023, the Bristol County Savings Bank came to Beckwith Middle School to kick-off their Saving Makes Cents Program to our fifth graders. This program developed by the Massachusetts State Treasurer's Office in 1993, teaches students the fundamentals of money management. Participating students received a Passbook Savings account, including an initial deposit from the Bank, to help the students put the skills they have taught into practice. Superintendent Runey was instrumental in making this program a reality for our students.

The annual Spring Chorus Concert was on June 12, 2023, and the Band Spring Concert was on June 14. Both were at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Auditorium.

The annual Beckwith Middle School Winter Band Concert was held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. Under the direction of Mr. Jesse Francese, band students performed a variety of selections of different styles of music. Some pieces from the concert included "Her Majesty" and "Good Old Baggy Bones" for 5th Grade Band, a modern arrangement of Beethoven's most famous symphony, named "Fanfare on Ode to Joy" for 6th Grade Band, and an energetic, fast paced piece titled "Teleportation (The Future of Travel)" for 7th and 8th Grade Combined Band.

Our annual Winter Chorus Concert was scheduled to be held on December 18, 2023, at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. However, due to a severe storm that day and night, the concert was rescheduled to January 3, 2024.

Both the Beckwith Band and Chorus performed for the staff and student body on December 22, 2023, and select Band and Chorus members performed at Palmer River Elementary School's Veterans Day Tribute. They also performed at the schoolwide Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26, 2023. The keynote for this event was Rehoboth's Veterans Agent, Sgt. First Class Jake Kramer.

In 2023, in conjunction with our PBIS program, we acknowledged the compassionate and outstanding behavior of our Beckwith students with PBIS tickets which could be traded periodically for various rewards like extra recess and auction items. We also continued to enhance school spirit and foster fun by holding various after school bashes and spirit days. The Beckwith Middle School Student Council selected most of these days, which included Crazy Hat Day, Boston Bruins Day, Color Day, Patriotic Day, Blue and White Day, Pink Day, etc.

In 2023, the school brought in the Institute for Responsible Online and Cell Phone Communication and the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center to make presentations to Beckwith Students. The former dealt with responsible internet and cell phone use and the latter dealt with anti-bullying, anti-cyberbullying, and digital citizenship.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Beckwith Middle School students and staff collected a total of 2,087 cans during our Can Drive from January 3-13, 2023, to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, which is the only federal holiday designated by Congress as a National Day of Service. All cans were donated to the Rehoboth Food Pantry. This drive was subsequently moved to the fall (November 6-27, 2023), and this time Beckwith Middle School students and staff collected a total of 1,800 food items for the Rehoboth Food Pantry.

In spring of 2023, members of the BMS Chorus performed at the Multi-Generational Picnic at the Rehoboth Senior Center. Beckwith Middle School held a Spirit Day Hat Day and raised \$158 to benefit the Rehoboth Animal Shelter. In October, our Unified Bocce Team played our senior friends from the Rehoboth Senior Center. On October 27th, Beckwith held PINK OUT to support the Linda Sousa A Better Dream Foundation which was created in memory of beloved Beckwith staff member Linda Sousa. We collected \$669.50 to donate in her memory that day. In November and December, the District partnered with the Greater Attleboro Council for Children for their annual Christmas is for Kids Program. Beckwith Middle School helped to collect donations which were later brought to the high school which served as a local distribution site. On December 13th, the ACE Program Community Service Group went to the Rehoboth Senior Center for a special luncheon with Rehoboth senior citizens. Students sang holiday songs and had a tremendous time.

Beckwith Middle School remains a Feinstein School. The Feinstein Foundation is an organization that encourages students to help others in need. As of 2022, over 500,000 students have been in this school program and recognized as Feinstein Junior Scholars for promising to do good deeds for others.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Beckwith Middle School School Council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the Building Principal, teachers, and community members established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 59C. The 2023-2024 BMS School Council members are Dr. Stephen Donovan (Principal), Christina Mitnik (Teacher), Jennifer Ruhle (Parent), and Melissa Tavares (Parent).

REHOBOTH PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Rehoboth Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) supports Palmer River Elementary School and Beckwith Middle School. Some of the purposes of this organization are to fundraise for various school-sponsored activities and school needs, provide PTA-sponsored enrichment and staff appreciation events, volunteer time for school events and projects, and provide a forum where parents, educators, students, and other citizens can be active in their schools and communities. The Rehoboth PTSA is a local PTSA organized under the authority of the Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association, which is a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The PTSA President for the 2023-2024 school year was Courtney St. Germain. The Beckwith Vice Presidents were Ramie DaPonte and Kelli Trexler, the Treasurer was Lizett Quin, and the Secretary was Andria Medeiros.

The PTSA sponsored many different events that benefited Beckwith students in 2023, including Minding Your Mind Parent and Student Mental Health Assemblies, Ski Club, the Read-A-Thon, Talent Show, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, Parties at USA Skates, Trunk or Treat, the Winter Craft Fair, the Beckwith Book Fair, the You and Me Dance, various end of the year activities, the Eighth Grade End of the Year Dance, and other Beckwith Middle School dances. The PTSA also helped to fund various field trips, which included the following in 2023: Grade 5 - Freedom Trail, Grade 6 - Boston Museum of Science, Grade 7 - Whale Watch and A Christmas Carol at Trinity Rep, and Grade 8 - Canobie Lake Park.

The PTSA also provided grant donations for microscopes, a large TouchView Interactive Display for the Cafeteria, among several other items.

MISCELLANEOUS

On August 22, 2023, the School Committee approved the Unified Student Handbook. During the previous year, the Middle School Student Handbook was overhauled and combined to make up one handbook to govern both middle schools. This year, the Student Handbook was unified into one handbook shared by all of the schools in the district.

Universal free school meals were extended in Massachusetts to include the 2023-2024 school year.

CLOSING REMARKS

All told, 2023 was another great year at Beckwith Middle School. We have a lot to be thankful for. We have a dedicated and talented staff with great students. We look forward to another amazing year in 2024!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Donovan, Ed.D., Principal
D.L. Beckwith Middle School

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

As principal of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, I hereby submit my annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

PERSONNEL: NEW HIRES AND TRANSITIONS

ADMINISTRATION

- Principal: Dr. Jacqueline Ash was hired as principal of DRRHS on July 1, 2023, due to the resignation of Gail DeCecco.
- Assistant Principals: Arnold Chamanlal and Dustin Demers replaced Donald Izzo and Ai-Ling Chang as the assistant principals.
- Douglas Kelley submitted his retirement papers, effective September 2024.

FACULTY

- New Hires
 - Abigail Behm - Mathematics
 - Kara Bosco - Early Childhood Education
 - Laura Lynch - Transfer from DES - Foreign Language
 - Evaline Rodrigues - Science
 - Mikayla Seavey - Science
 - Hailey Stasiuk - English
- Transitions
 - Victor Augusto (Retired) - Foreign Language
 - Kurt Loell (Retired) - English
 - Peter Whisperwind (Non-Renewal) - Foreign Language
 - Laurene Plourde (Non-Renewal) - CTE Marketing
 - Patricia Madsen (Transfer due to elimination of Accounting) - CTE Marketing

STAFF

- New Hires
 - Wendy DeGaetano - Special Education Secretary
 - Tatia Thomas - Paraprofessional
- Transitions
 - Karen Lopes (Resigned) - Special Education Secretary
 - Karen Gibbons-Gowal (Retired) - Paraprofessional
 - Tara Kingberg (Resigned) - Paraprofessional

ENROLLMENT: As of October 1, 2023

Grade 12	167
Grade 11	169
Grade 10	154
Grade 9	142
Total	632

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Overview

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School is the only comprehensive high school in the region. DRRHS offers a wide variety of courses at varying levels of rigor ranging from college prep, honors, and AP (Advanced Placement). As a comprehensive high school, DRRHS also offers a full array of Chapter 74 endorsed Career and Technical Education (CTE) options from which to choose, including: Advanced Manufacturing; Automotive Technology; Carpentry; Early Childhood Education; Engineering, Drafting, and Design; Marketing; and Media Studies. In addition to core curricular options, the DRRHS curriculum includes a wide range of visual arts courses, performing arts courses, and electives. Our programming gives students a lot of flexibility to explore their interests and prepare for their future.

Advanced Placement

In 2022-2023, 54.8% of our juniors and seniors (181 out of 330) took advantage of Advanced Coursework. 103 students participated in the AP program. This cohort took 201 AP exams, with an overall success rate (scoring a 3 or higher) of 70.87%. Please see the chart below to view the AP Score 5 Year Summary for further context regarding the success of our AP programs.



SCHOOL SUMMARY

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total AP Students	146	137	118	123	103
Number of Exams	296	254	247	260	201
AP Students with Scores 3+	105	120	80	91	73
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	71.92	87.59	67.80	73.98	70.87

MASSCORE Completion and Student Success

The Class of 2023 consisted of 149 graduates, all of whom successfully completed the MassCore requirements and standards. Of the graduates, 78.5% planned to enroll in post-secondary education. As evidence of the strength of programming at DRRHS, DESE reports that 75.8% of the Class of 2023 enrolled in a college or university.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Our CTE programs continue to empower students with skills and confidence for fulfilling careers, while simultaneously strengthening our community's economic fabric and fostering an environment of innovation and collaboration. We saw a 34% increase this year, with 75 students enrolled in Exploratory signifying a growing interest in our programming.

CTE highlights from this past year include:

- Updated freshmen exploratory schedule/rotation.
- Programming data collection through the use of SkillsLibrary for placement, competency reporting and career interest surveys.
- Middle school outreach program that includes a summer camp.
- Media Studies - Upperclassmen have produced six episodes of DRTV which can be viewed on Youtube. Our students have volunteered to photograph and/or videotape district performances and activities such as Veterans Day Life at PRES, the high school and DES winter concert, and the Veteran's Day Live Event at PRES.
- Early Childhood Care - DRRHS is proud to launch a brand-new internship program in partnership with Palmer River Elementary School. This innovative initiative pairs our high school students with elementary school teachers, allowing them to gain invaluable experience working with younger children in various grade levels. We are also excited to announce the arrival of two cutting-edge tools for our child development program:

electronic simulator baby dolls. These realistic dolls mimic real infant behavior. This immersive experience gives students firsthand practice caring for babies.

- Engineering, Design & Drafting - To keep our students equipped with the best tools for learning, we continue to refresh our computers through a strategic rotation system. This ongoing initiative ensures optimal performance and reliability, giving students smooth sailing as they navigate their digital journeys. We're thrilled to announce our new Articulation Agreement with the New England School of Technology. This partnership means DRRHS students can now earn valuable college credit while still in high school, giving them a head start on their academic and professional pursuits.
- Carpentry - The completion of our baseball and softball dugouts is in sight. We teamed up with the Dighton Trail Committee to revamp a key trail kiosk. This collaboration showcases our commitment to community partnerships. Keep an eye peeled for charming picnic tables for one of our courtyards.
- Advanced Manufacturing - From shaping steel with milling machines to mastering brazing and welding, Advanced Manufacturing students go beyond the textbook. Our program equips them with both subtractive and additive manufacturing skills, opening doors to diverse career paths. It's engaging elective class welcomed over twelve students from across the school, offering a taste of metalworking and sparking new interests.
- Marketing - Our marketing students are learning by doing. They're dissecting the customer puzzle, crafting campaigns that spark buzz, and mastering the art of social media engagement. The students have revamped DRRHS product merchandising and have stocked the school store, The Falcon Nest, with swag. These young entrepreneurs manage the entire process, mastering the art of buying, pricing, and keeping inventory. It's a hands-on crash course in business, and their dedication paid off big time at the recent district DECA competition. With 15 students representing DRRHS and 5 returning home with coveted placements.

Student Support Services (Guidance, counseling, and school nurse)

DRRHS has a well-rounded team of support staff beyond teachers that includes a school psychologist, a school nurse, two school adjustment counselors, and three guidance counselors. Our diverse team offers a range of expertise, covering mental health assessments, physical health care, social-emotional support, academic guidance, and crisis intervention. This ensures students can receive appropriate support for various needs. The DRRHS Student Support Team fosters a more positive, inclusive, and supportive school environment where all students feel empowered to reach their full potential.

Professional Development and NEASC

Dr. Frederick Souza continued to lead the DREAM Professional Development days for the district. Several faculty members lead Dream Seminars for the District. The DRRHS faculty has embarked on our NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) journey of reaccreditation. Every ten years we undergo a rigorous self-study and evaluation process to

ensure we continue to meet accreditation standards and maintain our commitment to continuous improvement. The review involves self-studies, on-site visiting teams, and reports. We are committed to embedding our Portrait of the Graduate into every aspect of our work. This vision emphasizes the critical thinking, collaboration, and the deep learning skills students need to thrive in the next century. We believe this focus will ensure our students are well-equipped for success in any path they choose.

Safety and Security

Our commitment to student safety never sleeps. Our administrative team was trained on CrisisGo; a communication app ready to flash into action during any emergency. This proactive measure complements our ongoing collaboration with local police and fire departments, ensuring a coordinated response when it matters most. We regularly drill students and staff, honing their response skills and ensuring everyone knows their role in an emergency. SRO Bennett remains a pillar of our safety plan. We work closely with her and her colleagues, reviewing protocols and conducting collaborative perimeter checks. This strong partnership fosters trust and swift communication, further bolstering our safety network.

The DRHS Safety committee meets each month to discuss safety event planning and current challenges within the building. The team is a collection of teachers from differing areas of the building and the administration team. Highlighted meeting notes:

- Discussion on Vaping and proactive interventions we can implement.
- Exterior door/window security.
- Stop the bleed training/CPR/AED planning with Dighton Fire.
- Provide continued training to staff on CrisisGo.

Technology

Hearing impaired students can now fully engage in classrooms and activities thanks to new Redcat speakers. Additional Touchview devices continue to empower our classrooms, unlocking a world of tactile learning for diverse learners. A dozen brand new laptops helped to fuel the creative and innovative spirit of our robotics and VHS programs. Mac labs and iPads transformed from potential pitfalls to secure learning havens thanks to Jamf's magic touch. Now, students can explore and create with confidence, knowing their devices are safe and ready. The school's upgraded WiFi, in sync with the district's, spreads its net wider and deeper, ensuring more reliable connections wherever learning takes flight.

Performing Arts

Our award-winning Theatre Company, recognized as the Premier Theatre Community by the Educational Theatre Association, led the charge, showcasing exceptional productions and fostering future thespians. The marching band filled the air with energy, our jazz band grooved with infectious rhythms, and our orchestra and chorus captivated audiences with their musical

prowess. Beyond performances, our dedicated arts program provided valuable learning experiences. Middle schoolers explored their inner actors in workshops, while guest artists from Trinity Rep shared their expertise with advanced students. The auditorium's recent upgrade, complete with state-of-the-art sound, lighting, and acoustics, amplifies the impact of our arts program, creating a truly immersive experience for students and audiences alike. The generous support from local cultural councils, Rehoboth Cultural Council and The Dighton Cultural Council not only helped to bolster our resources but also underscored the community's appreciation for the transformative power of the arts.

Athletics and Activities

The passion and dedication of athletes and activity participants contribute to a vibrant and positive school culture. Their achievements inspire, their spirit unites, and their events become rallying points for the entire community. This sense of shared purpose and pride fosters a dynamic DRRHS learning environment that benefits all students.

Highlights from this past year include:

- Upgraded facilities:
 - Lights and signage upgrades in the gym and football stadium.
 - We are the first school in the area to operate a programmable robot to line all our athletic fields, saving us money and manpower.
 - New dugouts for both baseball and softball.
 - New cheer mats for our competitive cheer program.
- Teams:
 - Girls and boys lacrosse are now under our financial purview. This will allow more continuity between the teams, coaching staff, parents, and administration.
 - We've added competitive swimming as a Co-op with Seekonk High School, girls ice hockey with Stang High School, and boys and girls gymnastics with Somerset Berkely.
- Activities:
 - We have added many new programs such as Dungeons and Dragons, Book Club and Ski Club over the winter months where our students head North to Wachusett Mountain every Friday afterschool.
 - Japanese Club where our students learn about all facets of Japanese culture.
 - At last check, 82% of our students are involved in afterschool activities or a sport at some point in the school year.

Additional Falcon Highlights

Civics Project

- In June 2022, the Social Studies Department received a grant from DESE for Civic Education in the amount of \$16,235. These funds were used to finance a field trip to the JFK Presidential Library for juniors, textbooks for World History and U.S. History.

Additionally, we received a Civics Showcase Grant in the amount of \$2,035 to pay for the Local Civics Showcase as well as supplies for the Civics Project. On May 25, 2023, students in the U.S. History II participated in the first ever Local Civics Showcase.

Members of the community, school committee, and boards of selectmen from both towns attended the event as judges. Three groups of students were chosen to attend the Statewide Civics Showcase at Clark University in Worcester on June 2, 2023. One of those groups, composed of Lorelai Kellum, Sophie Darling, and Megan Keane, won the award for research for their project on stopping animal testing and were invited to the State House to lobby on behalf of animal rights. They have since formed a club for Students Against Animal Cruelty that meets after school.

Languages Department

- The World Language Department hosted a Multicultural Night in November to celebrate the different foods, cultures, and languages of the world. Over 40 students and parents attended. The Department also highlighted National Hispanic Heritage week with a Hispanic themed lunch, music, and trivia contest.
- Ten Latin students from Latin I-AP received awards after taking the National Latin Exam, which is administered to over 100,000 students worldwide each year.
- The Portuguese Club held its annual coat drive to donate warm coats to people in need.
- The Latin and senior art classes traveled to NYC to visit The MET and The MOMA museums with the support of the Cultural Councils of both towns.

Student Engagement and Leadership (Just a sampling because there is a lot!)

- Peer Leaders and Student Government volunteered to attend the annual soup kitchen. Volunteers met up in Fall River to serve community members hot meals and desserts to nearly 130 congregants. The community expressed their gratitude for all of their hard work in organizing and working the soup kitchen.
- Annual Talent Show. Musicians, singers, dancers, actors and more showcased their talents and competed for first place. Everyone who participated did an outstanding job and blew the crowd away!
- Student Government worked on writing a handwritten and personal message to each student at DR. The notes conveyed a message about how great that student was and they were handed out to each student during first period.
- Blood Drive: On May 15th students volunteered to go down to the gymnasium and donate blood to the American Cross. We had a great turn out and helped out many lives.
- Anti-Bullying Week - Through the week of October 23rd-27th, Student government held activities for each day for students to partake in. On Monday October 23rd, students were shown a “What is bullying?” video in their first period classes. Student government members were showcased in the video defining what bullying is. On Tuesday, students wore odd socks to celebrate standing out. Wednesday was “Cool to be Kind” day, students were encouraged to perform random acts of kindness throughout the day. Thursday was self-care day; coloring pages were available during lunches for students to

color and decompress. Lastly, Friday was Blackout Bullying day, students wore black to show they stood against bullying and signed their names on a pledge during lunch.

- Green & Gold Night: October 19th was the annual Green & Gold Night! Student government along with other volunteers joined each other for a night dedicated to showing off what DR has to offer! Middle school students traveled to Dighton-Rehoboth High school to see what DR has to offer. Clubs and sports created tri-fold posters to display for students, and students were encouraged to take a tour around the school to visit different aspects like CTE, Foreign Language floor, and all that the school offers.
- Spirit Week & Pep Rally
- Holiday Giving Project: Peer Leaders collected over 200 toys/gifts to distribute to the local towns. Donations were supplied to Rehoboth Blizzard of Giving and the Dighton Lions.

CLOSING REMARKS

It is the people in the school, and the opportunities we offer, that truly make a difference. Thank you, school committee and the communities of Dighton and Rehoboth, for believing in #WeAreDR. Your support empowers our students to grow, lead, and shine, enriching our community today and for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline E. Ash, Ed.D.
Proud Principal of DRRHS

**DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIALS
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

FY24 Preliminary Assessment

<u>OPERATING BUDGET JAN-DEC23</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>DIGHTON</u>	<u>REHOBOTH</u>	<u>% TOTAL BUDGET</u>
<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>23,396,083</u>	<u>532,710</u>	<u>645,532</u>	<u>22,217,842</u>			<u>48.42%</u>
<u>DIGHTON K-8</u>	<u>11,880,024</u>	<u>428,679</u>	<u>73,300</u>	<u>11,378,045</u>			<u>24.80%</u>
<u>REHOBOTH K-8</u>	<u>13,789,500</u>	<u>640,995</u>	<u>858,469</u>	<u>12,290,036</u>			<u>26.78%</u>
<u>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGETS</u>	<u>49,065,607</u>	<u>1,602,384</u>	<u>1,577,301</u>	<u>45,885,922</u>			
<u>MINIMUM LOCAL CONTRIBUTION</u>				<u>21,814,425</u>	<u>7,198,760</u>	<u>14,615,665</u>	
<u>OPERATING LESS MIN LOCAL</u>				<u>24,071,497</u>			
<u>Chapter 70</u>	<u>13,278,486</u>						
<u>Transportation Reimbursement</u>	<u>1,314,189</u>						
<u>Charter School Reim</u>	<u>183,710</u>						
<u>Medicaid Reimbursement</u>	<u>169,866</u>						
<u>Circuit Breaker</u>	<u>732,684</u>						
<u>Energy SREC/TREC Rev</u>	<u>150,000</u>						
<u>E&D</u>	<u>750,000</u>						
<u>Total Other Revenues</u>	<u>16,578,935</u>						
<u>Above Local Minimum Contribution</u>	<u>7,492,562</u>						
<u>K-8</u>	<u>3,864,683</u>				<u>1,857,884</u>	<u>2,006,800</u>	
<u>K-8 - Percentage of total Budget</u>					<u>24.80%</u>	<u>26.78%</u>	
<u>High School - Percentage of total Budget</u>	<u>48.42%</u>						
<u>High School Operation Budget over Min Assess</u>	<u>3,627,879</u>				<u>1,474,557</u>	<u>2,153,321</u>	
<u>High School Enrollment</u>	<u>620</u>				<u>252</u>	<u>368</u>	
<u>High School - Percentage enrollment</u>	<u>100.00%</u>				<u>40.65%</u>	<u>59.35%</u>	
					<u>3,332,441</u>	<u>4,160,121</u>	
<u>Transportation Actual Cost</u>	<u>1,602,384</u>				<u>706,947</u>	<u>913,171</u>	

<u>Total Above Minimum Contribution</u>	<u>9,094,946</u>	<u>4,039,388</u>	<u>5,073,292</u>
<u>Total Operating Assessment</u>	<u>30,909,371</u>	<u>11,238,148</u>	<u>19,688,957</u>
<u>Total Operating (less Capital + CB)</u>	<u>47,488,306</u>		
Capital Requests			
<u>Recurring Capital Expense (Debt Service)</u>	<u>1,577,301</u>	<u>337,891</u>	<u>706,806</u>
<u>Capital</u>	<u>1,577,301</u>	<u>337,891</u>	<u>706,806</u>
<u>Total Proposed Operating inc. Capital</u>	<u>49,065,607</u>		
<u>Total FY25SR Assessment</u>	<u>32,486,672</u>	<u>11,576,039</u>	<u>20,395,763</u>
<u>FY24 Act Assessment</u>		<u>11,370,296</u>	<u>19,799,989</u>
<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>801,517</u>	<u>205,743</u>	<u>595,774</u>
		<u>1.80%</u>	<u>3.00%</u>
<u>ENROLLMENT</u>	<u>DIGHTON</u>	<u>REHOBOTH</u>	<u>SCHOOL CHOICE</u>
<u>ELEM/MID</u>	<u>860</u>	<u>1041</u>	<u>1901</u>
	<u>45.24%</u>	<u>54.76%</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>HS</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>620</u>
	<u>40.65%</u>	<u>59.35%</u>	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1112</u>	<u>1409</u>	<u>2521</u>
	<u>44.11%</u>	<u>55.89%</u>	<u>2535</u>
<u>9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>			

<u>1</u>	<u>253,885</u>					
<u>2</u>	<u>433,933</u>	<u>687,817</u>	<u>DIGHTO</u> <u>N K-8</u>			
<u>3</u>	<u>46,627</u>					
<u>4</u>	<u>158,721</u>	<u>205,348</u>	<u>REHOBO</u> <u>TH K-8</u>			
<u>5</u>	<u>584,043</u>					
<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>					
<u>7</u>	<u>554,159</u>	<u>1,138,202</u>	<u>HS</u>			
<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>				
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>2,031,367</u>	<u>2,031,367</u>				
<u>LESS TRANSP</u>		<u>1,602,384</u>				
<u>TOTAL OP LESS TRANSP</u>		<u>428,984</u>		<u>48,636,623</u>		
<u>ENROLLMENT AS OF</u>						
<u>12/31/2023</u>						
<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DIGHTON</u>	<u>REHOBOTH</u>				
<u>PK</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>44</u>				
<u>K</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>116</u>				
<u>1</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>113</u>				
<u>2</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>117</u>				
<u>3</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>121</u>				
<u>4</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>117</u>				
<u>5</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>135</u>				
<u>6</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>120</u>				
<u>7</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>124</u>				
<u>8</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>34</u>				
<u>9</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>78</u>				
<u>10</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>85</u>				
<u>11</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>111</u>				
<u>12</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>94</u>				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1112</u>	<u>1409</u>				
<u>SCHOOL CHOICE</u>	<u>14</u>					
	<u>2535</u>					

Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District Salaries 2023

DAC	Classification	Name	Budget
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	DAPONTE, RAMIE	\$24,375.13
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	GARTRELL, JENNIFER L	\$24,375.13
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	SAINTIUS, ELEAZAR A	\$24,375.13
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	ABBOTT, LISA A	\$27,048.45
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	HAYS, SHERIL S	\$27,439.36
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	GALLEGOS, JENNIFER L	\$27,842.88
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	JERAULD, CAROL	\$27,842.88
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	MURPHY, KIMBERLY M	\$27,842.88
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	NERNEY, DONNA	\$27,842.88
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	PATTERSON, DONNA	\$27,842.88
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	SULLIVAN, KERRY	\$27,842.88
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	TAUBENFELD, CARRIE M	\$27,842.88
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	MCGOVERN, ELLEN	\$33,058.08
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	RUPOLLO, MARY	\$34,639.67
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	RODERICK, STEPHEN	\$40,131.36
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	VINCELETTE, SHERYL	\$42,245.28
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	RIDING, SPENCER W	\$46,752.00
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	CARPENTER, CAROLYN F	\$50,717.52
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	Mc CAIN, GENE	\$51,343.92
Beckwith Middle School	Classified	LEBLANC, MICHAEL	\$52,032.96
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	GOSS, ALEX D	\$52,568.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KING, ELIZABETH M	\$52,568.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MAHONEY-CORREIA, HELEN	\$52,568.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	COOK, MICHAELA	\$53,323.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CAMILLO, WILLIAM A	\$57,403.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PHILLIPS, STEVEN A	\$57,403.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BENEDUCE, REBECCA E	\$58,205.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	COLLINS, LORI P	\$58,205.00

Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	FRANCESE, JESSE D	\$62,903.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BOUTSADY, SARAH	\$65,358.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	STILLERMAN, PATRICIA A	\$66,850.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	JACKSON-FERNANDES, JILL A	\$68,939.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	FALETRA, JENNIFER L	\$72,737.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KELLY, TIMOTHY	\$83,118.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KETLER, KENNETH	\$83,118.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MCNUTT, KAREN	\$83,118.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MONDOR, CATHY	\$83,118.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	SOUSA, GELENE	\$83,118.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PARELLA, ARLENE	\$85,207.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	HAMILTON, ROBERT	\$88,372.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KENNY, MICHAEL P	\$88,372.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	REED, LINDA H	\$88,372.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	SAMPSON, JESSE	\$88,372.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	SANTORO, MAURA	\$88,372.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CHARLAND, TERESA	\$90,218.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CIMBRON, AMANDA L	\$90,218.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CROHAN, ELIZABETH	\$90,218.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	HEIM, JULIE A	\$90,218.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PEACHWALL, LYNN	\$90,218.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PLANTE, HELEN G.	\$90,218.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	ZALK, PAMELA	\$90,218.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	EVANS, ERICA D	\$91,131.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Admin	ABRAMS, AMY L	\$93,779.61
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	COYNE, MEGHAN E	\$93,960.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DARMODY, GAIL B.T	\$93,960.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DIFILIPPO, MELISSA	\$93,960.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	LYNCH, LAURA A	\$93,960.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MCPARTLAND, JANICE	\$93,960.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MITNIK, CHRISTINA	\$93,960.00

Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PATRICK, STEPHEN	\$93,960.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DODD, ASHLEY E F	\$95,798.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	GEORGE, LYNN	\$95,798.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	LOPEZ, LYNNETTE	\$95,798.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	NEVIL, JERELYN	\$95,798.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	WOODARD, DEBRA	\$95,798.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	WALSH, KELLY I	\$97,162.00
Beckwith Middle School	Certified Admin	DONOVAN, STEPHEN R	\$118,000.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	REMY, DIANE	\$52,638.48
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	REZENDES, ERIN K	\$54,141.84
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	LANDRY, SUSAN	\$55,686.96
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	QUAGLIA, DONNA	\$59,598.46
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	LACAILLADE, KIMBERLY M	\$63,906.25
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	MOORBY, RENEE A	\$63,906.25
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	POITRAS, DANIEL R	\$72,459.44
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	BLACKBURN, MICHELE D	\$75,000.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Classified	PRESTON, DAMIEN	\$77,837.81
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Non-Admin	ASHLEY, JENNIFER H	\$100,000.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	DIGIOIA, MARIE JUANITA D	\$121,500.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	BAXTER, ROBERT C	\$131,902.50
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	SOUZA, FREDERICK	\$136,500.00
Central Office - PO and Payroll Only	Certified Admin	RUNEY, WILLIAM M JR	\$173,743.00
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	MULLEN, AMBER	\$27,842.88
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	FALCON - ST.LAURENT, ALEXIS	\$22,281.87
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	FORGET, ALYSSA	\$22,281.87
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	THOMAS, KATIA F	\$22,281.87
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	COX, KELLY J	\$23,391.55
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	BEAULIEU, TIFFINY	\$26,304.46
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	STEEVES-MACHADO, KATLIN	\$26,304.46
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	PATRICIO, TONIA S	\$27,048.45
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	GALEGO, KATHRYN M	\$27,439.36

Dighton Elementary School	Classified	DAROWSKI, ERIN	\$27,842.88
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	MARICHAL, JENNIFER	\$27,842.88
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	MULLEN, AMBER	\$27,842.88
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	WHITE, STEPHANIE	\$27,842.88
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	HANIFY, STEPHANIE L	\$33,058.08
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	RAYMOND, DAWN MARIE	\$34,639.67
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	CALDEIRA, KRISTIN M	\$37,651.68
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	MEDEIROS, KYLE D	\$40,131.36
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	FREDERICKS, CHRISTIAN	\$51,343.92
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	THORNLEY, JAMES	\$52,032.96
Dighton Elementary School	Classified	VELASQUEZ, GILBERTO	\$52,032.96
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	PASCAL, SHIRA	\$52,568.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CORNELL, SARA E	\$57,403.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	TAPPER-RACINE, MICHELE	\$58,205.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CAMPBELL, CHRISTINA	\$62,903.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	OUELLETTE, LAURA	\$64,507.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	DELLA VILLA, LAUREN D	\$68,391.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	TROCCHIO, BRIAN P	\$68,391.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	NUNES, DULCINEIA F	\$70,093.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	RENNIE, BROOKE Y	\$74,949.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	PEASE, KAREN	\$80,556.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CORVI, KIMBERLY	\$83,118.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	SYLVIA, JESSICA A	\$83,118.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	HARR, KIMBERLY	\$85,579.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	ALBERTO, ALLISON	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	BOSCO, KARA	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CURTIS, STEPHANIE	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	DAMIANI, MELISSA	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	DONAHUE TAYLOR, ERIN	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	DRURY, PAULA	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	KENDALL MASON, DEBRA M	\$88,372.00

Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	MARTEL, SUSANNE M	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	REAGAN, ANDREA L	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	REED, ROBIN B	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	RUBANO, BRIGITTE	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	SILVIA, LAURIE	\$88,372.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	BADGER, RAYMOND	\$90,218.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	BAGLINI, JENNIE	\$90,218.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	BELLAVANCE, DEENA	\$90,218.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	PERRY, LISA	\$90,218.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CARTER, JENNIFER	\$93,960.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	COLLINS, TAMMY	\$93,960.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	COMEAU, AMY M	\$93,960.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	GRILLO, KATIE R	\$93,960.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	GUSTAFSON, TRACEY	\$93,960.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	ROMANO, CARA	\$93,960.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	ST GERMAIN, ALAINA	\$93,960.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Admin	LIMA, KATELYN E	\$94,740.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CASTONGUAY, ANDREA	\$95,798.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	MAURER, GENA M	\$95,798.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	PITTSLEY, KARIN	\$97,162.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CLIFFORD DUARTE, CHRISTINA	\$98,525.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	FERNANDES, HEATHER	\$98,525.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	GITTUS, ALLISON	\$98,525.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	MARCOTTE, MEGHAN	\$98,525.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	CASTERGINI, JILL A	\$99,893.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Non-Admin	MICHAUD, BRIAN	\$99,893.00
Dighton Elementary School	Certified Admin	DESSERT, LYNN A	\$110,676.42
Dighton Middle School	Classified	MACHADO, THOMAS WILLIAM	\$19,681.28
Dighton Middle School	Classified	HANSON, ALLISON K	\$23,391.55
Dighton Middle School	Classified	COREY, KIMBERLY A	\$26,670.15
Dighton Middle School	Classified	ROSE, DANA M	\$26,670.15

Dighton Middle School	Classified	CORREIA, ANA M	\$27,439.36
Dighton Middle School	Classified	BURT, JESSICA	\$27,842.88
Dighton Middle School	Classified	MEDEIROS, LISA	\$27,842.88
Dighton Middle School	Classified	MULLIN, LORI	\$27,842.88
Dighton Middle School	Classified	VIEIRA, DAWN	\$27,842.88
Dighton Middle School	Classified	WOODWARD, GAYLE E	\$27,842.88
Dighton Middle School	Classified	RAPOZA, JESSICA S	\$31,933.44
Dighton Middle School	Classified	ALVES, KAREN	\$33,058.08
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	REED, JOSEPH D	\$46,752.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	HANCOCK, TABETHA A	\$46,980.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	CROSSLEY, JARYD C	\$49,986.72
Dighton Middle School	Classified	STEELE, BARRETT L	\$49,986.72
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	deMATOS, JENNIFER	\$50,040.00
Dighton Middle School	Classified	ARRUDA, DAVID	\$52,032.96
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DRESSEL, NATHAN C	\$54,917.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BRUNDAGE, TYLER L	\$59,613.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CLARK, GARRETT L	\$60,684.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	QUINN, SAMANTHA	\$65,564.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MEDEIROS, PHILIP E	\$68,391.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PLACE, ALYSON K	\$72,737.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	DEARY, JENNA	\$80,556.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KOWALSKI, RICHARD	\$80,556.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MARSELLA, MICHELLE	\$80,556.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	WILKINS, DENISE	\$83,118.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	MASTERSON, JENNIFER	\$87,310.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BARBOZA, RENEE	\$88,372.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	COLLARD, JEFFREY	\$88,372.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	GASKA, SUSAN	\$88,372.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CETENICH, STEVEN	\$90,218.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	GOUSIE, KEVIN	\$90,218.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	HAYDEN, MELANIE	\$90,218.00

Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	ROSE, HEATHER	\$90,218.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Admin	McGOURTY, CHRISTINA M	\$93,000.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	BEZNER, JEAN	\$93,960.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	JAVIER, SARAH J	\$93,960.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CABRAL, TIMOTHY J	\$95,798.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CLEARY, VALERIE	\$95,798.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	FERREIRA, AMANDA	\$95,798.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	FURNESS, KIM	\$95,798.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	PETERSON, CARL	\$95,798.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	SIMPETER, RACHEL C	\$95,798.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	KUCIA, THOMAS P	\$97,162.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	RICHARD, CAROL	\$97,162.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	ANDRADE, AARON	\$98,525.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CABRAL, ANDREA	\$98,525.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CLARK, KATHRYN	\$98,525.00
Dighton Middle School	Certified Non-Admin	CONNOLY, WILLIAM	\$98,525.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	OLIVEIRA DESANTANA, TONY H	\$6,611.68
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	COSTA, PAUL J	\$20,142.56
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	ELIZARDO, GREGORY S	\$23,391.55
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	FOURNIER, LORI ANN	\$23,391.55
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	RAPOZA, KARLA E	\$24,639.94
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	BLISS, PAMELA T	\$26,304.46
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	ANUSZCZYK, DONNA	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	DACOSTA, ELISABETH	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	GIBBONS KOWAL, KAREN	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	MANCINI, ALISON	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	MOSHER, CYNTHIA	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	NAPPI, KARIANNE	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	NEVILLE, LORI	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	NOONS, KRISTEN M	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	RICKER, ELIZABETH	\$27,842.88

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	SANTOS, MICHAEL	\$27,842.88
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	RODRIGUES, SUSAN	\$34,214.40
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	GRACIA, BRUCE E	\$40,131.36
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	PORTILHO, LAURA	\$40,131.36
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	MELANSON, ANDREW A	\$44,516.16
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	LIMA, JOSE	\$46,666.80
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LANDRY, PAUL M	\$46,752.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	HANCOCK, TABETHA A	\$46,980.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	DIAS, JOHN F	\$49,402.08
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	COTE, DANIELLE	\$49,860.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	BOUCHARD, KENNETH W	\$50,717.52
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BARBER, ABIGAIL J	\$52,568.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	LOPES, KAREN	\$52,638.48
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DEADY, MICHAELA L	\$54,917.00
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Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	SHILLAN, KATHLEEN	\$55,686.96
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Classified	STAHOWIAK, LESLEY	\$55,686.96
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	HAMELIN, ALEXA R	\$57,403.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	RANLEY, THOMAS	\$59,697.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LANDRY, LORI M	\$60,684.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	REGAN, CONOR L	\$61,776.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	TOCCI, NICOLE BRIANNA VAUGHN	\$61,776.00
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Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	KEANE, NURYS	\$64,507.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	GOLDSTEIN, SHANA	\$65,358.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	NEMET, AMANDA L	\$66,850.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LANGLOIS, KATE L	\$67,695.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	TOMELLINI, DALITA R	\$68,166.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DELROSSO, CARLY C	\$68,391.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SOUSA, PAULO J	\$72,175.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PELOQUIN-BURNS, DENISE P	\$76,134.00

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	KELLEY, DOUGLAS	\$80,058.68
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BOTELHO, JOSEPH	\$83,118.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	JACQUES, DOMINIQUE	\$83,118.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SMITH, NICOLE L	\$87,310.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	COOKE, MICHAEL	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DELANO, BRANDON D	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	HEGEMAN JANOVE, KATRINA	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	KULPA, STEPHEN	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	O LEARY, KENNETH	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PEASE, BENJAMIN	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	TACHE, ELIZABETH	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	VOCCIO, KRISTIN	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	WARREN, CHRISTOPHER H	\$88,372.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BECKETT, KATHERINE A	\$90,218.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BRUCE, VICTORIA	\$90,218.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	GENDRON, JOHN B	\$90,218.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	HOWARD, CHERYL	\$90,218.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MATHIAS, ASHLEY C	\$90,218.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	CHANG, AI-LING	\$93,000.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BOUTIN, ALFRED	\$93,960.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LASALLE, CHRISTIAN	\$93,960.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DAILEY BEGIN, DAWN	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	FEELEY, CLAUDIA	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	KING, ALISON	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MADSEN, PATRICIA	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MAIDMENT, LISA	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MORRISON, JEREMY	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PACHECO, JONATHAN	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PIMENTO, ANGELA	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	ROSE, KAREN	\$95,798.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	ANDREWS, SHARON	\$97,162.00

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	ENOS, KAREN	\$97,162.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	GROVER, CHRISTOPHER	\$97,162.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	LOELL, HOLLY	\$97,162.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SIACHOS, ANDROMAHI	\$97,162.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	DONAHUE, LINDA	\$98,525.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MCCABE HOLMES, CYNTHIA	\$98,525.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	O REILLY LASALLE, ELLEN	\$98,525.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	PAYNE, JESSICA	\$98,525.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	TREMBLETT, JACQUELYN	\$98,525.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	BURNHAM, HILARY	\$99,893.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	MALLIOS KULPA, STAVROULA	\$99,893.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Non-Admin	SAXON, JILL	\$99,893.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	Certified Admin	DECECCO, GAIL J	\$121,749.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Classified	MULLEN, KERRI ANNE	\$37,606.80
DISTRICTWIDE	Classified	RUTA, KRISTEN	\$37,606.80
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	HAZZARD, MEAGHAN	\$57,000.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	ZIEGELMAYER, JENNA L	\$58,205.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	MARTIN, JULIA	\$83,118.00
DISTRICTWIDE	Certified Non-Admin	PERRY, KIMBERLY A	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	BURR, ABIGAIL R	\$23,391.55
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CHACE, LIZETTE	\$23,391.55
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	PENTO, KAYLA M	\$23,391.55
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	PESATURO, AMANDA	\$23,391.55
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	PREVOST, KENDRA	\$23,391.55
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	FERREIRA, SUZY P	\$24,639.94
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	RESENDES, ANDREIA F	\$24,639.94
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	KINDER, TYLER	\$25,938.77
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	PARDI, ANDREA	\$25,938.77
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	HOROWITZ, DIANNA G	\$27,439.36
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CHAVES, DONNA	\$27,842.88
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CRONAN, LISA	\$27,842.88

Palmer River Elementary	Classified	JOHNSON, JUDITH	\$27,842.88
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	LOPEZ, JANET	\$27,842.88
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	REILLY, LINDA	\$27,842.88
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	TETREAULT, VICKI	\$27,842.88
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	WATSON, CHARLENE	\$27,842.88
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CORREIA, REBECCA M	\$33,176.91
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	JENNESS, BRENDA	\$34,639.67
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	SAXON, LINDA M	\$36,511.20
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	BURGESS, KENNETH M	\$42,386.40
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	MARINOSCI, RODOLFO	\$46,666.80
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CROWLEY, BRIANNA N	\$49,860.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	GUARNIERO, JULIA M	\$49,860.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	COBLE, WILLIAM	\$52,032.96
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	CORDEIRO, JOSEPH	\$52,032.96
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	BURTCH, LYNDSEY	\$52,568.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CAPAR, EMILY MARGARET	\$52,568.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	INANGELO, LINDA M	\$53,145.00
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	DELEO, LINDA	\$55,686.96
Palmer River Elementary	Classified	RUPP, PATRICIA	\$55,686.96
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	GOFF, KATHRYN LYNN	\$55,859.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CARAMANICA, KRISTEN	\$57,403.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CHAMBERLAIN, CATERINA	\$58,205.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	LEZY, CARRIE A	\$60,684.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	MACLEAN, BRIANNE E	\$60,684.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	MCKEEN, KACI A	\$65,358.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SULLIVAN, EMILY	\$66,850.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SARGENT, TAYLOR	\$68,391.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	HALL, KELLY E	\$69,892.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	MARTINS, KELSEY	\$72,737.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SILVERIA, ELIZABETH	\$72,737.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	KEPNES, JARED H	\$80,556.00

Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Trott, Arielle	\$80,556.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Bellora, Alyson J	\$83,118.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Augustyn, Erika	\$85,207.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Salois, Karen	\$85,207.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Beaulieu, Acacia C	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Cohen, Jennifer M	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Cox, Sally	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Dipalma, Sandra	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Grant, Kristie	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Gridley, Cheryl	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Jackson, Meaghan	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Kramer, Andrea R	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Maguy, Darcey	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Stebbings, Ellen	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Tavares, Tracie L	\$88,372.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Arruda, Nicole	\$90,218.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Bush, Emily	\$90,218.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Carpenter, Ashley	\$90,218.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Larrivee, Jennifer D	\$90,218.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Palma, Bethany N	\$90,218.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Admin	Leandro, Cheryl	\$93,000.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Coirier, Jessica A	\$93,960.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Mello, Melissa J	\$93,960.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Pearse, James	\$93,960.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Read, Kendra	\$93,960.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Wright, Christine A	\$93,960.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Faria, Janelle R	\$95,798.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Gates, Sarah A	\$95,798.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Glynn, Rebecca	\$95,798.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Jefferson, Katherine	\$95,798.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	Kennon, Melissa	\$95,798.00

Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	SCOTT, CIRISSA E	\$95,798.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	FLEET, SANDRA	\$97,162.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	FOGEL, KELLY P	\$97,162.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	JEFFERSON, TERESA	\$97,162.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	PICKETT, CHRISTINE	\$97,162.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	PLACIDO, LISA	\$98,525.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Non-Admin	CABRAL, KIM A	\$99,893.00
Palmer River Elementary	Certified Admin	KEFOR, KRISTINE M	\$110,055.00
Vocational High School	Classified	KINDBERG, TARA L	\$26,670.15
Vocational High School	Classified	DISHON, TRACY L	\$37,651.68
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	NEWMAN, AMY L	\$44,000.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	CALVIN, BRUCE W	\$49,449.21
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	ARNOLD, JONATHAN D	\$71,409.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	NARDOZZI, ANTHONY J	\$81,629.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	NARDOZZI, JESSICA L	\$81,629.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	GOUVEIA, STEPHEN E	\$83,118.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	SUPPLE III, ALBERT	\$83,118.00
Vocational High School	Certified Non-Admin	STROJNY, MICHAEL E	\$86,753.00
Vocational High School	Certified Admin	HERALD, JOHN P	\$93,000.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE

Dighton TV 9 is a PEG (Public, Education, and Government) community television access station that covers many municipal meetings, various community projects, as well as curating the town YouTube channel and Dighton's only television network. The committee and channel are currently staffed with three members. Throughout 2023, the committee has strived to continue our long-term plans of upgrading our equipment to modern television standards. The committee has also continued to improve resident's access to their town government through more modern and hybrid means such as ZOOM.

As stated in last year's annual report, we continued and concluded numerous phases of completing a studio space for video production operations in our neighboring office. At the Annual Town Meeting, we requested that the taxpayers allow us to transfer funds from our PEG Access fund to facilitate the improvements of our current operations, as well as setting the groundwork for the completion of our studio space sometime in 2024. Graciously, the town voted in the affirmative and intensive work has been done throughout the year.

The studio space has been furnished with a small furniture set, background, as well as audio padding that will allow town committees and interested town residents to use the space to create new original programming. The space has also been outfitted with modern cameras as well as lighting to allow for quality programming. This added professional equipment can be found across PEG stations in Southcoast Massachusetts. Our office has had its fair share of upgrades, as all station computers were upgraded, storage solutions were placed to house today's modern equipment, as well as new televisions were installed in both areas of the station.

Dighton TV 9 original programming has continued to develop with the assistance of numerous involved town committees and departments. Dighton TV 9 partnered with members of the Dighton Development and Industrial Commission to start and produce the "Dighton Local Business Spotlight", where local small businesses as well as agencies that can assist Dighton businesses have been interviewed and given a new platform to reach Dighton residents. The Dighton Public Library has also partnered with our team to develop and produce the "Library Speaker" program, in which guest speakers will orate their numerous topics and bring their individual flairs to the history of the Town of Dighton. As we continue to push forward into the next year, we are excited to share our new space with interested parties and to see our programming become more balanced between our public, education, and government obligations. We are still seeking new members to fill out the committee's current vacancies as well as residents and local businesses interested in utilizing our studio to record programming when it is completed in 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Marvill, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Commission met three times in 2023.

The Commission reviewed cemetery rules and procedures. We met with “Dreambuilders”, our lawn maintenance contractor to receive a report on our cemeteries.

The Commission met with Becky Mello, Assistant Town Clerk, who showed us an updated map of the Veteran’s Cemetery and Riverside Cemetery. The Town Clerk’s office continues great work and communication.

We mourned the loss of Arthur Morton and his wife Jane. Arthur Morton passed away on March 10, 2023 and Jane Morton on November 12, 2023. Arthur was dedicated to his volunteer work with the Cemetery Commission. At the June 14th, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting, the Cemetery Commission, along with the Board of Selectmen, honored Arthur's work with a Proclamation, a copy of which is attached with this report. Jane Morton also contributed a lot of effort behind the scenes. They will both be missed dearly.

The Commission monitored maintenance and repair of town cemeteries.

The Commission would like to thank the townspeople for their support through the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Pacheco, Chair
Thomas Ferry, Member
Barbara Danforth, Member
Chris Chandonait, Clerk

**Town of Dighton
Cemetery Commission
979 Somerset Avenue
Dighton, MA 02715**



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Whereas, Arthur Morton moved to Dighton in 1960 and Arthur Married Jane M. Morton the same year; and

Whereas Together, Arthur and Jane Morton raised their son, Kendall Morton; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton began his tenure with the Town of Dighton in 1977 as a Burial Agent succeeding Earl C. Hathaway upon his passing; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton, was the longtime chairman of the Cemetery Commission; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton, through his hard work and resourcefulness, grew programs such as the Bristol County Sheriffs program to maintain our Town cemeteries and coordinate special projects such as resetting headstones; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton was instrumental in acquiring the Dighton Veterans Cemetery; and

Whereas, Arthur Morton was a Navy Veteran of the United States of America; and

NOW, We, the Dighton Board of Selectmen, joined by the Dighton Cemetery Commission of the Town of Dighton, do hereby recognize and thank Arthur Morton for his more than forty seven years of dedicated service to the people of Dighton Massachusetts.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Dighton to be affixed on this 14th day of June, 2023

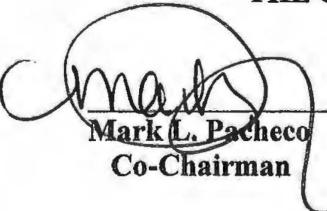
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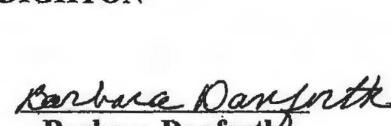
THE CEMETERY COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON



**Mark L. Pacheco
Co-Chairman**

**Thomas C. Ferry
Member**

**Christopher Chandonait
Clerk**



**Barbara Danforth
Member**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Over this past year, the town of Dighton has continued to make great strides towards making our public resources fully accessible for all of our residents whether they be the youngest among us to our oldest seniors, to our residents with an obvious disability, and even to those with a non-obvious disability. From our recreational facilities to our public meetings, our residents are enjoying and participating in a more inclusive environment.

Over the past year, the North Dighton playground was completely renovated and now can truly be considered our first fully inclusive playground. Thanks to the challenging work of our Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Kevin Smith Jr., the commission members and volunteers, we now have climbing equipment, picnic tables, and matting all designed to accommodate our youngest residents and their friends, even if they use a wheelchair. Thanks to the generosity of our town's LIONS club, who donated the picnic tables to the North Dighton playground that are accessible and are designed to accommodate wheelchairs.

The Dighton Community Garden was a remarkable success this past year, as our residents and seniors with disabilities were all able to easily participate in the planting, cultivating, and nurturing of the garden's bounty. Once harvested, the produce was donated to the Dighton Food Pantry, the residents of Lincoln Village, and our Council on Aging.

The work on our town hall to make the main floor fully accessible is now complete. We have counters that are at the correct level for wheelchairs, and other spaces to accommodate those of us with disabilities.

The Bocce courts donated by the Dighton LIONS club were completed this past year and are fully accessible to wheelchairs. As your town's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Coordinator, I encourage you all to please make use of our town's new and improved facilities and to please bring your friends and family members with disabilities with you as there is no reason for anyone to be left behind.

Our town's trails committee is also hard at work designing trails, bikeways, and boardwalks that will enable all of our residents to one day have full access to participate and enjoy all that our town's open spaces, wetlands, and wildlife have to offer. Paved bike paths, accessible parking, accessible benches and picnic tables are all being designed and planned so that we all can enjoy the sunshine, breathe in the fresh air, and just simply enjoy the outdoors.

As many of you have noticed and used yourselves, our Dighton town website is fully accessible and has, this past year, offered all of those who have visited the website full, unincumbered access to move around easily and without feeling challenged. From the screen users to those with dyslexia, and those with autism, our new and improved website is easy and friendly for all to navigate and use.

As many of our town's meetings are hybrid via Zoom, we have begun working with our commissions and committees teaching them how to use the tools that are available for close-caption, and transcription. This is an on-going process, and will take time, but eventually, our goal is to always have all of our meetings as accessible as possible to you, our residents. Whether you

are attending a meeting in person, or joining one on-line, our goal is to make everything we do and every meeting we hold as inclusive as possible.

We are just now beginning to take a deep dive into our town's policies and procedures to insure you, our residents, that we are up to date and compliant with the laws and regulations that the state and federal government requires and mandate for disability policy. As always, if you have any questions regarding access or policy, we encourage you to reach out to our ADA Coordinator, Jonathan Gale.

As you all have most likely heard, the town has purchased the church at 207 Main Street to be our town's new library. Once the renovations have been completed, the new library will be fully compliant with the American Library Association and ADA requirements for all of the library's facilities to be fully accessible. Jonathan Gale has been involved in the design of the new library from the beginning once the idea of the purchase was proposed to the town, and now he is working with the rest of the Library Building Committee and the architects with a focus on both the building's interior and exterior - all to ensure that access to our new library is available for all. The shelving, aisles, tables, and workstations are all being designed to maximize usage by all of our residents. Quiet spaces for studying or reading, controlled lighting, and electronic information screens are all being planned with accessibility and comfort at the top of the design and planning charts. Thanks to the efforts of Jonathan Gale and our former Library Director, Jocelyn Tavares, Dighton received a Disability's Grant from the American Rural Library Association for \$20,000. The grant will enable Dighton to purchase technology, software, and workstations that will be fully accessible for screen readers, many other disabilities, and wheelchair friendly. In addition, the grant will enable the new library director to develop and bring in programs that will teach and educate our residents about differing disabilities. On behalf of all of our residents with disability, Mr. Gale as a member of the New Library Building Committee would like to thank the new library building committee members for always working closely with him to make sure that every inch of the new library is designed and planned with disability in mind. Our new Library Director, Mark Procknik, has a background in bringing a new library to life, and with his direction and guidance, our new library will be a welcoming, learning, and educational place for all of our residents to enjoy.

The Dighton Commission on Disability (COD) has undergone a meaningful change and is continuing to evolve. They are in the process of looking at the ways that they can support the work of the ADA Coordinator, and planning activities and events that will educate and inspire our residents. The COD will be working with our school's parent teacher organizations and adult group programs in our community, always with a goal of increasing understanding awareness and inclusivity. Jonathan Gale stepped down as the chair of the COD this past year as he felt it was time to pass the torch to others. Mr. Gale was responsible for putting together the Commission on Disability, developing their bylaws, and guiding the commission for the past four years. We thank Mr. Gale for his commitment and dedication to our town and especially to those with disabilities.

As we move forward, and think about the future, there continues to be so much more to do to bring inclusion and accessibility up to a level that is acceptable and welcoming for our residents and friends. With the guidance of Jonathan Gale, and with support from our town's officials and Administrator, we will continue the work we have only just begun. We will be working to expand new sidewalks with ramps at street crossings, looking at ways to make more of our parks and trails more inclusive, and identifying locations where handicapped parking can be improved or even

increased. We will continue to offer workshops and classes that will educate and empower our town's managers and employees to better understand the world of disability, thus making them all better employees as the public face and representatives of our town. The ADA Coordinator will begin holding listening sessions at town hall to hear from you, our residents, and we will begin holding public discussion groups to discuss with you the policies and regulations that have a component of disability, responsibility, or awareness attached to them. We will continue to work closely with the Library Building Committee and our new librarian to insure a smooth, fully inclusive opening for our residents and users with disability. We will work with our school department to improve access to services, programs, recreational resources, and educational opportunities for not just our children with disabilities, but their parents and families as well.

These are just a few of the items on our list of access and inclusivity, but we wanted to give you our residents, a brief overview of the work we all still need to do to make Dighton a model of access and inclusion. We started this process just five short years ago and look at how much we have accomplished to date. With your support and commitment, we will continue to make progress and open doors to all of you that are welcoming and without barriers.

As a reminder, please do not ever forget that more than twenty percent of our town's population identifies as having a disability. While some disabilities are obvious, most are not. This means that one out of every five of our residents identifies as having a disability and, while one of those people may not live in your home, they could easily be your neighbor, or close friend. Disability comes in all shapes and sizes, and does not discriminate based on age, and has no barriers. Disability may not visit you or your family today, but it could easily and, without warning, be all consuming in your life tomorrow. Over this past year, many of our residents with and without disability have reached out to Jonathan Gale simply to ask questions, get a referral to a program, or asked Mr. Gale to look into a matter that the resident felt was a community or public matter. Mr. Gale, as our town's ADA Coordinator, is here to serve - no question is too small, and no concern you may have should ever be thought of as meaningless. Jonathan can be reached by email at ada@dighton-ma.gov or via phone at 774-872-0924.

This Annual Report was prepared and respectfully submitted by your ADA Coordinator, Jonathan Gale, who thanks you all for allowing him to show you what improved disability services and resources have brought and will continue to bring to our little town with the big heart.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the citizens of Dighton,

The Community Preservation Committee is comprised of nine total members, a representative from the Housing Authority, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation, Planning Board, and four at-large members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Our duties are to accept, review, and recommend for funding projects utilizing Community Preservation Act Funds at Annual Town Meeting. We can support and recommend funding for projects in three categories: Open Space / Recreation, Community Housing, and Historic Preservation. Each category has specific guidelines and criteria to be eligible for CPA funds. We carefully review each application we receive to ensure it meets the eligibility criteria, if it addresses a need of the community, the impact it will have on the community, and the available funding which we can apply to the project if approved. The CPC also holds an annual town meeting to listen to and help prioritize the needs of the town, and in doing so help to make informed decisions on how to best utilize CPA funds for eligible town project.

CPA funding is provided by a 1% surcharge on our annual tax rate with exemptions for low-income households, low to moderate income senior households, and the first \$100,000.00 of all other accessed residential property values. We also receive variable matching funds from the State CPA trust fund based on recording fees by the registry of deeds. On average participating in CPA cost the average Dighton taxpayer between \$40-\$50 per year. The town adopted CPA at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting and has been able to fund \$1,196,348.00 in projects since it was adopted. Including \$503,000.00 in Open Space / Recreation projects, \$557,067.00 in Historical Preservation projects, and \$136,281.00 in Community Housing projects. The locally collected CPA funds are designated yearly to support each individual category with 10% to Open Space / Recreation, 10% to Community Housing, and 10% to Historical Preservation. 5% is set aside for administrative support and the remaining balance is placed in the undesignated / unreserved fund which can be used to support any of the three eligible categories at the recommendation of the CPC.

For this fiscal year the CPC collected locally \$138,306.00 and received \$49,586.00 in state matching funds. The CPC began the year with a total balance including each category and undesignated / unreserved of \$749,324.29. A balance of \$53,376.37 for open space / rec. A balance of \$35,876.87 for historical preservation. A balance of \$38,376.87 for community housing. And a balance of \$621,694.18 for undesignated / unreserved.

At Annual town meeting the follow project was approved by the voters at the recommendation of the CPC: \$323,000.00 (\$20,000.00 from the historic reserve & \$303,000.00 from the undesignated / unreserved) for renovations at the future home of the Dighton Public Library 207 Main St. Including HVAC and electrical improvements, ADA improvements, and historic preservation.

The CPC is grateful to be able to continue to support worthwhile town projects through its recommendations for use of CPA funds and looks forward to future applications from the various town committees, commissions, and boards!

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of The Community Preservation Committee,
Kevin Smith Jr. - Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dighton Residents:

The Dighton Conservation Commission consists of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, serving staggered three-year terms. Our Agent, Lisa Caledonia, is a seasoned Wetlands Consultant who, along with the commissioners, has worked tirelessly to protect Dighton's wetland and water resources as well as to preserve land for open space and passive recreation. On August 28th 2023, the commission welcomed office assistant Maureen Kane. The Commission and Board of Selectmen also voted to approve Jason LaChance as the 5th member of the commission.

After fifty years of service, both Charlie Mello and William Frenette retired from the Commission - we thank them both dearly for their dedication and hard work.

This past year the Conservation Commission has worked diligently to ensure the enforcement of the Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Dighton's local Bylaws. These laws help protect our beautiful town's inland and coastal wetlands, streams, intermittent streams, and vernal pools. Also included is land bordering major rivers and floodplains. The measures taken by the commission also help ensure the protection of wildlife species including the endangered Northern diamond-back terrapin turtle.

The Conservation Commission is also continuing its efforts to reintroduce The American Chestnut Tree to the Town of Dighton. If any member of the community believes they have sufficient land and wish to help with these efforts, they can reach out to the Conservation Office and provide their information.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Digits, Chairman
Dave Phillips
Jason LaChance
Paul Reynolds
Jack Crawford
Lisa Caledonia, Conservation Agent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

The Dighton Cultural Council (DCC) presently consists of 5 Dighton residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen. DCC, funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, supports cultural enrichment to the residents of Dighton. The purpose of the DCC is to strengthen, promote and maintain local cultural resources and to encourage their appreciation within the Dighton community.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council receives funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts and distributes these funds to Local Cultural Councils.

Our grant cycle begins in July each year when we make updates including any resignations, new members, new guidelines and priorities in the grant management system. The new grant cycle opens on September first for applicants. September is also the month when we meet with the Town Accountant to receive our account form to calculate the amount available for granting. The grant application deadline is in the month of October. Once the deadline has passed DCC will schedule a meeting to discuss all the grant applications. In this process we discuss each application and how it will benefit the citizens of the town of Dighton. Once decisions regarding applications are made, we then send out any denial letters. These have a 15-day reconsideration period before we can send out the approval letters. In December we submit our annual report to the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Once an approved grant has completed their program they will submit an application for reimbursement with any corresponding required documents. The application is reviewed by members of DCC and signed if complete. The application then goes to the Town Accountant for disbursement.

For the 2023 fiscal year the DCC received a total of 28 applications and 17 were approved. Our allocation amount was \$7300.00.

The following programs received fund for the 2023 grant cycle: Dighton Elementary School, Dighton Public Library, Friends of the Dighton Public Library, Dighton Historical Society, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Marching Band, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Theatre Company, Rehoboth Minuteman Corp, Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative, Notable Blend Chorus, Prime Time Adult Supportive Day Program and Dighton Council on Aging.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow council members Tara Schaffer, Caryle Stonstrom, Alison Matos and Hannah Wilson for their dedication to supporting our local Arts, Humanities and Sciences. A sincere thank you to Town Accountant, Sirena Amaral for her knowledge and willingness to answer countless questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Wilson

Co-Chair
Dighton Cultural Council

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

The Dighton Development Industrial & Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, including a representative from the Planning Board, a representative from the Dighton farming community, a representative from the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce (of which Dighton is a member), and four at large members, as well as a liaison from the Board of Selectmen.

The commission is organized under Chapter 40, Section 8A of the Massachusetts General Laws, which permits the commission to:

- conduct research into industrial conditions
- investigate and assist in the establishment of educational or commercial projects, including projects involving private enterprise, for the purpose of expanding or strengthening the local economy
- advertise and distribute material which will further the commission's goals

In the 4th Quarter of 2023, the commission in conjunction with the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce held its 2nd Annual Business Networking Event at the Bristol County Agricultural High School, to encourage local businesses to network, discuss common issues, and meet with Town officials. The event included access to small business resources such as SCORE, SEED, and MassDevelopment.

A new video Business Spotlight series was introduced with interviews with local businesses and business support organizations. The interviews are posted on Local Cable Access and the Town's YouTube channel.

The commission also completed an update to the Town's Economic Development Plan, which was adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

Based on the recommendations in that plan, the commission plans to undertake the following activities in the coming year.

- continue its online Local Business Directory with the goal of advertising local businesses and promoting a Shop Local campaign among Dighton residents. The Business Directory can be found on the Town website.
- continue the video Business Spotlight series
- update the Town's business development and permitting guides to make them more user friendly
- find additional ways to support growth of home-based businesses
- research potential zoning recommendations to facilitate additional business growth
- investigate ability of the Town to expand its leasing of land for agricultural use
- research types of technical support the Town could offer to small businesses
- research ways to promote agri-tourism as an adjunct to agricultural land use

The Commission also continues to make itself available on a one-on-one basis to businesses looking to expand, relocate, or develop new business interests, as well as provide guidance resolving business issues in Town.

We look forward to continuing our efforts and collaborating with residents and other Town committees to develop and champion new business growth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dighton Development & Industrial Commission

Dan Higgins, Chairman

Paul Reynolds, Clerk

Joseph Figueiredo, Planning Board representative

Laura Smith, Dighton Farming Community representative

Jon Geggatt, Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce representative

Barbara Catabia

Rafael Delfin

Leonard Hull, Board of Selectmen liaison

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FENCE VIEWERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

In 2022, we reported that two cases were brought to the Board of Fence Viewers. Both cases continued into 2023. The Board met three times during the year to discuss and resolve both cases.

Regarding the properties located at 2298 and 2308 Pleasant Street, an agreement was reached between the trustees of both properties that established the correct location of the stonewall (boundary) which was based on information contained in their respective deeds and the footprint of the stonewall when it was originally built. It was mutually agreed that each property owner would pay half the cost for a mason to rebuild the wall. That work was completed and following inspection by William Moore, Chairman, the case was closed.

The second case that concerned a fence located between 2386 and 2396 Pleasant Street, was resolved when a survey was conducted, the results of which were accepted by both property owners. The fence was relocated slightly north of the contested location. This provided some space for the property owner at 2396 Pleasant Street. Relocation of the fence as it neared the entrance to 2386 Pleasant Street provided room to enter the narrow drive. After inspection and discussion with both parties, the case was closed.

We were able to resolve both cases to the mutual satisfaction of all parties and at no cost to the town. All expenses related to the survey and masonry were borne by the property owners. We express our thanks for the cooperation of all parties involved.

If residents need the services of the Board of Fence Viewers, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Schechter in the Board of Assessors' office.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Stephanie Schechter, Mlles. Lisa Tetreault and Valerie Wilson, and all town officials and employees for their assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Moore, Chairman

Nancy J. Goulart, Clerk

Eric J. Easterday, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

The Dighton Historical Commission is composed of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The current members of the commission are Patricia Gailes, Chairman, Rafael Delfin, Vice Chairman/ Clerk and members Patricia Olsen, David Marvill, Irene Allie, Zachary Caron and Shara Costa. Patricia Gailes serves as the Historical Commission's representative to the Community Preservation Committee. During 2023, the Commission accepted the resignations of William Pruitt and Ronald Smith. We thank them for their time and contributions to the Commission. We also sincerely thank Kenneth Pacheco, who served as the Board of Selectmen liaison to the Historical Commission. Peter Caron is the Board of Selectmen liaison.

Historical Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Old Town Hall. The meetings are hybrid through the Zoom platform and recorded to be shown on Dighton's YouTube channel.

The Historical Commission unanimously voted the Smith Memorial Hall at 207 Main Street as being of local historic significance to the Town of Dighton. Also voted unanimously was to support the plans to repurpose the Smith Memorial Hall to be the Public Library. Patricia Gailes, Chairman of the Historical Commission continues to serve on the Library Building Committee.

The Historical Commission continues to identify and document Dighton's historic properties. This year, the Community-wide survey focused on the properties in North Dighton including the Mt. Hope Village area, School Street and Lincoln Avenue. Funding for this project was provided through Dighton's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) with Annual Town approval in June 2022. The survey was completed in September 2023. The Mt. Hope area form was updated and historic areas of the Mt. Hope Village, School Street and Lincoln Avenue were identified. Community-wide Survey of Historic Properties information is available through the Historical Commission, the Assessors' Office, the Dighton Public Library and the Dighton Historical Society. These historic property forms will also be included in the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Systems online database. As a result of the survey, the Mt. Hope Area form is recommended as potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Dighton has two National Register of Historical Places districts; the Coram Shipyard Historic District on Water Street and the Wharves Historic District on Pleasant Street. A walking tour brochure highlighting these two districts is being prepared by the Commission.

The Historical Marker Program continues to honor those homes with significance to Dighton's history. Two more house markers are pending due to the change in sign makers. The Historical Commission approved and purchased a historical marker for Old Town Hall at 1111 Somerset Avenue. The Old Town Hall is historically known as the Dighton Town House.

To honor the James Briggs house, the Historical Commission provided a historical sign on the property at 949 Somerset Avenue. Many thanks to the students and instructors at Bristol Plymouth High School for constructing the sign and to Dighton's Highway Department for installing it on the James Briggs Garden property.

In an effort to document Dighton's oral history, "Preserving Memories" program planning was initiated with a target date of spring 2024. The Commission will be collecting and the oral histories from the people of Dighton.

Historical Commission members were at the Annual Firecracker Festival in September 2023 answering questions and sharing information about Dighton's history.

In August 2023, the Board of Selectmen honored Richmon Tripp's 100th birthday. Mr. Tripp is a World War II veteran. He was active in the Dighton Community Church and Boy Scouts. Rafael Delfin presented Mr. Tripp with a certificate from the Historical Commission.

The Historical Commission continues to work on the goal of rehabilitating the Segreganset School House. In April 2023, Commission members toured the Segreganset School House. The Segreganset School House sign was repaired and painted by members of the Highway Department which is greatly appreciated. Funding for this project is a challenge. Donations to the Segreganset School House account are appreciated.

In October 2023, the Historical Commission and the Board of Selectmen established a town committee to organize and plan events leading up to July 4, 2026, the Semi quincentennial (250th Anniversary) of the United States. This committee will begin its work in early 2024.

As the Historical Commission identifies, protects and preserves the historical heritage and resources of the town, we thank the townspeople for their interest and support in preserving Dighton's rich history. We also appreciate the support from town officials, town departments and town organizations. Together, we preserve Dighton's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Dighton Historical Commission

Patricia Gailes, Chairperson
Rafael Delfin, Vice Chairperson/Clerk
Patricia Olsen
Irene Allie
David Marvill
Zachary Caron
Shara Costa

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

To the citizens of Dighton,

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank you all for your continued support in what turned out to be another amazing year for Parks and Recreation!

We are pleased to announce the following:

Partnering with the Dighton Police Department, our School Resource Officers Hathaway and Bennett, and K9 Comfort Dog Oakie we hosted our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th, 2023! We had an amazing turnout from the community! Kids of all ages came down to collect over 5,000 easter eggs and took pictures with Oakie and the Easter Bunny! This is such a joyful Dighton tradition that we look forward to every spring!

We had a great turn out for our Earth Day Clean up this year! Our friends from Girl Scout Troop 76116 along with other members of the community helped us clean up a hefty amount of trash at all our parks throughout town! Thank you for all your help keeping our parks clean!

We sponsored the Dighton Elementary school 4th grade kite day again this year! We are always just as amazed as the students are by the awesome kite demonstration that Pauly Berard puts on! After the demonstration all the 4th grade students assembled their own kites then we headed out to the field and took to the skies! We had a great time helping the students assemble their kites with a great group of parent volunteers and the 4th grade teachers!

The sport of pickle ball continues to grow! We get to see such a great mix of people of all ages and skill levels getting together to play! The Dighton Pickle ballers hosted a tournament this summer and donated almost \$850 back to the Town to continue making improvements to the courts! The entire courts facility is always full of life and gets so much use, from pickle ball and tennis to basketball and street hockey, if the weather is good you can count on the courts being full! We were able to secure funding to make improvements to the parking area at the facility and plan to also make improvements to the landscaping in conjunction with that project. The parking lot improvements will provide a safer and ADA compliant parking surface which will tie into the previously installed ADA compliant walkways. The landscaping improvements will not only beautify the space but also provide more protection for the abutting wetlands and stream!

We hosted a new event this year, Painting in the Park! Although our plans to paint at Tricentennial Park were spoiled by a little inclement weather we still had a great turn out of folks at the Lions Club Pavilion where they painted a beautiful water scene with the instruction and guidance of local artist Kayla Mateus! This was an enjoyable event that we hope to continue!

We hosted our 3rd Annual Dighton Firecracker Festival on September 9th! We had great food supplied by our Dighton Lions Club and Franek's Coney Island! The Dighton Rehoboth marching band kicked off the festival by performing the National Anthem and giving us a sneak peek at their half time performance! We had Bill Harley put on a music and storytelling show for the kids! Theodore Rorschach from Doctor Finnigan's Circus dazzled us with his magic, and local band Funk 'n' Country closed out the festival playing a great set list of all our favorite songs! We had a

great group of vendors come out and join us this year, from locally made crafts to a farmers' market! Our Dighton Police and Fire Departments joined us for "Touch a Truck" which is always a hit with the kids! Again, we thank all the town committees, commission, and boards who came out to interact and share information about themselves with the community! We appreciate your support and attendance at this event!

The Dighton Lions Club graciously donated funds to the parks and recreation commission through their efforts with the arts festival for the purchase of two ADA accessible picnic tables for the North Dighton Playground and an inclusive Tipsy Carousel for the Lane field playground! We cannot thank the Lions enough for not only their generosity but also their support of our mission to make our parks and playgrounds more accessible and inclusive!

The Commission was also able to continue to support our local youth sport programs through our field use permits!

The Commission would like to again thank our fellow Dighton citizens, all our fellow elected officials, our boards, and committees, and especially our Highway Department for all their hard work! With your support we have been able to address so many of the needs of our parks and playgrounds in town and we look forward to continuing those efforts!

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of The Parks and Recreation Commission,
Kevin Smith Jr. - Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board's official powers and responsibilities are provided through the Dighton Subdivision Rules & Regulations and the Dighton Zoning Bylaws as prescribed under the authority of the Subdivision Control Law enacted under Chapter 41, Section 81A-81GG of the Massachusetts General Laws. These rules and regulations have been enacted for the purpose of protecting the safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of Dighton by regulating the laying out and construction of ways in subdivisions and providing access to lots therein.

Following the re-election of Robert Woods at the 2023 Annual Town Election the five-member Board reorganized and Jeff Carvalho was selected as Chairman, Daniel Higgins as Vice Chairman and Christopher Cunha as Clerk, Joseph Figueiredo as Member and Robert Woods as Member.

During the calendar year 2023, the Board met 19 times and within that time, approved the following:

- 5 Form A Plan Applications, Subdivision Control Law Not Required ("ANR")
- 3 Special Permits consisting of 1 Retreat Lot located at 0 Prospect Street, 1 Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installation located at 2204 Maple Swamp Road and 1 modification to the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installation at 0 Brook Street
- 4 Site Plan Reviews for 1050 Williams Street, 1551 Somerset Avenue, 1543 Cedar Street and 0 Elm Street

On October 4, 2023 the Board held a Public Hearing to amend the Town of Dighton Zoning Bylaws for the following:

- Section 4600 Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation to protect the Town and its residents by increasing side, rear and buffer setbacks to secure public safety concerns, as well as, italic all words within the section that are defined in Section VI. Definitions; and
- Section 5400 Site Plan Review to correct and/or replace various typographical errors, update minor language and italic all words within the section that are defined in Section VI. Definitions.

The towns people voted in favor of the Zoning Bylaw Amendments at the October 30, 2023 Special Town Meeting and awaits approval by the Attorney General.

The Planning Board continues to offer information on the Town's website at www.dighton-ma.gov, is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Wednesday 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM and regularly meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The public is always invited and encouraged to attend.

In conclusion, the Planning Board wishes to express their gratitude to Lisa Mead and Jay Talerman, of Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC, Shahin M. Shahin, PE of Green International Affiliates, Inc., all Town Departments, and above all, the Town's residents for supporting the Board's work and by providing the resources to effectively carry out our mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
DIGHTON PLANNING BOARD

Jeff Carvalho, Chairman
Daniel Higgins, Vice Chairman
Christopher Cunha, Clerk
Joseph Figueiredo, Member
Robert J. Woods, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

Sadly, Sewer Commission Chairman, Paul Joly passed away on February 18, 2023. Mr. Joly proudly served on the Sewer Commission for almost ten years, his presence will be missed. On April 12, 2023, the Board of Selectmen appointed Mark Nicora to fill the vacancy on the Commission. The Department welcomes Mr. Nicora.

On April 24, 2023, Robert Woods was voted in as Chairman and Thomas Ferry was voted to remain Clerk of the Sewer Commission. On August 28, 2023, the Department welcomed Office Assistant Maureen Kane.

A Public Hearing to set Fiscal Year 2024 Sewer Rates (billings in Aug. 2023 and Feb. 2024), was held on August 14, 2023. Mr. Ferry motioned to maintain the current sewer rate schedule, Mr. Nicora seconded the motion, all Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed. All sewer users are billed semi-annually. Water usage figures used by the department to calculate bills are supplied by the Dighton Water District and No. Dighton Fire District. Residential water usage is discounted 20% to allow outdoor usage.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners strives to keep user costs as low as possible. Revenues received are used to operate, maintain and repair the system. The department operates using an enterprise system and does not receive any funds from the town. User charges and permit and connection fees make up the majority of the revenues received.

The Commissioners and Superintendent continue to work with our Consulting Engineer, GHD, regarding an upgrade to the Power Plant Pump Station.

Superintendent's Report

A total of 68,022,434 gallons of sewage was discharged to the City of Taunton's Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2023. Three sewer connection permits were issued and three connections were completed in 2023. Preventative maintenance continues to be performed on all six of the town's pump stations. Each station is overseen on a daily basis by Sewer Department employees.

I wish to thank the Board of Sewer Commissioners for their support. I also wish to thank Richard Kotouch and Edwin McAuliffe for their continued dedication to the Dighton Sewer Department.

Respectfully Submitted
Harold J Gracia, Jr., Sewer Superintendent

In conclusion, the Sewer Commissioner's wish to thank Superintendent, Harold Gracia, Jr. and all department employees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Woods, Chairman
Thomas Ferry, Clerk
Mark Nicora, Member
Board of Sewer Commissioners



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Berkley
Carver
Dartmouth
Dighton
Fairhaven
Fall River
Freetown
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Marion
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Middleborough
New Bedford
N. Attleborough
Norton
Plainville
Raynham
Rehoboth
Rochester
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Somerset
Swansea
Taunton
Wareham
Westport

2023 YEAR-END REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DIGHTON FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Dighton is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Originally founded in 1956, SRPEDD (pronounced “sir-ped”) is one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) across the state and one of approximately 550 across the country.

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, community development and affordable housing, infrastructure needs, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities.

In 2023, the Town of Dighton paid \$1,633.97 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 20.172 cents per capita. SRPEDD’s annual budget in 2023 was \$5,045,223.

SRPEDD also serves as the region’s staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization ([SMMPO](#)) and the regional Economic Development District ([EDD](#)) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). In both roles, SRPEDD works with numerous partners to program tens of millions of dollars to directly invest in our region’s infrastructure and community development.

Please visit SRPEDD’s agency website at www.srpedd.org to review our work, read our [2023 Annual Report](#), and tour recent projects, including: our [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\)](#); our work to support communities as they comply with the [new Section 3A of Chapter 40A](#); our ongoing [Regional Resilience Plan](#); our [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant \(CPRG\)](#) and diverse [Environmental Planning work program](#); our [Regional Transportation Plan](#); our [Complete Streets](#) and [Multi-Use Path](#) transportation projects; our [Safe Streets For All \(SS4A\) Action Plan](#); our work with the Southeastern Region Homeland Security Advisory Council ([SRAC](#)); our work with school districts and public safety officials to create [Active Shooter/Hostile Event \(ASHE\) Response Tools](#); our collaboration with communities to update [Priority Development Area \(PDA\)](#) and [Priority Protection Area \(PPA\) designations](#); and various municipal projects, such as [Redevelopment Studies](#), [Business and Marketing Guides](#), [Community Master Plans](#), and [Open Space and Recreation Plans](#). Our website also includes departmental web pages, staff profiles, a calendar of events, and recent news.

Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) with any questions, concerns, or project ideas.

Local citizens/officials representing Dighton in SRPEDD activities:

Jeffrey Carvalho on the SRPEDD Commission.

Thomas Ferry and Michael Mullen on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

In 2023, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Dighton in the following areas; please note that funding sources and project web pages are provided, where available:

Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Green Communities Program Assistance	DOER	https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/
Economic Development Plan	DLTA, CCC, MA	https://srpedd.org/economic-development/dighton-economic-development-plan/
Traffic counts on Center St and at Berkley Dighton Bridge (details available by request)	MassDOT	-

Highlights from SRPEDD's 2023 General Work Program include the following:

Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	DLTA	https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/
Assawompset Ponds Watershed Plan Priority Action Implementation	DER, TNC	https://srpedd.org/environment/watershed-planning/apc-nemasket-river-watershed-management-and-climate-action-plan/
Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant	EPA	https://srpedd.org/environment/brownfields-redevelopment/
Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/
Bus Stop Inventory Update	MassDOT	-
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)	U.S. EPA	https://srpedd.org/cprg/

Coastal Resilience Project Planning Support	NOAA, Mass Audubon	-
District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) and DLTA - Augmentation (project development and grant-writing)	SRPEDD	www.srpedd.org/DLTA
FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/
FFY21 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/
FFY22 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/
Freight Action Plan	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/freight-action-plan/
Green Communities – Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	EOEEA	https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/
Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/jtpg/
Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	DLTA	https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/

Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	RPAs	https://massmarpa.org/
Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Asset Mapping and Digital Equity Planning Enrollment	MassTech/MBI	www.srpedd.org/Digital-Equity
MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	DLTA, EOHL	www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities
Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) Regional Study	EOEEA	https://srpedd.org/environment/osrd/
Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/#pavement-management
PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	MBTA, DLTA	www.srpedd.org/Priority-Areas
Regional Evacuation Route Study	MassDOT	-
Regional Pedestrian Plan	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/
Regional Stormwater Management Planning and Technical Assistance	USM/U.S. EPA, NBEP	-
Rural Community Section 3A Compliance	EOHL	www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities

Rural Policy Advisory Council	DLTA, sister RPAs	https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac
Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan	U.S. DOT/MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/ss4a-safety-action-plan/
South Coast Administrators Committee	SRPEDD	-
South Coast Bikeway Technical Assistance	MassDOT	-
Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/smmpo/
Southern New England Program (SNEP) Network Technical Assistance Provider	USM/U.S. EPA	https://srpedd.org/environment/snep-network-projects/
SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	DLTA , CCC EDA, MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/regional-resilience-plan/
Taunton River Trail	MassDOT	-
Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	GATRA	https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/
Title VI Program Report	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/title-vi-compliance/

Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/traffic-counting/
Trails Mapping (Off Road)	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/regional-trails-mapping-project/
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Workshop	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STORMWATER COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton,

During 2023, the Stormwater Committee spent a great deal of time working with various project managers and engineers on solar farms located on Brook, Middle, Tremont, and Williams Streets. Construction continued on Clearway Solar behind Araujo Farms and Blue Wave Solar on Tremont and Middle Streets. The Grasshopper Solar Project on Brook Street received approval for battery storage units from the Planning Board with the condition that basin drainage problems get resolved in compliance with the town's Stormwater Bylaw and Regulations.

In June, Todd Pilling, P. E. resigned his position as part-time stormwater agent and member of the Stormwater Committee to accept a position in another community. He was a key person in all of the projects currently under construction in town. His work dealing with a project that encroached on the Segreganset River, a major water supply for the town, was commendable. Charles Mello, who represented the Conservation Commission, retired. Charlie shared his many years of experience and expertise in environmental issues with the committee. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Messrs. Pilling and Mello for their service to the town as members of our committee. Both of these gentlemen will be greatly missed. David Phillips was appointed to fill the vacancy when Mr. Mello retired. In July, Mrs. Heather Nicora, who is the Highway Department Office Manager, began providing office support for our committee.

Work at the Bristol County Agricultural High School was completed when solar panels were added to several buildings on the North Campus. The solar panels will provide some, but not all, of the electricity required to meet the needs of the school.

The town is required to conduct an ongoing public education program concerning stormwater and to meet those requirements, we participated in the Firecracker Festival and Lion's Annual Arts Festival where shopping bags, lid grippers, crossword puzzles and brochures were distributed. The 2023 educational events ended with the Lights On celebration where 2024 calendars were distributed. For the first time since we began giving out calendars and at the request of residents, the photos in the 2024 calendar were scenes of Dighton. We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to those who submitted photos and the students and teachers in the Graphic Arts Department at Bristol-Plymouth Vocational Technical High School for designing and printing the calendars. We have received many photos for inclusion in the 2025 calendar. Any photos not selected for the next calendar will be saved for future calendars.

Based on availability some members of the committee and Mrs. Nicora were able to attend quarterly state-wide stormwater meetings (via ZOOM) chaired by Maria Rose, Environmental Engineer, Brookline, and sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) who has primacy for everything stormwater in the commonwealth. These quarterly meetings provided information about important stormwater issues and updates on program reporting requirements in preparation for the annual report required from permitted entities. Approximately two years ago, the EPA required all permittees to update their post-construction stormwater bylaws and regulations. Over 50% of the communities in the state relied on the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) post-construction regulations that were not updated. Dighton is one of the communities that relied on the DEP regulations only to find out that the town is in violation of the EPA regulations. As part of the update of our Stormwater Bylaw and Regulations that will be revised with the assistance of Weston & Sampson, we plan to make the necessary changes that will bring our town into compliance with the EPA regulations. The assistance from Weston & Sampson will be paid for from America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds provided to communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

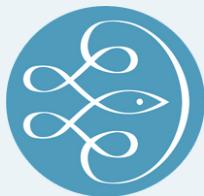
Prevention of pollution from stormwater runoff is everyone's responsibility. We ask that residents clean up after their pets and properly dispose of trash, especially "travel trash" that is seen strewn along our streets and roads. Costs for trash cleanup and illegal dumping is borne by all residents and anything that can be done by individuals will help control and reduce these expenses. All water flows to the ocean. Something to think about when you head out for an enjoyable day at the beach. "Be the solution to stormwater pollution." Keeping our town clean is everyone's job.

In conclusion, the Stormwater Committee expresses its appreciation to all elected and appointed officials for their assistance and cooperation and to our residents who attend our various educational programs and provide financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Goulart, Chairman
James D. Aguiar, Jr.
Todd Pilling, through 6/3/23
Charles Mello, retired
Joseph Figueiredo, Alternate Member

Thomas C. Ferry, Clerk
Lisa Caledonia
Robert J. Woods, Jr.
David Phillips



Taunton River Stewardship Council

2023 Annual Report

10/1/2022- 9/30/2023

The Wild & Scenic Taunton River is a hidden treasure, rich in history and environmental resources.

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Gloria Bancroft

Message from the Council

This past year resulted in exciting changes as we welcomed several new Council Members and finally found a home to call our own at the Taunton River Watershed Center, located at Sweets Knoll State Park in Dighton. This space, shared with the Taunton River Watershed Alliance, allows for the return of in-person meetings and events.

Since 2009, it has been our privilege to promote long-term protection of the Taunton River in southeastern Massachusetts, working closely with the river's outstanding communities and environmental partners. This year our Community Grants program awarded \$100,503 to 11 area projects, while our River Access Committee successfully completed a cartop boat launch site improvement. We look forward to continuing our work in 2024 and supporting new projects which will help to further protect and enhance river resources.

-Harry Bailey, Chair & Gloria Bancroft, Coordinator





About the Program

Wild and Scenic Rivers

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 established a system to identify free-flowing rivers across the United States that possess “outstandingly remarkable values,” and to protect them “for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.” As of 2023, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System has protected over 13,000 miles of 228 designated rivers in 41 states and Puerto Rico.

Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers

Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers are a unique category of designated rivers managed through long-term partnerships between the National Park Service and community, local, regional, and state stakeholders. The Taunton River is a Partnership Wild and Scenic River, with local management guided by the Taunton River Stewardship Council.

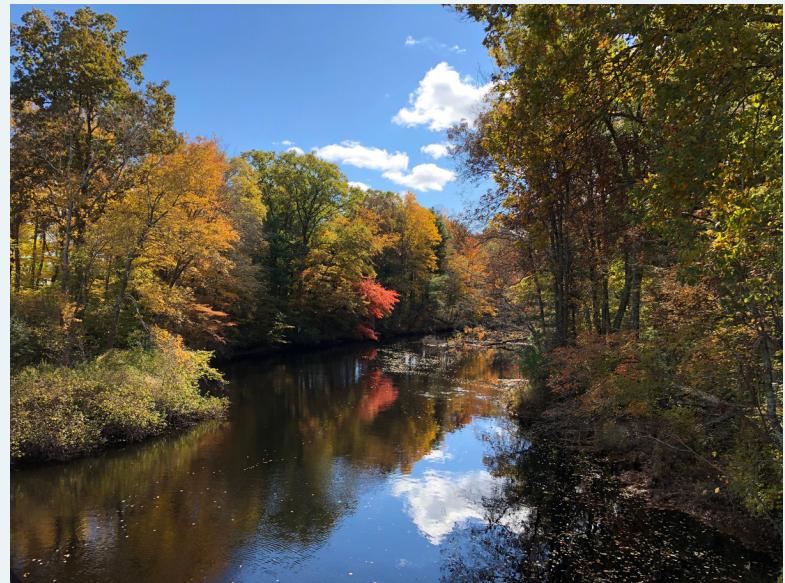
Council Members Delegates and Alternates (A)

Berkley: Joe Callahan
Bridgewater: Harry Bailey (Chairperson)
Dighton: Bill Frenette
Fall River: Open
Freetown: Linda Fournier, Rob Kerstiens (A)
Halifax: William Hinkley
Middleboro: Patricia Cassady
Raynham: Open
Somerset: Richard Ashcroft, Donna Desrosiers (A)
(Co-chair/Secretary)
Taunton: Richard Shafer
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs: Beth Lambert, Doug Cameron (A)
Dighton Inter-Tribal Council: Roger Desrosiers, Donna Desrosiers (A)
National Park Service: Lauren Bonatakis, Jamie Fosburgh
Save the Bay: Kate McPherson
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District: Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap (A)
Taunton River Watershed Alliance: Gloria Bancroft, Bill Napolitano (A)
Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater: Kitty Doherty
The Nature Conservancy: Alison Bowden, Marea Gabriel (A)
Wildlands Trust: Scott MacFaden

Taunton River Stewardship Council

The Taunton River Stewardship Council serves as the central coordinating body for implementing the Stewardship Plan, which promotes the long-term protection of the river by

- Bringing together, on a regular basis, various parties responsible for river management, facilitating agreements and coordination among them
- Providing a forum for all river interests to discuss and make recommendations regarding issues of concern
- Establishing priorities, work plans, action plans, and similar strategies to advance implementation of the Stewardship Plan



Council Feature

Member Showcase

Katherine "Kitty" Doherty

For over four decades, Kitty has been at the forefront of local efforts to promote sound environmental stewardship of the Taunton River Watershed. For this reason, we are pleased to showcase Kitty in our first Annual Report. As founding member of the Taunton River Watershed Alliance, the Taunton River Stewardship Council, the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, and the Town River Fishery Committee, Kitty has been a catalyst in creating public awareness and coalition building around our important natural resources. Conservation is at the heart of all her work. Whether facilitating legislation for land preservation of the Old State Farm in Bridgewater, or advancing the creation of the Nunckatesett Greenway for a network of land and water trails, her commitment is unwavering. Kitty's dedication and knowledge makes her an outstanding asset to the Taunton River Stewardship Council, currently serving on the River Access Committee.



Kitty and grandson Collin take a break while hiking the Appalachian Trail in Vermont

River Access Committee

Committee Chair: Monica Bentley

The River Access and Improvement Committee was created to increase and improve river access along the upper Taunton River and tributaries. The overall goal of the Access Committee is to have a cartop boat launch site approximately every 5 miles, creating ample opportunities for recreational paddlers to launch and rest as they paddle. Approximately 10 sites have been identified for development or improvement. In 2023 the first site, Scadding Street on the Snake River in Taunton, was completed. Two other sites are in progress.

An additional goal is to increase river safety by addressing blowdowns and logjams that may be dangerous and could prevent recreational paddlers from passing through, with the understanding that woody debris is an ecological benefit to the river system. Currently, the Committee is working on improving flow conditions along the Town River between Stanley Iron Works Park and Hayward Street in Bridgewater. Other locations will follow.



Monica Bentley

Community Grants Program

The Taunton River Stewardship Council runs a [Community Grants Program](#) with the purpose of supporting local efforts that help to protect and enhance river resources. This year we were pleased to grant \$100,503 to the following 11 projects.

Herring Run Festival

Town of Middleborough, Tourism Committee

Funding to support the Middleborough Tourism Committee's annual Herring Run Festival held at Oliver Mill Park, Middleborough. This event highlights the environment of the Nemasket River, a major tributary of the Taunton River, through educational displays, Native American cultural programs, and local farm foods. In addition, this event aligns with the Taunton River's outstanding resource values, including increasing public awareness of the biological diversity and intact ecology of the river's ecosystem. Funding supported the cost of the required traffic control plan, advertising, and portable restrooms.

Join us for next year's Herring Run Festival on April 13-14, 2024!



Louise Dery-Wells



George Austin

Sowams Heritage Area Project

Sowams Heritage Area Project, Inc

Funding for a feasibility study to gain Congressional approval for the designation of Sowams, the homeland of the Pokanoket people, as a National Heritage Area (NHA). The project will include a natural and cultural resources inventory, boundary delineation, mapping, and more, bringing both national and international attention to the Pokanoket homeland and helping to correct and further illuminate the significance of the region's history and wealth of natural resources.

Learn more about this project at sowams.org

Picone Farm Preservation Project

Town of Middleborough

Funding for the environmental site assessment and appraisal related to the Picone Farm Preservation Project on the eastern side of the Nemasket River, a major tributary to the Taunton River. Previous TRSC funding helped the town secure an additional \$6.2M in various grants and appropriations, including \$2.1M in State funding and \$1M in Community Preservation Act funding, for the purchase of Picone Farm, securing over one mile of pristine open space and riverfront access on the Nemasket River.

View the [Picone Farm Preservation Project Video](#) for more info.



Wildlands Trust/EcoPhotography

Community Grants Program

TETIQUET TO THE SEA

A History of the Taunton River

Katie MacDonald & William F. Hanna



Taunton River Book Project: Tetiquet To The Sea

Old Colony History Museum

Funding to support the first comprehensive publication to capture both the history and present-day vitality of the river. The rich and diverse history will include stories from Indigenous history through later shipbuilding, fishing and manufacturing activities, as well as environmental advocacy and legislation that led to the Wild & Scenic designation.

Get your copy of *Tetiquet to the Sea* on the [OCHM website!](#)

Taylor Farm, Fort Hill Conservation Project

Town of Middleborough

Funding for the appraisal of Taylor Farm, a 63.6 acre property located at the northwestern corner of Middleborough, where the Taunton River divides Middleborough from Raynham to the west and Bridgewater to the north. This project is an important component of the larger Fort Hill Conservation Project, which aims to protect 280.6 acres with 2.3 miles of frontage along the Taunton River.



Patricia Cassidy



Old State Farm Trail Phase 2

Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater

Funding for Phase 2 of the Old State Farm Trail. These funds, along with funding from Bridgewater's CPA fund and the Sheehan Family Companies, were used to achieve the transfer of a permanent trail easement from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the town of Bridgewater. This provides a critical first step in the trail creation and helps secure additional funds for engineering and permitting work, setting a solid foundation for moving into trail building (Phase 3).

Phase VIII Diamondback Terrapin Study

Taunton River Watershed Alliance

Funding to support the Phase VIII Diamondback Terrapin Study in the lower Taunton River and tributaries. Funding assists with the cost of a college student technician, who along with a Bristol County Agricultural High School instructor and volunteers, gather invaluable data to determine additional conservation methods to protect this and other species in the future. Listed as a threatened species under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, the Diamondback Terrapin is the only turtle species in North America which exclusively inhabits estuaries and salt marshes. Once prevalent in Mount Hope Bay, impacts from human development and climate change have contributed to their population decline.

Learn more about this study at on the [TRWA website!](#)



Sally Spooner

Community Grants Program

Lower Taunton River Tour Boat

Spirit of Somerset, Inc

Funding to support scenic and educational boat rides on the Lower Taunton River estuary. Over 1,500 participants enjoyed the river in what has been renamed the Christina Wordell Memorial River Cruise, after one of our late, original TRSC delegates from Somerset, who was dedicated to the preservation of the Taunton River's outstanding resource values.

Visit the [Spirit of Somerset website](#) for further info and photos.



David Berube

Skim Milk Bridge Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places Town of West Bridgewater



Joan Pierce, MA Dept. of Fish and Game

Funding to assist with consulting expenses related to the nomination of Skim Milk Bridge and adjacent structures to the National Register of Historic Places. This site, located at the Town River in West Bridgewater, is possibly the oldest surviving bridge of its kind in the US, constructed circa early 1800's or perhaps earlier. Successful nomination will be an important step in securing funding for its preservation and further study. Among other objectives, this project ties into TRSC's goal of protecting and preserving the cultural and historical assets of the Wild & Scenic River and its tributaries.

Taunton River Festival

Taunton River Watershed Alliance

Funding to support the Taunton River Watershed Alliance's annual Taunton River Festival held at Weir Village Riverfront Park, Taunton. This event highlights the important work of non-profit environmental organizations within our watershed, as well as provides recreational information and educational outreach on the effects of pollution on our waterways and the importance of wildlife protection. Funding supported the cost of traffic control and portable restrooms.

Join us for next year's Taunton River Festival on June 9, 2024!



Gloria Bancroft



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Byron Holmes

Park Maintenance Friends of Bridge Village Heritage Park

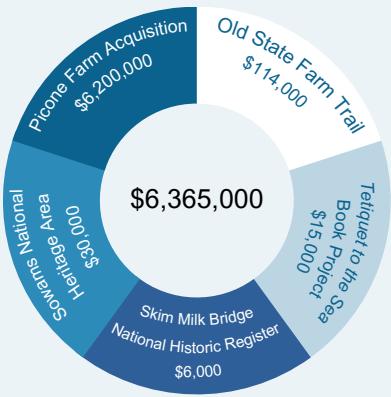
Funding to assist in the use and maintenance of the Bridge Village Heritage Park located on the Taunton River near the Berkley-Dighton Bridge at 70 Elm Street, Berkley. The ½ acre public park offers recreational fishing, picnicking, and boat access for paddlers. Funding provided for portable restrooms and the addition of sustainable clam shells for parking lot access.

For the latest park updates, visit their [Facebook page](#).

The Year at a Glance

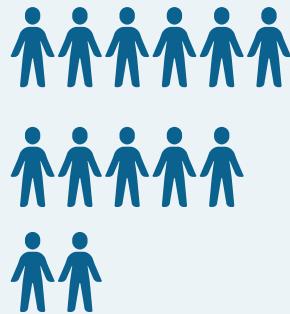
Through our [Community Grants program](#), recipients were successful in leveraging an additional \$6,365,000 in funding for their respective projects, protecting 190 acres of land & contributing over 1,300 volunteer hours.

Leveraged Funds



Volunteer Hours

642	Diamondback Terrapin Study
500+	Old State Farm Trail
229	Taunton River Festival



1371+ volunteer hours

News in the Watershed

High Street Dam Removal Begins

Bridgewater's High Street Dam, which stood across the Town River for more than 100 years, has been removed. The removal of the 12.5-foot-high, 80-foot-wide hazardous dam opens 10 miles of river to migratory fish. Further upstream, the upcoming replacement of the High Street Bridge will reduce flooding by better accommodating peak river flows and is designed to withstand a 500-year storm and climate change projections through 2070. Learn more [here](#).

National Park Foundation Grant Awarded

The Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, in partnership with the Town of Bridgewater, the MA Dept. of Corrections, the Taunton River Stewardship Council, and others, was awarded a National Park Foundation grant of \$50,000 to construct a 1.8-mile, natural surface pedestrian trail along the banks of the Wild and Scenic Taunton River and other land. The trail will provide public access to this portion of the Taunton River and all its benefits; additional public access is envisioned in the near future. For more information, visit the [National Park Foundation website](#).

Council Openings

We currently have two Council Member openings in the communities of Fall River and Raynham. We welcome interested parties to contact Gloria Bancroft at director@savethetaunton.org.

Thank you to our partners!

Visit their websites by clicking the logos below.



Dighton Inter-Tribal Council

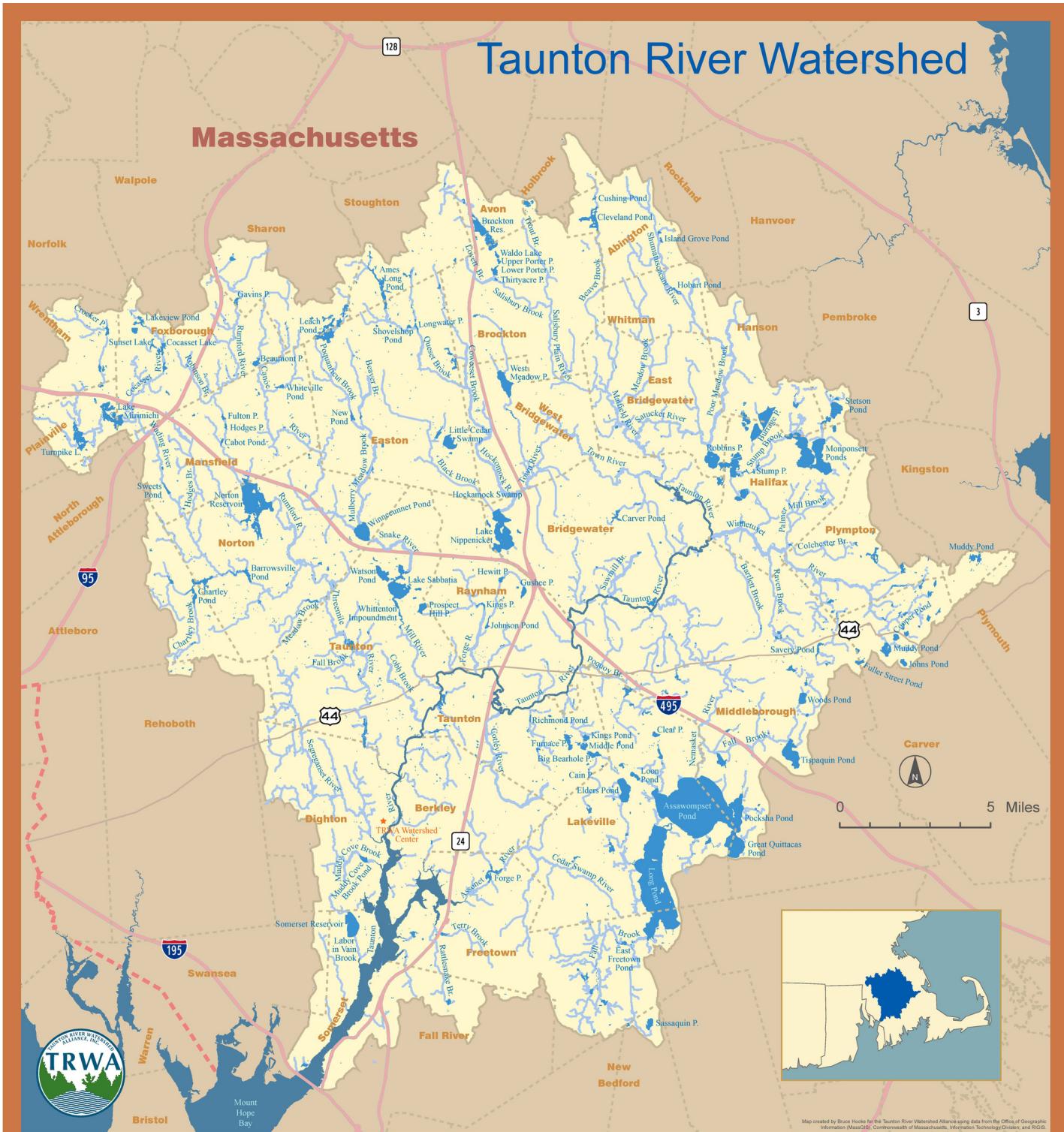


NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST of BRIDgewater



Taunton River Watershed

Massachusetts



Map created by Bruce Hooke for the Taunton River Watershed Alliance using data from the Office of Geographic



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRAILS COMMITTEE

Your trails committee hit the ground running in 2023 picking right up where we left off in 2022. Several projects continued into the new year with a fully funded feasibility study to assess connections both north and south of the ongoing Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Sweets Knoll Rail Trail Taunton River Trail (TRT) project. Additionally, the team started the new year with a MassTrails grant submission to fund the design and engineering efforts for a new trail head to be installed behind Town Hall. This new trail head will connect the existing recreational area behind Town Hall with the future DCR Sweets Knoll Rail Trail.

In January,

- Rachel provided an update for the plans for the Cox Family bench dedication. Plan was set for Monday 13 February 2023 at 3pm to commemorate Mr. Ralph Cox's birthday and honor his memory.
- Team discussed possible trail treatment materials (chips, etc) to use remaining FY2023 budget and plans to follow-up with Tom Ferry to discuss options.
- Team voted unanimously to approve signature authority for Rachel Conti and Jeff Carvalho. This is required by the Town Accountant for authorizing purchases or any payments from the trails committee account.
- Team voted unanimously to approve proposed FY2024 budget not to exceed \$1k. Chairman Carvalho proposed 2 benches, 3 plaques, and 2 cases of pet waste bags for next FY. No other recommendations were made by the members present so Chairman Carvalho will prepare the FY2024 budget request with this figure and itemized breakdown for signature routing from the committee for submission to the Town Budget process.
- Guest Taylor Samuels was present for the meeting and expressed that she would like more information on available Dighton trails. She enjoys jogging on the Sweet's Knoll trail and would like to have more of that available in town. Chairman Carvalho asked her to email the committee and he can send her the AllTrails page with more local trail information.

In February, no meetings were held.

In March,

- Rachel provided a report on the Cox Family dedication. It was a beautiful ceremony attended by the entire Board of Selectman, Town Administrator, and two members of the trails committee, in addition to Kelly Cox, her husband, and a large portion of the Cox Family.
- Jeff provided an update on the DCR Sweet's Knoll rail trail work. The DCR consultant has been busy working and hasn't reached out to provide any updates since we last met in January. However, they did assist the town in submitting a MassTrails grant for a trail-head and parking area to be located behind town hall to connect to the DCR Sweets Knoll trail that will run behind town hall along the railroad right of way. This grant was

submitted at the end of January by Town Admin Mike Mullen. In parallel, Jeff also reached out to the CPC group to request funds for a match if the grant is awarded. In total, the grant for the design and engineering of the trail-head and parking area is scoped for about \$100k. The CPC match being requested was for an amount not to exceed \$20k.

- Rachel discussed circling back to the Broad Cove nature trail and putting together a work party in April to spread out the wood chips provided by the Highway Department. Rachel said she would reach out to the Girl Scouts again to see if they wish to be involved.
- Team spent remainder of meeting working on the draft Broad Cove Nature Trail map to be located at the kiosk we've had installed for a couple years now. This has been a work in progress for some time and the team wanted to get something installed in that kiosk before the spring season.

In April,

- Jeff discussed remainder of budget for fiscal year and took an action to send out the latest remaining budget to the team. Rachel made a plan to purchase pet waste bags.
- Trails Committee reviewed Annual Report drafted by Chairman Carvalho and voted to approve the draft.
- Team voted to recommend Bill Frenette as a new member to the trails committee.
- Team held a Map Meeting to review and work on Broad Cove Nature Trail Map. Team reviewed work that Member Baglini presented and provided inputs. Bob to send out an update for review before the next meeting. Team discussed where to make trail map purchase once the design is complete. Desire is to keep the business local and check the business index on the Dighton page to get potential sources.

In May,

- Jeff discussed remainder of budget for fiscal year totally just shy of \$1600. Delays with projects meant most of this funding will convert to free cash at the end of the FY.
- Team continued Map Meeting review. Team reviewed and made comments on the trail map for Broad Cover nature trail being assembled by Bob Baglini. Comments included:
 - Turn off south red leg
 - Darken logos
 - Fix scale bar
 - Remove marsh outline
 - Continue dashed line to marsh on north trail
- Jeff took an action to make a placeholder PDF on the Dighton Trails town page folder and generate a QR code that can be used to download the trail-map.
- Bob planned to make the proposed changes to the trail-map to include adding the QR code Jeff will send him and send finished work to the group. Jeff will upload this copy (PDF) to the town website so it will have a permanent location for trail visitors to download.
- Team voted to purchase printed copies once changes are made to the map and expend no more than \$500 on the new trail map to include one large map for the display and several paper maps that the group can use for meetings/presentations. (1 mylar/pvc, and 3 paper)

- Karen asked about the FB page and the team decided to make her an admin so she can help manage content for outreach purposes.
- Bob mentioned that Nicole Mello works at the CO-OP location and could look into points of contact that we can use for the rail-trail connection project. (Jeff ran into Nicole at craft fair in DCC and learned that she was reaching out and should have info for the group at the next meeting)

In June,

- Jeff provided update to team on the MassTrails Grant. The grant is now fully funded for the Design and Engineering of the trailhead being proposed behind Town Hall to tie into the DCR Sweets Knoll trail to be located on the rail-road right of way east of Town Hall property.
- Team welcomed new BoS Liaison Nicole Mello. Trails committee overview was provided to include details about the MassTrails grant. Jeff mentioned the DCR Mass.gov website has details on the Sweets Knoll DCR rail-trail work.
- Team discussed next steps to include continuing support on the feasibility study, the MassTrails procurement plans, and grant ideas for work being proposed by Bill Frenette for Broadcove Nature Trails.
- Jeff also discussed reaching out to Horsley Witton Group (HWG) to see if they can provide any status on the feasibility study.

In July,

- Rachel presented new printed trails map for the Broadcove Nature Trail. This was very exciting news and the team was looking forward to getting this out to the public. Jeff took an action to coordinate with Tom Ferry to get this installed in the kiosk at Broadcove Nature trail. Jeff also took an action to coordinate with Tom Ferry to see when he's able to come with the team to mark the trails.
- Team discussed plans for grants and other upcoming projects. Plan was discussed to have Bill reach out to SRPEDD (Jonathan Gray) to ask about upcoming opportunities.

In August,

- Jeff provided an overview on the DCR/Bristol Aggie walkthrough that was held on 8 August 2023 at 11am. This was an opportunity to meet with the DCR Sweet's Knoll coordinator, the consulting firm (Horsley Witten Group), the Bristol Aggie Superintendent, and Town of Dighton Officials to discuss the latest for the DCR Sweets Knoll rail-trail project. This was a meeting mainly called to bring the Aggie team up to speed with discussions to date. In addition to a project overview, the group also walked the short distance to the trail bed to the east of the Town property that abuts the Aggie property. The Aggie Superintendent provided an overview of the access and proximity concerns. DCR and their consultant took note and discussed their plans in the area.
- Jeff provided an update on the Broadcove Trail map installation and took an action to reach out to Tom Ferry to see when he was available to walk-through the trail and install markers. From the calendar this will likely happen either the 19th or 29th of August.
- Team discussed next plans for pet waste bag dispensers on Broadcove property. No decision made at this point so we'll monitor to see if those should be removed.

- Team discussed plans for Grants and Projects. Jeff proposed reaching out to the HWG to see if they would provide a rough proposal for the boardwalk project that Bill Frenette came up with. This would closely model the grant approach taken by the team for the town hall trailhead. Jeff took this as an action item to follow-up next meeting.

In September,

- Jeff updated the group on the trail marking outing completed with Tom Ferry at the Broadcove Nature trail. Bob and Jeff met with Tom and went over the entire trail network marking trails with aluminum markers to match the color scheme on the trail map. Fell a little short on Red markers so some should be placed on order in order to add a few more. During walk-through the group added a leg to the Yellow trail and the map needs to be tweaked. Jeff took an action to place order for more Red trails markers, Bob planned to update trail map for Yellow trail update and update trail length on map to be loop lengths and not one-way length
- Team discussed displacement of pet waste dispensers at Broad Cove Nature Trail. Conclusion was for the time being, they were to stay as-is. Initially pet waste was being left at dispensers but after posting new signage and passing information via social media, the problem appeared to have been resolved. Team decided to keep an eye on the situation and reassess in the future if necessary.
- Trail kiosk for Broad Cove Hart Street entrance was discussed. Plan is to reach out to DRRHS to see if their carpentry class would like to take on this project. We would supply the materials but they would build one like the one done at the Route 138 Broad Cove west entrance.
- Bob updated the team on the Dighton GIS page search tool where using “Town of” in the query shows all the Town of Dighton owned properties. Bob also showed the team the details on the Oak Street properties. These are town owned and something we should look into for recreation/trail development. Bob took an action to contact Tom Ferry about a walk-through on the Oak Street Town of Dighton Properties.

In October,

- Jeff read an email from J.Gray (SRPEDD) outlining observations after site visit to Broad Cove and review of the boardwalk vision for the area. Email cautioned team against jumping into a design and engineering effort right away and going into a feasibility study first to properly scope this project. After a short discussion team elected to go the feasibility study route and Jeff took an action to reach out to Dighton CPA group to get the latest application process and timeline. Backup plan is to do a similar effort to get a feasibility study funded by MassTrails
- Jeff let the team know that the contract for the Taunton River Trails (TRT) Town Hall Trailhead Design Project has been fully executed as of 16 October 2023 with the Horsley Witton Group (HWG). This contract provides design and engineering grant funds received from MassTrails during last year's cycle to design a trailhead behind townhall that will connect to the future Sweets Knoll trail running behind town hall.
- Team discussed trail kiosk plans and Jeff asked for help reaching out to the DRRHS carpentry shop to design and build a trailhead kiosk similar to the one on the Broadcove west entrance that would be installed at the Hart Street Broadcove entrance. Karen volunteered to make some calls and look into that effort. Karen planned to reach out to

DRRHS carpentry shop to get details about building a Broadcove Nature Trail trailhead kiosk.

In November,

- Karen provided updates on Hart Street Trail head kiosk being built by the DRRHS student. Karen serving as the committee lead keeping tabs on the project. Initial contact was made and more follow-up to be provided.
- Team actively began pursuing funding for elevated boardwalk project for Broadcove Nature Trails. Jeff updated the team on the CPC funds request for the Broadcove Nature Trail boardwalk project and also reached out to the Horsley Witten Group (HWG) for a rough estimate on the project scope so the team would be better informed on the request to the CPC. Jennifer Relstab (HWG) provided an estimate to support an initial project design which was the recommendation she made bypassing the need for the originally planned feasibility study. Initially the team was interested in a feasibility study, but since we're to the point where we know what we want to accomplish and the general location, a feasibility study would not yield any valuable deliverables. The estimate received from HWG totaled \$148,500. Team member Bob Baglini independently provided an assessment of the estimate provided by HWG and concurred that the estimate provided was reasonable for the work being proposed. The intent was to take this estimate and submit it to the Dighton CPC group to try and fund this effort which would potentially be placed on the on the Dighton Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant planned in June 2024 if the CPC approved the project.

The Dighton Trails Committee looks forward to 2024 with continued excitement for the ongoing work being done by DCR and their team on the Taunton River Trail. We're also looking forward to continued support of the trails in Dighton and any opportunities we have to serve the people of this beautiful town that we are blessed to call home.

Respectfully,

Dighton Trails Committee

Jeffrey Carvalho, Chair

Karen Alves, Member

Bob Baglini, Member

Rachel Conti, Member

Bill Frenette, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held a total of 12 public meetings and received a total of 5 applications for variances or special permits during the year. Of those applications 3 were approved, 1 was denied and 1 was withdrawn.

Following the 2023 Board of Selectmen appointments, the six-member Board organized as follows: Chairperson Zachary Caron, Vice Chairperson Gregory Logan, Clerk Jonathan Gale, Member Susan Gray Pritchard, Member David Phillips and Member Alys Vincent.

The Zoning Board of Appeals continues to offer information on the Town's website at www.dighton-ma.gov, is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Wednesday 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM and regularly meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The public is always invited and encouraged to attend.

Finally, the Board thanks Marguerite Mitchell, Esquire, all Town Departments, Town residents and all the interested parties who have attended our public hearings this year, who have given us input and allowed the ZBA to make well-informed decisions to effectively carry out our mission for the Town of Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Zachary Caron, Chairperson
Gregory Logan, Sr., Vice Chairperson
Jonathan Gale, Clerk
Susan Gray Pritchard, Member
David Phillips, Member
Alys Vincent, Member
Kerrie Easterday, Office Manager

Town Hall Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Closed on Fridays**Regular Scheduled Meetings**

Board of Selectmen.....	Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Board of Health.....	Second Thursdays at 6:00 pm
Board of Assessors.....	Posted
Planning Board.....	First and Third Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Cable Committee.....	Posted
Conservation Commission.....	Third Thursday at 7:00 pm
Council on Aging.....	Posted
Finance Committee.....	Posted
D-R Regional School Committee.....	Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
Parks and Recreation.....	Posted
Sewer Commission.....	First Monday at 4:30 pm
Housing Authority.....	Second Tuesday at 9:30 am at Lincoln Village
Historical Commission.....	Second Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Development & Industrial Commission	Fourth Monday at 6:00 pm

Telephone Numbers

Ambulance.....	9-1-1
Animal Control Officer.....	774 218 5340
Assessors.....	508 669 6431
Board of Health.....	508 669 6431
Board of Selectmen.....	508 669 6431
Building Inspector.....	508 669 6431
Council on Aging.....	508 823 0095
Fire Department (Business non-emergency line).....	508 669 6611
Highway Department.....	508 669 5461
Police Department.....	508 669 6711
Public Library.....	508 669 6421
Planning Board.....	508 669 6431
Plumbing Inspector.....	508 669 6431
Prime Time.....	508 669 6272
Dighton Elementary.....	508 669 4245
Dighton Middle School.....	508 669 4200
Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School.....	508 252 5025
Sewer Commission.....	508 669 6431
Town Accountant.....	508 669 6431
Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.....	508 669 6431
Veteran's Agent.....	508 669 6431
Water District.....	508 824 9390