



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Olara Costa

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

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

William F. Moore Chairman

Nancy Goulart Clerk

Eric J. Easterday Member.

Peter Roach of the Finance Committee read the following statement:

"Good evening and welcome to Town Meeting. My name is Peter Roach I'm the chairman of the finance committee and let me begin by thanking the department heads, Town Administrator, Town Accountant and most important The Board of Selectmen Administrator, Karen Brady, for keeping me out of trouble. This year's budget process will continue to improve significantly over the past years, we did face significant challenge. I'd like to commend the financial team for their hard work over the last year- tightening many of the accounting policies and procedures that helped get the town to where we are. These changes have made the budget process for many of the Town departments significantly more streamlined. Change is never easy. As a finance committee we are seeing the improvements. Nothing happens overnight but the benefits are being seen. To the challenges toward the end of January we were

looking at an initial budget request from the financial team that would have been under the levy limit, then we received the DR budget. Over the past 5 years our annual budget increases had averaged \$435,000 with a high of \$537,000 the increase from DR came in at 257% of the past 5 year average \$1,117,000. Town's projected new revenues which come from our 2 1/2 % increase over the last year plus our new growth was at \$885,000 for the year. The DR increase represents 126% of our new growth new revenue. Obviously, that is not sustainable as the '26-budget process begins right after this meeting ends. I encourage you to please reach out to the school board members early and often during the budget process which I assume is going to start July 1st as well. I know we heard about right sizing and just based on the high school enrollment over the last 4 years its down 20%; over the last 8 years it's down 35%; over the last 12 years it's down 40%. With this increase after going through every budget



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

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

ARTICLE 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint all necessary Town Officials and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

ARTICLE3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$3,569.16 to pay prior year bills.

Prior Year Bills	Department	Amount
NAPAA toParts	Police	\$ 9 64 9

Police Detail	Transfer Station	\$254.82
Police Details	Board of Selectmen	\$372.79
Bristol-Plymouth RTS	Historical Commission	\$38.00
National Grid	Town Offices	\$2807.06
	Total	\$3,569.16

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Roache and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the town vote to establish the salaries of Elected Town Officials for Fiscal Year 2025 in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as recommended by the Finance Committee and printed in Article 4 of the June 10, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Elected Officials	FY25 Budget Request	Finance Committee Recommendations	Board of Selectmen Recommendations
Board of Assessors			
Chairman	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55
Member	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55
Member	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55	\$4,952.55
Board of Selectmen			
Chairman	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Member	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Member	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Tree Warden	\$269.10	\$275.83	\$275.83

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Moderator	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Town Clerk	\$77,592.50	\$77,592.50	\$77,592.50
Town Collector	\$39,729.00	\$39,729.00	\$39,729.00
Town Treasurer	\$39,729.00	\$39,729.00	\$39,729.00
Planning Board			
Chairman	\$2,295.04	\$2,239.06	\$2,239.06
Member	\$2,295.04	\$2,239.06	\$2,239.06
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Sewer Commissioners			
Chairman	\$3,444.52	\$3,360.49	\$3,360.49
Member	\$2,285.84	\$2,230.09	\$2,230.09
Member	\$2,285.84	\$2,230.09	\$2,230.09

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 5.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from Sewer Indirect Costs to General Government Accounts as specified in the Warrant for June 10, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, specifically to raise and appropriate \$1,803,503.30 and to transfer \$20,274.55 from Sewer Indirect Costs for personnel and expenses of said departments as therein provided the amount \$1,823,777.85 for fiscal year 2025.

Shane Costa

Finance Committee Recommends

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TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2025

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectme
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
113	TOWN MEETING				
	Personnel	\$2,700.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,200.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
114	MODERATOR				
	Personnel	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$500.00	\$	\$500.00	\$500.00
122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
	Personnel	\$121,340.00	\$103,141.68	\$103,458.86	\$103,458.86
	Expenses	\$71,640.00	\$88,285.00	\$88,285.00	\$88,285.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$192,980.66	\$191,426.68	\$191,743.86	\$191,743.86
124	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR				
	Personnel	\$166,650.00	\$176,679.00	\$176,814.42	\$176,814.42
	Expenses	\$14,321.00	\$15,920.00	\$14,698.35	\$14,698.35
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$180,971.00	\$192,599.00	\$191,512.77	\$191,512.77
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	Personnel	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00
	Expenses	\$405.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$355.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,000.00	\$3,950.00	\$3,950.00	\$3,950.00
132	RESERVE FUND				
	Expenses	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
	Personnel	\$136,583.60	\$143,081.50	\$143,081.50	\$143,081.50
	Expenses	\$36,375.00	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$172,958.60	\$175,581.50	\$175,581.50	\$175,581.50
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
	Personnel	\$192,342.85	\$196,741.69	\$196,741.69	\$196,741.69
	Expenses	\$27,700.00	\$31,700.00	\$31,700.00	\$31,700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$220,042.85	\$228,441.69	\$228,441.69	\$228,441.69

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#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectme
145	TOWN TREASURER				
	Personnel	\$78,385.00	\$81,322.89	\$81,072.89	\$81,072.89
	Expenses	\$30,850.00	\$34,400.00	\$30,700.00	\$34,400.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$109,235.00	\$115,722.89	\$111,772.89	\$115,472.89
146	TOWN COLLECTOR				
	Personnel	\$78,485.00	\$81,322.89	\$81,322.89	\$81,322.89
	Expenses	\$23,350.00	\$25,350.00	\$24,350.00	\$25,350.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$101,835.00	\$106,672.89	\$105,672.89	\$106,672.89
151	TOWN COUNSEL				
	Expenses	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
155	DATA PROCESSING				
	Expenses	\$71,733.33	\$70,373.58	\$65,373.58	\$65,373.58
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$71,733.33	\$70,373.58	\$65,373.58	\$65,373.58
158	TAXTITLEFORECLOSURE				
	Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
161	TOWN CLERK				
	Personnel	\$165,203.60	\$141,776.20	\$141,776.20	\$141,776.20
	Expenses	\$9,444.00	\$10,075.00	\$9,675.00	\$9,675.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$174,647.60	\$151,851.20	\$151,451.20	\$151,451.20
162	ELECTIONS				
	Personnel	\$15,439.00	\$16,518.10	\$16,518.10	\$16,518.10
	Expenses	\$16,062.40	\$25,987.00	\$25,987.00	\$25,987.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$31,501.40	\$42,505.10	\$42,505.10	\$42,505.10
163	REGISTRATION				
	Personnel	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Expenses	\$7,952.00	\$8,052.00	\$7,702.00	\$7,702.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,552.00	\$8,652.00	\$8,302.00	\$8,302.00
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION			A TRUE COPY ATTEST	
	Personnel	\$64,539.56	\$65,422.76	\$65,391.61	\$65,391.61
	Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00

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	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$69,539.56	\$71,422.76	\$69,491.61	\$69,491.61
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For the Fiscal Year 2025

#	Department	Current Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Finance Committee	Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation By Board of Selectmen
174	DIGHTON TRAILS COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
175	PLANNING BOARD				
	Personnel	\$43,264.91	\$45,059.66	\$44,779.77	\$44,779.77
	Expenses	\$19,045.29	\$19,087.17	\$16,087.17	18,587.17
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$62,310.20	\$64,146.83	\$60,866.94	\$63,366.94
176	BOARD OF APPEALS				
	Personnel	\$28,661.92	\$29,849.71	\$29,671.82	\$29,671.82
	Expenses	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00	\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$39,861.92	\$41,049.71	\$38,371.82	\$38,371.82
179	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION				
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
189	DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION				
	Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
192	PUBLIC BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				
	Expenses	\$201,740.00	\$255,140.00	\$250,140.00	\$255,140.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$201,740.00	\$255,140.00	\$250,140.00	\$255,140.00
195	TOWN REPORTS				
	Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,787,509.12	\$1,863,135.83	\$1,823,777.85	\$1,840,977.85

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	PUBLIC SAFETY				
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$1,703,384.68	\$1,727,741.90	\$1,714,741.90	\$1,722,741.90
	Expenses	\$243,340.00	\$256,130.89	\$245,587.89	\$254,587.89
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,946,724.68	\$1,983,872.79	\$1,960,329.79	\$1,977,329.79
215	COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$374,288.13	\$392,941.59	\$378,741.39	\$378,741.59
	Expenses	\$36,200.00	\$36,700.00	\$34,100.00	\$34,100.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$410,488.13	\$429,641.59	\$412,841.59	\$412,841.59
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel	\$657,492.67	\$669,249.47	\$669,249.47	\$669,249.47
	Expenses	\$103,240.00	\$107,038.50	\$104,538.50	\$107,038.50
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$760,732.67	\$776,287.97	\$773,787.97	\$776,287.97
231	AMBULANCE SERVICES				
	Personnel	\$665,798.26	\$677,555.06	\$677,555.06	\$677,555.06
	Expenses	\$130,988.00	\$138,316.50	\$135,316.50	\$135,316.50
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$796,786.26	\$815,871.56	\$812,871.56	\$812,871.56
241	BUILDING INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$133,531.20	\$154,690.32	\$154,690.32	\$154,690.32
	Expenses	\$37,180.00	\$36,780.00	\$29,980.00	\$29,980.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$170,711.20	\$191,470.32	\$184,670.32	\$184,670.32
242	GAS INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00
243	PLUMBING INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00

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244	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES				
	Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTION				
	Personnel	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
	Personnel	\$45,900.00	\$46,990.44	\$46,990.44	\$46,990.44
	Expenses	\$12,250.00	\$14,025.00	\$13,025.00	\$13,025.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$58,150.00	\$61,015.44	\$60,015.44	\$60,015.44
294	FORESTRY				
	Personnel	\$269.10	\$275.83	\$275.83	\$275.83
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$269.10	\$275.83	\$275.83	\$275.83
299	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,185,362.04	\$4,300,435.50	\$4,245,292.50	\$4,264,792.50
	EDUCATION				
300	DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$11,796,654.00	\$12,913,479.00	\$12,913,479.00	\$12,913,479.00
	BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$239,916.50	\$279,906.48	\$279,906.48	\$279,906.48

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	BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL				
	Expenses	\$1,468,434.00	\$1,437,737.00	\$1,437,737.00	\$1,437,737.00
	Out of District Obligation		\$100,216.00	\$100,216.00	\$100,216.00
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$13,505,004.50	\$14,731,338.48	\$14,731,338.48	\$14,731,338.48
	HIGHWAY				
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE				
	Personnel	\$648,485.91	\$605,103.86	\$599,485.86	\$599,485.86
	Expenses	\$172,410.00	\$187,466.00	\$183,466.00	\$183,466.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$820,895.91	\$792,569.86	\$782,951.86	\$782,951.86
423	SNOW AND ICE CONTROL				
	Personnel	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00
	Expenses	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
429	DIGHTON-BERKLEY BRIDGE				
	Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
432	STREET CLEANING/STORMWATER				
	Personnel	\$64,283.47	\$149,135.04	\$149,135.04	\$149,135.04
	Expenses	\$98,191.14	\$110,071.61	\$98,071.61	\$98,071.61
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$162,474.61	\$259,206.65	\$247,206.65	\$247,206.65
	TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$1,034,370.52	\$1,103,376.51	\$1,081,758.51	\$1,081,758.51

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For the Fiscal Year 2025

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

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TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2025

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

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	Expenses	\$121,175.00	\$109,425.00	\$109,425.00	\$109,425.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$121,175.00	\$109,425.00	\$109,425.00	\$109,425.00

TOWN OF DIGHTON BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year 2025

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

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For the Fiscal Year 2025

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

Finance Committee Recommends

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

Finance Committee Recommends

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

Finance Committee Recommends

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

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to the Sanitation account to wit, Waste Collection and Disposal and Transfer Station as specified in the warrant for the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically for personnel and expenses of said department as therein provided, the sum of \$887,162.49 for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Douglas White and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate to Other Environmental accounts, to wit the Cemetery account, as specified in the warrant for the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, and specifically for personnel and expenses of said department as therein provided, the sum of \$30,021.50 for fiscal year 2025.

Finance Committee Recommends

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

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Finance Committee Recommends

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

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

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

Finance Committee Recommends

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

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

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

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Finance Committee Recommends



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

Finance Committee Recommends

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

Finance Committee Recommends

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

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 6. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Ron McKay and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to approve the sums outlined to be expended under the direction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners for the maintenance of the Sewer Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2025, as recommended by the Finance Committee and printed in Article 6 of the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

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

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

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

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

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

ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend the town bylaws Article XXXVI, Section 5, Authorized Revolving Funds to add and establish additional revolving funds, as outlined in Article 9 of the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

Department Fund	Department, Board or Committee Authorized to Spend	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable to Fund	Other Requirements Reports	Fiscal Years
Police Cruiser Insurance Reimbursement	Dighton Police Chief	Repairs Directly Related to Insurance Claims	Insurance Payments			Fiscal Year 25 and Subsequent Years
Council on Aging Programs and Meals Fees	COA Director	Program Vendor's Invoices and Meal Expenses	Fees Charged for Programs and Meals			Fiscal Year 25 and Subsequent Years
Insurance Reimbursement	Town Administrator	Repairs Directly Related to Insurance Claims	Insurance Payments			Fiscal Year 25 and Subsequent Years
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ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½, as most recently amended, to establish fiscal year limitation on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the Town of Dighton General Bylaws, Section XXXVI, "Departmental Revolving Funds" with such limitations for FY25, as stated in Article 10 of the June 10, 2024, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

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

Revolving Fund		FY25 Spending Limit
Trustees of the Dighton Public Library	Copying, Faxing and Printing Services	\$5,000.00
Trustees of the Dighton Public Library	Fines and monies collected for overdue, lost or damaged materials	\$8,000.00
Council on Aging Board	Fees, Charges and Receipts for Services rendered by Prime Time	\$150,000.00
Police Department Detail Cruiser Usage Fund	Revenue from Detail Cruiser Usage Fees	\$25,000.00
Police Department Firearms Training Range Outside Usage	Revenue from the Outside Usage of the DPD Firearms Training Range	\$15,000.00
Police Department Youth and Community Policing Engagement Fund	Donations and Other Revenue	\$15,000.00
Police Cruiser Insurance Reimbursement Fund	Insurance Payments	\$100,000.00
Parks and Recreation Field Use	Fees Charged and Monies Received for Field Use, Recreational Programs	\$15,000.00

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

ARTICLE 11. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2025 Highway Program under Chapter 90, and the town road improvement program.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 12. MOTION PASSES: On Motion of Peter Caron and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to grant to the Board of Selectmen the authority to obtain whatever parcels or easements as necessary, to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with highway maintenance or road or bridge reconstruction projects.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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ARTICLE 14. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Alisha Wilson and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation annual reserves in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the committee administrative expenses, Community Preservation projects and other expenses in the fiscal year 2025, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Appropriations:

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

Reserves:

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

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

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

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

Community Preservation Committee Recommends

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

Community Preservation Committee Recommends

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

Community Preservation Committee Recommends

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

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Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

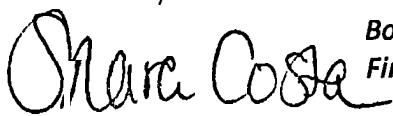
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Finance Committee Recommends Transfer from Free Cash*

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

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

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

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



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ARTICLE 24. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On Motion of Susan Lorenz and seconded, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to re-appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 from Special Article Account #010-2-122-0000-22-5301, Point-of-Sale System, initially approved for the purchase of a Point-of-Sale System for the Transfer Station, in Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting on November 1, 2022, to be expended by the Highway Superintendent for the purchase of security cameras at the Transfer Station (865 Tremont Street) and the Highway Department Garage (2011 County Street) and any related accessories.

*Board of Selectmen Recommends
Finance Committee Recommends*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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William Runey of the Board of Assessors read the following statement:

"Thank you, Mr. Moderator I apologize that I missed my opportunity earlier with the department reports that wasn't clear to me. I am going to give you a little bit of the state of the school system address. I'd like to start by expressing my appreciation for the Town of Dighton's support for the 23 months here on the Job. I am extremely grateful for the collaboration from our School Committee members and everyone at Town Hall, Selectman, Fincom, Advisory Finance and also Mr. Mullen. I am extremely proud of the partnerships that we have fostered with Chief Nichols, Chief Maguy and all of their colleagues in both departments. In the last two years we have really stressed the importance of unifying our towns around the mission of education and I am proud to say the We Are DR is a real thing and have made considerable progress. Speaking of DPD and Dighton Fire we are very appreciative of the warrant article that the town approved last year for Safety and Security, when I arrived neither Dighton Middle or Dighton Elementary had security cameras, they also lacked electronic door monitoring technology, thanks to the town's prudent decision we will start a school year in September with a dramatically different safety and security position our students and staff will be safer thanks to you. At this time, we are asking your consideration of another step in safety and security as our phone system is not e911 compliant what this means is that a 911 call currently is only seen from that street address it does not pinpoint which room the call emanates from. This is a safety upgrade that will dramatically improve response time increasing the safety of our students but also more as important increasing the safety of the First Responders as they will know exactly where to go. In closing I will acknowledge that school district finances across Massachusetts have been a hot topic. My team and I worked very hard to create as efficient and effective as a budget as possible and yes, I am aware that we are 200 plus% and 100 Plus% in excess of certain aspects of the Town budget however we have made nominal 3.48% increase that still requires us to cut 18.5 positions. The governor's budget has inexplicably underestimated the impacts of inflation and this is why you see an uncharacteristic increase for this particular year and we will start working on FY256 as soon as possible in an effort to make things better for next year. We are very fortunate to have passed the assessment last week and we're grateful for the town's passage tonight. Thank You"

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

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

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

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

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

Chief of Police; Vacancies

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

The Chief of Police shall serve for a term not to exceed three years, as per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 97A. The incumbent may be reappointed as many times as the Board of Selectmen determines. The Chief of Police of the Town of Dighton **shall be** selected from within the active ranks of the Dighton Police Department. The minimum qualifications include having attained or currently enrolled in attaining an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement Public Administration or related field, and 10 years' experience, no less than five, of which must be in a progressively responsible management or supervisory position.

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

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

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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

ARTICLE 31. NO MOTION MADE:

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

Article XXXIX. MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

CHAPTER 1: ESTABLISHMENT

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

Applicable Laws:

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

DIGHTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

CHAPTER 2: TITLE AND PURPOSE

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

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

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

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CHAPTER 3: POWERS AND DUTIES

- a. Research local problems of people with disabilities.
- b. Coordinate the activities of other local groups organized to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- c. Review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services and activities of departments and agencies of the Town of Dighton - as they affect people with disabilities.
- d. Work in cooperation with the departments and agencies of the Town of Dighton, inclusive of the ADA coordinator, to bring about maximum participation of people with disabilities.
- e. Initiate, monitor, and promote legislation at the city, state and federal level which advances the equal status of people with disabilities and ensure that appropriate regulations are adopted and enforced pursuant to such legislation.
- f. Encourage public awareness of disability issues.
- g. Provide information, referral, guidance and advice to individuals, businesses, organizations and public agencies in all matters pertaining to disability.
- h. Recruit and recommend prospective Commission members to the Board of Selectmen, at least one month prior to making recommendations, the Commission shall solicit nominations and ensure that said nominations reflect different disabilities.
- i. File an annual report, which shall be printed in the Town of Dighton report.
- j. Take such action as the Commission considers appropriate to ensure the equal access status of persons with disabilities.
- k. Receive gifts of property, both real and personal in the name of the Town subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen; such gifts are to be managed and controlled by the Commission.

CHAPTER 4: MEMBERSHIP

- a) The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The majority of members shall consist of people with disabilities. One of the members may be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability. One member shall be either an elected or appointed official of the Town of Dighton.
- b) The members shall initially serve the following terms:

- 1) One (1) member shall serve a one-year term.
- 2) Two (2) members shall serve two-year terms.
- 3) Two (2) members shall serve three-year terms.
- 4) After the initial term, all members shall serve three-year terms.

- c) Resignation shall be made by notifying the chairperson in writing.
- d) If any member is absent from three regularly scheduled meetings in any one calendar year, a recommendation shall be made to the Board of Selectmen that they be removed from the Commission, unless any or all absences

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have been excused for good cause by the chairperson. Good cause shall include, but not limited to: illness, a death in the family, weather, and professional responsibilities.

- e) The Board of Selectmen shall fill any vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.
- f) Any members of said Commission may, after a public hearing, if so requested, be removed for cause by the appointing authority.
- g) Members shall get the approval of the Commission prior to making statements or joining activities on behalf of the Commission.
- h) All members shall have full voting rights.

CHAPTER 5: OFFICERS

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

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DUTIES

The chairperson shall:

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

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

The secretary shall;

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

CHAPTER 6: MEETINGS

- a) Regular meetings shall be held at least six (6) times a year.
- b) A quorum shall consist of three (3) members.
- c) Meeting minutes will be amended and approved at the next meeting.
- d) Special meetings can be called by the chairperson or by any three (3) members.
- e) Decisions will be made by a majority of those members

present, unless where otherwise noted in these by-laws.

- f) Notice of meetings will be sent to the members in compliance with the Open Meeting Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- g) Meetings shall adhere to Robert's Rule of Order.

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CHAPTER 7: AMENDMENTS

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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

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

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

or take any action relative thereto.

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

Article XV, Section 3 Prohibited Parking, Starting with "B"

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

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

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

(STM 07/30/1984)

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

- A. ~~ANDREWS STREET~~
- B. ~~BEDFORD STREET~~
- C. ~~Mt. HOPE STREET~~
- D. ~~(REPEALED atm 06/01/2015) PEARL STREET~~
- E. ~~PROSPECT STREET, between Mt. Hope Street & Summer Street~~

(Amended ATM 06/01/2015)

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

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(ATM 06/01/2015)

Section #4 THREE-HOUR PARKING



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

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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

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

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

ARTICLE 38. To act upon any other business that lawfully may be introduced at said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:



Respectfully Submitted,

Shara A. Costa

Town Clerk

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