



TOWN OF REHOBOTH TOWN WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Rehoboth Water District

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021
7:00 PM**

**Ramada Inn - Ballroom
(Formerly the Johnson and Wales Inn)
213 Taunton Avenue (Route 44)
Seekonk, MA 02771**

Per the Board of Health in Seekonk, face coverings are mandatory at the Ramada Inn. All attendees will be seated six feet apart during the meeting. These procedures are also mandated by Governor Baker.

Thank you for your cooperation!

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 11, 2021

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**Board of Selectmen
148 Peck Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769**

Dear Fellow Citizens,

2020 was a year of many challenges. Your Board of Selectmen through their dedication and hard work were able to:

- Establish of a private-public sector contract to provide Covid-19 vaccines to our citizens.
- Negotiated Purchase and Sale agreements to purchase Francis Farm for the Senior Center and the Kane Building at 340 Anawan Street for a Town Hall

All without property tax money, resulting in zero effect on property tax rate.

This Board would like to recognize the outstanding service of two previous selectmen, Michael Costello for working on the Police Station complex and Gerry Schwall for his leadership for the creation of a public-private concept with the Anawan Pharmacy. Gerry's instrumental work in negotiations which resulted in the Purchase and Sales agreements of Francis Farm and 340 Anawan Street.

Both Gerry and Michael have accepted appointments as Special Project Managers to bring endeavors to finalization.

We are still working on Dighton-Rehoboth Regional's budget problem and are hopeful to have a resolution prepared for your consideration this fall.

In closing, we would be remised if we did not recognize you "the Citizens of Rehoboth" who had the foresight several years ago to create the revenue accounts that allowed us to secure these two major acquisitions without impacting the tax rate.

Please continue to be safe and once again, a sincere "Thank You" for believing in us!

Respectfully submitted,

REHOBOTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dear fellow residents of Rehoboth

The past year has definitely been challenging. While we are currently enjoying less restrictions compared to most of the last 12 months, it's clear how unpredictable the future can be and there is always the possibility of reverting to more severe lockdowns. This presents quite a challenge for creating a budget when outside events have such an impact on our ability to generate and collect revenue.

The Finance Committee has worked to provide a balanced budget without sacrificing services. Once again, the initial department requests and school assessments yielded a shortfall of \$785,952. As presented in this warrant, we have a current deficit of \$624,986. While the use of free cash to fund the operating budget is not a sound practice, the Finance Committee is recommending this funding source to resolve the shortage. We have used free cash in previous years to balance the budget but this should not become a habitual course of action. Otherwise, we will find ourselves faced with the prospect of either cutting services or an override in the near future.

REVENUES

We are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the current fiscal year and have received approximately 80% of our estimated annual revenue. It is likely that we will finish FY21 on target – a key data point for a full year living with pandemic limitations. Although there is an overall increase of \$890,400 in revenue estimates - mainly due to our Local Real Estate Taxes levy - we felt it was prudent to use level or slightly reduced revenue estimates for the Motor Vehicle Excise, Meal Tax and local Receipts figures. These are areas that could have large deviations depending upon any related restrictions.

Of note is a \$172,000 decrease for New Growth revenue. The recap sheet for this figure is usually available in the fall. Due to the delayed timing of our FY21 Annual Town meeting, we had the actual figure for use last December. Last year's estimate was unusually high and we feel it is not fiscally responsible to include this data anomaly as part of the basis for the FY22 estimate.

EXPENSES

The original total budget expenses submitted was an increase of \$1,623,375 over last year – much higher than the towns' ability to raise and appropriate. Some departments were able to reduce their requests, other estimates were revised with updated information as it became available and for some budget lines we recommended a lessor amount than originally submitted. These actions reduced the total expenses to a \$1,463,909 increase – still higher than anticipated revenues.

Town departments - increased \$673,041 = 6.24 %

In addition to the normal contractual increases and step raises there are a few items of note:

- \$75,000 increase for the Reserve Fund – This is expected to be a 1-time increase. We received funding through the CARES Act. During the audit, if items are deemed ineligible for reimbursement, then the town needs a means to account for payment.
- \$94,000 increase Special Counsel – Again, this should be a 1-time increase. This increase is to have funding available for legal fees related to lawsuits the Town is party to.
- \$129,000 increase for Bristol County retirement – This is an assessed figure and has been steadily increasing over the years. Expect this to be a permanent increase
- \$75,000 increase Town Insurance - We had a substantial claim paid out for the fire at the Council on Aging. A significant increase in our premiums should be anticipated as a result.

Education – increased a total \$790,868 = 3.89%

Dighton Rehoboth Regional School - increase \$320,752 = 1.65%

- \$341,589 – increased operating assessment. The operating budget increase consists of increase to the state Minimum Net School Spending (NSS) of \$173,216, an additional above NSS increase of \$278,415 and a transportation decrease of \$110,042.
- \$20,837 - decrease Capital assessment. The capital assessment includes a decrease of \$21,078 from debt exclusion items. Since debt exclusions have their own dedicated revenue source, this reduction is not a factor for balancing the budget.

Bristol Plymouth - increase - \$338,994 = 42.83 %

- \$320,906 – Bristol Plymouth continues to operate at the Minimum Net School Spending. This increase is fully state mandated.
- \$15,048 – increase of Transportation costs. This allocation is based on student enrollment
- \$3,030 – increase of Capital assessment. This item is also allocated based on student enrollment

Bristol County Agricultural - increase - \$131,132 = 208.67%

- \$868 decrease – This net decrease is a result of higher tuition rates with lower student enrollment.
- \$132,000 - New for FY22 is this capital assessment. Similar to Bristol Plymouth, this allocation is also based on student enrollment so we can expect a similar assessment for until the debt is paid off.

Of note – for both Bristol Plymouth and Bristol County Agricultural there is no option for debt exclusion to fund capital improvements. Payments for these assessments must come from other raise and appropriate sources.

OTHER ITEMS

In addition to the operating budget, the Finance Committee recommends approval for all 3 capital items requests.

Forestry \$73,000 -To purchase a truck capable of towing items used by forestry and highway

Highway \$15,000 - This would be to purchase a new trailer capable of hauling the heavy equipment the highway & forestry department uses.

Police \$52,000 - We continue to replace aging police vehicles on a rotating basis. This allows for a fairly consistent purchase plan while keeping the fleet in good working condition. For FY22, the request is for 1 cruiser.

Please review all the warrant articles for the Finance Committee recommendations and funding sources. A consolidated budget summary with revenue estimates and detail line-by-line budget of the Finance Committee recommendations will be posted on the town web site. We encourage you to review the information in advance of town meeting.

Lastly, we wish to publicly thank Michael Deignan and George Solas for their years of hard work and dedication to our town as volunteers on the Finance Committee. We expect them to continue to do so in their new roles on the Board of Selectmen and wish them all the best.

For the Finance Committee

Colleen Simpson – Chairman

Susan McBride – Interim Clerk

Michael Fleming - Member

A note from the Moderator:

This year, once again I have decided to use the “Consent Agenda” that has been adopted by Town Meetings across the Commonwealth. The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to save you time by dispensing with the reading of and voting on individual articles that can be expected to pass overwhelmingly and instead, voting on them all together with one vote.

In selecting articles for the Consent Agenda, I have used the following criteria:

1. **The article must be a routine article that has appeared regularly in recent years.**
2. **The meaning of the article and the recommendation of the Warrant Committee must be clearly explained in the Warrant.**
3. **It must be reasonable to expect that the Warrant Committee recommendation for the article would pass with no controversy.**

The Consent Agenda will help streamline the meeting so we can focus and discuss other articles within the Warrant.

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Sincerely,

William Cute
Town Moderator
May, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

By Moderator: In order to expedite the consideration of routine items, Articles 1 thru 8 will be considered for approval in a single vote, without debate. I will read each article's number and a description, and if seven members of the Meeting rise to say "HOLD," then the item will be removed so that it may be debated in the normal course. The remaining articles will be moved as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 1: BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE PAYMENT

ARTICLE 2: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS OF A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

ARTICLE 3: SET SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

ARTICLE 4: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET & APPROPRIATION OF MONIES FROM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ANNUAL REVENUES

ARTICLE 5: AUTHORIZE REVOLVING ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

ARTICLE 6: BOARD OF HEALTH TRANSFER STATION OFFSET RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 7: ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

ARTICLE 8: ANNUAL TOWN SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AUCTION AUTHORIZATION

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Rehoboth

Bristol, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Rehoboth

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town aforesaid who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, therein, to meet in the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, MA, on Tuesday, May 11 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following **Annual Town Meeting** articles:

CONSENT AGENDA ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1: BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE PAYMENT

SUBMITTED BY: TOWN TREASURER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$85,046.50 from Solar Revenue Fund for the annual payment of principal and interest on the Bond Anticipation Note for the 2018 purchase of 2 South Old Anawan Street.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Source of Funds: Solar Revenue Fund

Comments: In 2018 Town Meeting approved the purchase of land adjacent to the Public Safety Building. The source of funds approved for the purchase was the Solar Revenue Fund. Using these funds avoids any tax increase related to this acquisition. This represents payment 3 of 4.

ARTICLE 2: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS OF A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of bills from the previous year.

Vendor Name	Account Number	Purpose	Amount
Davis, Malm & D'Agostine	011513-53069	Legal Fees	\$300.00

___Approved ___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Source of Funds: Free Cash

Comments: Invoice was submitted by vendor on November 18, 2020 for attorney services that took place in March 2020.

ARTICLE 3: SET SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the elected officials of the Town, as provided by the Massachusetts General Law 41, §108 for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

Board of Assessors (per person)	\$18,414
Board of Selectmen (per person)	\$ 2,500
Town Clerk	\$82,035
Town Collector	\$43,285
Town Treasurer	\$44,346
Town Moderator	\$ 200
Tree Warden	\$26,075

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comments: These amounts are the same as were discussed in the FY21 budget review process by both the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 4: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET & APPROPRIATION OF MONIES FROM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ANNUAL REVENUES

SUBMITTED BY: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Annual Revenues or available funds in the amounts set forth below for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, and the three categories of required appropriation, for fiscal year 2022, with each item considered a separate appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

PURPOSE:	AMOUNT:
Appropriations:	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	\$14,000
Reserves:	
Open Space	\$28,115
Historic Resources	\$28,115
Community Housing	\$28,115
Total FY 2022 Budget	\$98,345

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

**Community Preservation Committee
Recommends: Approval**

Comments: As required by law, \$98,345 is reserved for the purposes stated above and funded from the estimated FY21 Surcharge (net of estimated abatements/exemptions). The total surcharge yields \$244,446 and includes an estimated 15% FY2022 state match of \$36,700. The balance in

the unreserved fund certified by the Department of Revenue on 6/30/2020 is \$1,582,780, less any appropriations from the fiscal year 2022 Annual Town Meeting. This balance will be available for appropriation for Community Preservation projects after the fiscal year 2022 tax rate is set.

ARTICLE 5: AUTHORIZE REVOLVING ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved. Or take any other action relative thereto.

FUND	Approved Total Expenditures
Parks Commission	\$15,000
Town Events Committee	\$50,000
Conservation Commission	\$75,000
Tree Warden	\$10,000
Palmer River Improvements and Herring Regulation	\$ 3,500
Agricultural Commission	\$ 7,500
Fire Department	\$50,000
Historical Commission	\$10,000
Hornbine School Association Committee	\$10,000

___ Approved ___ Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comments: Approval of this article will re-authorize the funds to be expended by the board, department, etc. as outlined in the chart.

ARTICLE 6: BOARD OF HEALTH TRANSFER STATION OFFSET RECEIPTS

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF HEALTH

To see if the Town will vote to approve the financial report for the Rehoboth Transfer Station for Fiscal Year 2022 as submitted by the Board of Health; and further, to see if the Town will vote to reauthorize an “offset receipts” account for the Solid Waste Handling Facility and Recycling Area and its operation pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E. Fees collected for the use of the Solid Waste Handling Facility and Recycling Area will be deposited in this fund. The account shall be for the expenses and improvements incurred for the operation, maintenance, monitoring and/or compliance requirements of the Solid Waste Handling Facility and Recycling Area, and the Fiscal Year 2021 expenditures shall be limited to \$138,000.00. All expenditures are to be authorized by the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comments: The operation of the Transfer Station is estimated to cost \$138,000.00 in FY22 and will be funded by pay-as-you-throw fees. This amount may be reduced if not approved by the Division of Local Services.

ARTICLE 7: ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

**SUBMITTED BY: AMBULANCE COMMITTEE/ANTIQUARIAN
SOCIETY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/BOARD OF HEALTH**

To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of the Rehoboth Ambulance Committee, Blanding Library, Housing Authority and Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

ARTICLE 8: ANNUAL TOWN SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AUCTION AUTHORIZATION

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the disposal of surplus Town equipment from any Town department by bid or auction pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30B, or by donation or other disposition pursuant to applicable law, or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comments: It is the custom of the Town to dispose of surplus equipment and vehicles that have been deemed unusable at least once a year. This article, if approved, would authorize the Board of Selectmen to create a list of “surplus property” and allow the Board to dispose of items in a manner consistent with the language in the Article.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ARTICLES

ARTICLE 9: PURCHASE OF FRANCIS FARM

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, acquire, or take by eminent domain, and to appropriate \$2.8 million dollars to fund said purchase or taking, along with all necessary legal and engineering and renovation costs, that certain parcel of land totaling approximately 42.02 acres, as more fully shown on that plan entitled “Land Owned by Francis Farm, Inc. Rehoboth, Massachusetts E. Otis Dyer, R.P.L.S. Rehoboth, Mass. Scale 1”=120’ February 23, 2005”, recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 436, Page 75, having a street address of 151R County Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769, and being Lot 1 on Town of Rehoboth Assessor’s Map 34, and being further described in a deed to Seller recorded at the Bristol Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 24646, Page 346, and those three (3) certain parcels of land totaling approximately 5.87 acres combined, as more fully shown on that plan entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan to be known as “Francis Farm”

County Street, Rehoboth, MA A.P. 34 Lot 1 151R county Street Scale 1"=40' Drawn by SNA Date: Sept. 7, 2002", recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 416, Pages 32-36, having a street addresses of 19 Francis Farm Road, 23 Francis Farm Road, and 33 Francis Farm Road respectively, all located in Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769, and being Lot 1 on Town of Rehoboth Assessor's Map 34, and being further described in a deed to Seller recorded at the Bristol Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 24646, Page 343, the acquisition of said land having been determined to be necessary for the health and welfare of the

inhabitants of Rehoboth and to be used for general municipal purposes and recreational/open space use, to be under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreement necessary to effectuate said acquisition including any restrictions which may be necessary related to a funding source; and further, to meet this appropriation, appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance \$400,000 recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for purchase of a portion of said property, more particularly described in a deed recorded in the Bristol County Registry of Deeds at Book 24646, Page 346, being a portion, 34.9 acres of aforementioned property and take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval
Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Sources of Funds: \$2.4m insurance proceeds
CPC Undesignated Fund Balance \$400,000

Comments: This multi-dwelling property is situated on 47+ acres of open land consisting of several buildings offering over 18,000 square feet for functions and activities, two indoor commercial kitchens, two outdoor pavilions, an office building, gazebos and plenty of outdoor space to provide enhanced services. This acquisition will preserve a generational legacy within the Town, conserve valuable open space, and provide an immediate solution to resuming services to our senior population. The source of funds will be insurance proceeds and Community Preservation Commission funds. The purchase of the property and buildings **will not raise real estate taxes.**

ARTICLE 10: ESTABLISHMENT OF A SENIOR CENTER STABILIZATION FUND

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to establish a special purpose stabilization fund under MGL Chapter 40 Section 5B to reserve for expenditures related to (i) acquisition of interests in land or building(s) for a senior center; (ii) acquisition of tangible assets, including equipment or furniture for a senior center (iii) or the undertaking of capital projects that have a useful life of at least 5 years for a senior center, including building renovations, expansion, construction and land acquisitions related thereto; and (iii) the payment of debt service on capital purchases and projects related to the senior center, whether the projects were approved prior to or after the effective date of this article; and further to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to said stabilization fund; or to take any other action relative thereto..

___Approved ___Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval
Finance Committee Recommends:

Comments: This article will allow current and future insurance settlement proceeds from the from the fire at the COA building on Bay State Road to be deposited into a stabilization account to be reserved for future improvements to land and buildings related the Senior Center.

ARTICLE 11: PURCHASE OF LAND AND BUILDING AT 340 ANAWAN STREET

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, acquire, or take by eminent domain, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, either by appropriation, borrowing or otherwise, \$995,000 to fund said purchase or taking along with all associated legal and engineering costs necessary, the property, or any part thereof, located in Rehoboth, Massachusetts identified as that certain parcel of land totaling approximately 93,776 sq. ft., as more fully shown as Lot 5B on that plan entitled “Land Owned by Stephen Dorrance in Rehoboth, Massachusetts E. Otis Dyer, Surv’r Rehoboth, Mass. Scale 1’=100’ March 12, 1985”, recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 219, Page 24, having a street address of 340 Anawan Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769, and being Lot 114A on Town of Rehoboth Assessor’s Map 46, and being further described in a deed to Seller recorded at the Bristol Northern District Registry of Deeds (the “Registry”) in Book 14737, Page 65 and as shown as Parcel B on that plan entitled “Approval Not Required Plan for Stephen H Dorrance and Dawn Marie Dorrance in Rehoboth, Massachusetts AP 46 Lot 8A, 8B, 114 Anawan Street, E. Otis Dyer, Surv’r Rehoboth, Mass. Scale 1’=100’ June 26, 2006 rev September 5, 2007”, recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 461, Page 66, and being further described in a deed to Seller recorded at the Registry in Book 17192, Page 331 the acquisition of said land having been determined to be necessary for the health and welfare of the inhabitants of Rehoboth and to be used for general municipal purposes to be under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreement necessary to effectuate said acquisition including any restrictions which may be necessary related to a funding source; or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval
Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comments:

The intent of this purchase is to establish a new Town Hall. This building is well-suited in both its proximity to the center of town and in physical size to accommodate the needs of town government. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee have been working for two years to find a solution which will meet the needs for the new office space without raising taxes. We are fortunate to have identified 340 Anawan Street as the solution. The source of funds is savings accrued in the FY21 Operating Budget and reoccurring revenue from the solar and cannabis projects in town. The purchase of this property and building **will not raise real estate taxes.**

ARTICLE 12: \$145,000 CPC FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF A PARCEL OF LAND ON SPRAGUE ROAD

SUBMITTED BY: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$145,000 from the Open Space Reserves

and/or Unreserved Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of purchasing, for conservation purposes, the property which is that certain parcel of land, as shown on Assessor's Map 64, Lots 5 and 6B, consisting of approximately 24 +/- acres, more or less, (Book 16862, Page 246; and Book 19520, Page 161) on Sprague Road, Town of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from Luigi Fabrizi and Giustina Fabrizi, and for related administrative, engineering and filing costs associated with the purchase of said property and the development of the Conservation Restriction required on the property; and to authorize the Selectmen to convey or accept any necessary restrictions for such property.

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved

CPC Recommends: Approval

Comments:

ARTICLE 13: \$20,000 CPC FUNDS FROM THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION RESERVES FOR HORNBIKE SCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$20,000 from the Historic Preservation Reserves and/or Unreserved Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of maintenance and repairs at the Hornbine School.

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved

CPC Recommends: Approval

Comments: Repairs to the Hornbine School are to commence after the Annual Town Meeting. A cost estimate has been obtained from a historic preservationist for the sum of \$18,000+ which will address many issues, including repair of the building foundation, and will secure the preservation of this historic Town asset.

ARTICLE 14: CPC FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF A PARCEL OF LAND -GREAR FARM

SUBMITTED BY: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of up to \$1.3 million from the Open Space, Unrestricted funds of the Town's Community Preservation Funds and transfer or accept grants of any other available funds for the purpose of purchasing, for conservation purposes, the property which is that certain parcel of land as shown on the Assessor's Map 39 Lot 56 consisting of approximately 32.67 +/- acres, more or less, (Book 10797 Page 230 on Winthrop Street, Town of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to authorize the Selectmen to convey or accept any necessary restrictions for such property.

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

**Community Preservation Committee
Recommends: Approval**

Comments: The Grear property will be purchased in FY22. It will be contingent on execution of a P&S agreement, and an appraisal of at least \$1.3m.

ARTICLE 15: FISCAL YEAR 2022 CONSOLIDATED TOWN AND REGIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to receive the Report of the Finance Committee, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$32,589,870 to defray the expenses of Town government and pay the assessments of the Dighton/Rehoboth Regional School System, Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School and the Bristol County Agricultural High

School for the ensuing fiscal year and to make all appropriations therefore, or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Source of Funds: Taxation \$31,964,884,
Free Cash \$624,286

Comments: In February and March of 2021 the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee worked in conjunction with all department heads to build a zero-based budget of \$11,465,422 for Fiscal Year 2022. The Dighton Regional School Committee's operating and capital assessment to the Town of Rehoboth for FY22 is \$19,799,989. The total FY22 Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School Assessment is \$1,130,485 and represents an increase due to student enrollment being more than last year. Finally, the Bristol County Agricultural High School's assessment for FY22 is \$193,974 which includes a tuition and capital assessment. This appropriation will fund all three voted school assessments and the town's budget in full.

ARTICLE 16: DESE MANDATED INCREASE IN DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT IN FY2020

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the amount of \$287,251 for the purpose of paying the DESE-mandated increase to the DRRSD appropriation in FY2020, or take any other relative action thereto.

 Approved Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Source of Funds: Stabilization

Comments: In December, 2021, DESE, pursuant to statute, took administrative control over the school budget as the budget was not approved in the normal course. DESE may assess more, less or the same as the school. DESE assessed and additional \$287,251 to the Town of Rehoboth and payment is mandatory.

ARTICLE 17: FISCAL YEAR 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of funding FY22 Capital Improvement Plan as follows; or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Requesting Dept</u>
1	F550 Dump Truck with Plow & Utility Box	\$73,000	Forestry
2	83" x 20' Tilt Equipment Trailer 20K GVWR	\$15,000	Highway
3	2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD	\$52,000	Police

 Approve Disapprove

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Source of Funds:

Overlay Surplus \$53,893.29, Capital Stabilization \$86,106.71

Comments: Department managers will be present at Town Meeting to address any questions or concerns about their Capital Improvement request.

ARTICLE 18: CREATION OF STABILIZATION FUND AND ACCEPTANCE OF G.L. c. 40, § 5B, para. 4 – DEDICATION OF CERTAIN RECEIPTS WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town of Rehoboth will vote to establish a new Cannabis Stabilization Fund and, further, to see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, and further to dedicate 100% percent of the local sales tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town collected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, section 3 and the community impact fees by marijuana establishments operating within the Town collected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, section 3 to said Cannabis Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021 or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comments: The purpose of this local option statute and dedication of funds is to use marijuana receipts to offset large capital projects without which would result in tax increases.

ARTICLE 19: SPECIAL LEGISLATION – TREASURER/COLLECTOR

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court, in compliance with Clause (1), Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments of the Massachusetts Constitution, that legislation be adopted precisely as set forth below, provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Town Administrator approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Town Administrator is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take any other action relative thereto.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A TREASURER/COLLECTOR IN THE TOWN OF REHOBOTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of treasurer-collector for the town of Rehoboth is hereby established. The treasurer-collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The treasurer-collector shall be appointed by the board of selectmen of the town for a term not to exceed three

years and may be removed by the board of selectmen of the town. The board of selectmen may establish an employment contract with the treasurer-collector for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expense incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, conditions of discipline, termination dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave. A vacancy in such office shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1, the incumbent in the office of treasurer/collector upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term and the appointment and qualification of a treasurer/collector or a precedent vacating of office.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Comments: This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to request the General Court approve special legislation, which, if approved, would convert the Treasurer/Collector positions from elected to appointed, professionalizing the position and to be more consistent with generally accepted governmental operations.

____Approved ____Disapproved **Board of Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

ARTICLE 20: TEMPORARY/PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS REED STREET -BRIDGE AREA

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, accept purchase, or take by eminent domain temporary construction or permanent easements related to the Reed Street Bridge Reconstruction Project as shown and identified on a plan entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division, Plan and Profile of Reed Street Over Palmer River (Bridge No .R-04-004 (C5D)), in the Town of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Preliminary Right of Way, 100% submission,” dated July 10, 2020 and prepared by Lamson Engineering Corporation, said plan being on file with the Town Clerk at least fourteen days prior to Town Meeting; and to raise or

appropriate a sum of money, if necessary, to fund said acquisition or temporary taking along with all legal costs associated therewith, or take any other action in relation thereto.

___Approve ___Disapprove

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval

Comments: The repair of the Reed Street Bridge is necessary due to the bridge foundation is deteriorating and has to be replaced. This work is being funded through the state and federal government.

ARTICLE 21: GENERAL BYLAWS AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER A – AUTHORIZED REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

SUBMITTED BY: BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend CHAPTER A TOWN MEETINGS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND ELECTIONS ARTICLE III – TOWN OFFICIALS - ELECTED, Section 2. **Powers and Duties** of Elected Officials, D. Duties of the Town Treasurer of the General Bylaws of the Town by adding a new revolving fund to section “**E. Authorized Revolving Funds**” for use by the Building Department under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½ as follows:

FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUNDS	FISCAL YEARS
Building Department	Electrical, Plumbing Mechanical Permit Fees	Building Commissioner	To allow payments of the inspection fees to be paid out to sub-contractors.	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years

And further to authorize the total expenditures of up to \$100,000 for the said Building Department revolving fund pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

___Approve ___Disapprove

Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting

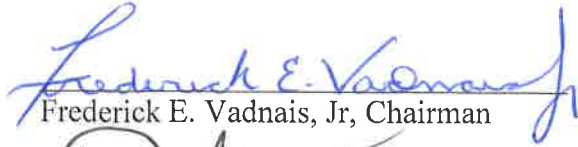
Comments: Approval of this article will allow the Building Department to create a revolving fund to deposit revenue and pay expenses related to the Building Department.

ARTICLE 22: TRANSACT OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID MEETING

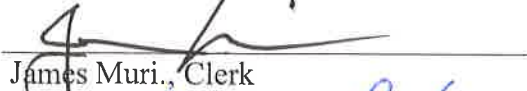
You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in the Office of the Town Clerk and in not less than three other public places in each of the three precincts of the Town seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for the meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

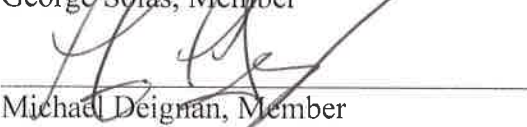
Given under our hands this 26th day of April in the year two thousand twenty-one.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr, Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman


James Muri., Clerk


George Solas, Member


Michael Deignan, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WARRANT

ANNUAL MEETING REHOBOTH WATER DISTRICT May 11, 2021

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Rehoboth
Bristol, ss.

To Any of the Constables of the

Town of Rehoboth: Greetings:

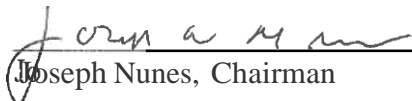
During these very trying times we the members of the Water Commission would like to withhold from submitting a report at this year's Annual Town Meeting. We are trying our best to help do our part in keeping our Town Meeting as short and safe for all Towns' people involved.

This letter was unanimously approved on April 21, 2021.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in two public places in the Town of Rehoboth seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for the meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of April in the year two thousand twenty-one.

REHOBOTH WATER COMMISSIONERS



Joseph Nunes, Chairman

TOWN OF REHOBOTH DEPARTMENTS

TELEPHONE LIST & HOURS OF OPERATION

(All 148 Peck Street Offices open Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon)

DEPARTMENT	NAME	EXT.	TEL. NO.	DEPT #
<u>Town Administrator</u> Selectmen's Office	Deborah Arruda..... Carol Chencus..... Cindy McDonough..... Selectmen's Meeting Room.....	3104 3106 3107 3133	252-3758/59 FAX: 252-5342	2
<u>Accountant</u>	Roberta Oliveira..... Amy Brown-M-Th 1-4....Fri 8-11.	3125 3124	252-3363	
<u>Animal Control Officer</u> Hours Vary	Rob Johnson..... (Brian McKearney-Asst.)	3126	252-5421	4
<u>Assessors</u> Assessors: Gene Campbell, Susan Taylor & Riccardo Binetti	Linda Greaves Administrative Assessor Marisa Medeiros.....	3114 3115 3113	252-3352	
<u>Board of Health</u>	Karl Drown..... Amy Brown-M-Th 8-1 ...Fri-11-12	3101 3100	252-3099	8
<u>Building Inspector/Zoning Officer</u>	(Bill McDonough)	3220	252-3335	3
	Kathy Amaral-Office Administrator.....	3221		
<u>Facility Manager-Part-Time-BOS Offices</u>	Bill Pray* Office Hrs: M & T 8-4 and W-8-11:30	3130	508-252-3758 *401-359-9825	*Use Cell # as main #
<u>Planning Board</u>	Daniel Roach-ConCom/PB Agent.....	3108	252-6891	
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	Stacy Vilao Admin Asst.....	3105		
<u>Tax Collector</u>	Cheryl Gouveia Debi Giles	3116 3120	252-3262	7
<u>Town Clerk</u>	Laura Schwall..... Lynn Shaker..... Odete Lacourse.....	3110 3109 3112	252-6502	6
<u>Town Nurse</u>	Jaime Conlon.....	3127	252-5947 Fax: 252-1027	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Cheryl Gouveia..... Lisa Dias-Cabral-Asst. Treasurer..... Collector/Treasurer Window.....	3116 3119 3117	252-3571	
<u>Information Technology & Media</u> 320 Anawan Street-Office Derek Rousseau-	Personnel Office Phone-Town Bldg..... 320 Anawan St-Office.....	3123 3300	508-207-0605	
<u>Veteran's Agent</u> Office Open Tues-Friday	Jake Kramer.....	3122	252-4467 252-6893 (fax #)	
<u>Other Extensions</u>	Hall (by copier)..... BOS Meeting Room.....	3134 3133	252-5342 (fax #)	
<u>Highway</u> 345 Anawan St	Michael Costello..... Stacy Vilao..... Office..... Shop.....	3210 3211 3213 3214	252-3912	252-3421-fax
<u>Council on Aging- Senior Center</u> 183 Winthrop St., Unit 1	Kimberly Robens	4012	252-3372	252-4716-fax
	Linda Sherman – Housing Authority.....	4015		
	Brad Marshall.....	4017		
<u>Police Dept.</u> 334 Anawan Street	Chief James Trombetta..... Barbara Greve- Office Administrator Martina Fiore – Part-time Clerk	1103 1196	252-3722	252-6036-fax
<u>Fire Chief</u> 334 Anawan St	Francis T. Barresi Linda McKenna, Office Administrator		252-3725	252-4018-fax
<u>REMA Personnel</u>	Baressi/Haskell		252-3725	
<u>Tree Warden</u>	Robert Johnson - Cell: 508-509-5691			
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>	James Sine		252-3335	
<u>Electrical Inspector</u>	John Brennan		252-3335	
<u>Gas Inspector</u>	James Sine		252-3335	
<u>School Department-DRRSD</u> 2700 Regional Rd N Dighton MA 02764	Superintendent's Office Dr. Anthony Azar Superintendent		252-5000	
<u>Landfill – Off Plain St/Rt 118</u> Hours: Tues 4-7 & Sat 8-3	Robert Brown, Jr.....	3250	252-6987	

Revised 4/27/2021—add Meeting Room ext.

TALENT BANK**FORM**

DATE: _____

Town Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents serving the Town of Rehoboth. A Talent Bank has been established as a means of compiling a list of interested citizens willing to serve on a voluntary basis on a variety of boards and committees. Some boards meet often—some require less time—and some are busy at different times of the year. From time to time, there is also a need for advisory committees or sub-committees appointed to work on a specific project.

If you are interested in serving, please indicate your preference below and return the completed form and resume to:

Selectmen's Office, Town of Rehoboth, 148 Peck Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769, email to: darruda@town.rehoboth.ma.us or FAX to 508-252-5342

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Election Day Worker	<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Town Events Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Facility Study Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals
<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Energy Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council	<input type="checkbox"/> IT Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Rehoboth Beautiful	

Other (Please Describe) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell or Work Telephone: _____

Are you a registered voter? _____ yes _____ no

Special interests and skills _____

Education and experience _____

Reasons for wanting to serve _____



Rehoboth, Ma.

Memorial Day Parade

MAY 31, 2021 Canceled



Unfortunately, this year's Parade has been **CANCELLED** due to the constraints of Covid-19 restrictions. You will see 68 utility poles with 3'x 5' American Flags from the American Legion on Bay State Road, traveling through the village and ending up at the Veterans' Memorial Gazebo at Redway Plain from early May through July. **The Memorial Day Ceremony** will commence at around 11:40 AM with social distancing enforced, followed by dedication for all of our Fallen Comrades who've given the ultimate sacrifice and for those who have fallen since last Memorial Day with a ceremony ending at noon, with the lowering and raising of the American Flag.

The Veterans Service Officer would like to thank you all who participated in the past for the Rehoboth Memorial Day Parades. The "Rehoboth" Memorial Day Parade will now be conducted "**Annually**" in the town of Rehoboth. If you haven't participated in the past, the town of Rehoboth's Veterans Office would be thrilled to have you join in our Memorial Day Parades. Please call 508-252-4467 or e-mail Jake at veterans@rehobothma.us

Please respond to the Veterans Office if you're interested in participating in this year's Memorial Day Parade

Thank you

Town of Rehoboth
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769

Important
Official Notice of:
May 11, 2021 Annual Town Meeting

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Please bring this Warrant with you to the
Annual Town Meeting

Ramada Inn
Ballroom
213 Taunton Avenue
Seekonk, MA 02771
Tuesday, May 11, 2021