

**TOWN
OF
REHOBOTH**

**Special Town Meeting
WARRANT**

**Monday, October 27, 2014
7:00 PM**

**Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School
2700 Regional Road
North Dighton, MA 02764**

**THE REHOBOTH BOY SCOUTS WILL BE COLLECTING
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AT THE SPECIAL TOWN
MEETING FOR THE REHOBOTH FOOD PANTRY**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to allow the Town to enter into a long term lease not to exceed ninety-nine (99) years for the purposes of creating senior and senior veterans affordable housing at the former Anawan School; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes to the form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments as are within the public purposes of the petition, or to take any other action relative thereto.

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Comments: The May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease of the former Anawan School. A preferred developer has been selected and is seeking a 99 year lease which will require approval of the State Legislature. Any long term lease beyond 30 years requires approval from the State Legislature. Given the anticipated significant investment by the developer into the building the longer the lease the greater the probability of securing favorable financing. This article is the next step in the redevelopment of the former School and would authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court allowing the Town to enter into a 99 year lease of the site.

ARTICLE 7: EASEMENT WINTHROP STREET TO NATIONAL GRID (Redway Plain)

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen/Park Commission

To see if the Town, acting by and through the Rehoboth Park Commission, will vote to grant a land easement to National Grid approximately sixteen (16) feet wide and thirty (30) feet deep to accommodate the placement of two (2) utility poles with a step down transformer including guys and anchors Board of Assessors' Parcel ID 38-63, Book/Page 5249/153 at the extreme westerly portion of Redway Plain approximately 10 feet off the State Highway layout, will vote to grant and easement to National Grid for the placement of step down transformers adjacent to Redway Plain.

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Comments: As part of the ongoing electrical system upgrade, National Grid is seeking a new location along Winthrop Street for the placement of a double pole which is known as a "step down" location. If approved and installed this would significantly improve the reliability of electrical service especially for the business along Winthrop Street.

ARTICLE 8: MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION OF ELECTRICITY

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to grant the Board of Selectmen authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Comments: The Town is currently working with the Regional Planning Agency and several communities in Southeastern Massachusetts to collaboratively explore the feasibility of pooling all electric users into one purchasing group. The estimated size of the purchasing group is approximately 200,000. The goal, given the size of the purchasing group, is to drive down the cost for electricity currently being paid by the customer per Kilo Watt Hour or KWH. This would be an optional alternative for the customer and participation would not be required.

ARTICLE 9: AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS CHAPTER A, TOWN MEETINGS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND ELECTIONS, ARTICLE II, PROCEDURE AT TOWN MEETING, SECTION 9 (Reconsideration)

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaw, Chapter A, Town Meetings, Officers, Committees and Election, Article II, Section 9, "Procedure at Town Meeting," which reads as follows:

"Section 9. A motion to reconsider any vote must be made before the final adjournment of the Meeting at which the vote was passed, but such motion to reconsider shall not be made at an adjourned meeting unless the mover has given