



TOWN OF REHOBOTH TOWN WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023
7:00 PM**

**Francis Farm
Museum Building
27 Francis Farm Road
Rehoboth, MA 02769**

ADA ADVISORY

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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 9, 2023

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**Board of Selectmen
340 Anawan Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769**

April 14, 2023

Citizens of Rehoboth

Hello, I am Skip Vadnais, Chairman of your Board of Selectmen. I believe you all know that the Board consists of five (5) members. What you may not know is how the Board functions.

As Chairman, I have assigned each member responsibilities to specific areas of the Town government. This ensures that every aspect of our daily operations is given the attention it deserves. Selectmen updates are given at each Selectmen's meeting. When action is required an action item is placed on the agenda for full public discussion prior to a vote being taken. Their annual reports are as follows:

Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman-The Highway Department went through a major overhaul in the past year from superintendents, to filling in vacant positions with all employees having a CDL driver's license, and acquiring hoisting licenses for employees that did not have them. The department is now filled with licensed and eager town employees with qualifications to meet the future needs of our Town. As the Town continues to grow, we should take great pride in knowing these are highly skilled and trained individuals that take care of the infrastructure of our beautiful community.

Thank you to the voters, we were able to establish a new department, Building and Facility Maintenance Department. A new superintendent was assigned to lead the Town into the next chapter of taking care of all the buildings and grounds. This includes 20 buildings and structures to ensuring our property is maintained and serviced professionally. This department stands ready to protect the assets and properties the Town's people has entrusted them to safeguard.

George Solas, Sr., Clerk-Our Senior Center has risen from ashes to fly again even stronger with many dynamic programs. The Board of Selectmen formed our Health and Human Services Department (Senior Center, Public Health Nurse Dept, and Veterans' Services) to enrich the social, emotional, physical, health, mental and economic well-being of Rehoboth's elder citizens, by offering meals and transportation services, socializing opportunities, and educational and physical activity programs.

The IT and Media roles have been separated to allow for more dedicated focus. The Media Manager will create an encompassing communication format to become the center for "What's Happening in Rehoboth?"

The IT function will work in tandem with the Town's Managing Service Provider.

Robert Johnson II, Member-This liaison system is set up to allow Selectmen to be involved and give guidance as needed to committees under our leadership. This has allowed me to meet, or know better, many very active people on the committees and is very rewarding.

I help to serve the Francis Farm property for their annual clambakes and continue to work with the Town Events Committee while they plan wonderful events for the Town. I also helped to kickstart the Recreation Committee towards planning for recreation plans at Francis Farm and other areas in Town.

I supported the Historical Commission in ongoing and upcoming projects at historical locations in Town along with CPC on parcels of land secured for conservation purposes. The properties include Francis Farm, The Pomerell Construction Area, and Grear Farm, among others.

In addition, I have brought the Water Commission and Agricultural Commission to work together with the Conservation Commission on a site that had hundreds of loads of waste material dumped. The site was cleaned up and is now being restored as it once was with the help of all involved.

I will continue to be involved with these groups to see the projects through to the end.

Michael P. Deignan, Member-I would like to thank Colleen Simpson and her dedicated team of volunteers, Mike, Robert, Steve and Sue for all the hard work they invested in reviewing the budget and recommendations within an incredibly short time period once again this year. Please support the Finance Committee's recommendations at Town Meeting on the budget and Warrant Articles, for they are the professionals who look out for the financial standing of the Town.

In closing, if you have a concern you wish to bring to the attention of the Board of Selectmen, please call the Selectmen's office, provide a brief description of your concern and leave your contact information. You will be contacted by a selectman pertaining to your concern.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, May 9th at 7pm!

The Board of Selectmen

April 14, 2023

Dear fellow residents of Rehoboth,

It is the Finance Committee's responsibility to provide a balanced budget for town meeting. Doing so without sacrificing services is a constant challenge. This year the initial town department requests and school assessments would have exceeded revenue by \$1.6 million. After reductions in both, the deficit decreased to \$725,000. We are fortunate to have available free cash to cover this amount and recommend it's use to bridge this gap.

This year marks a change in how the budget is being presented in this warrant. While there is a comparable level of detail of the budget in the Appendix, only the department totals are line items.

REVENUES - increased \$1.42 million

There is a combined total increase of \$1.2 million for tax levy, 2 ^{1/2} increase and new growth. We are estimating an additional increase of \$250,000 from local receipts.

EXPENSES - increased \$2.6 million

Town Departments - increased \$1.18 million. A few increases of note:

- \$425,361 – new lines State charges & County Tax - previously shown as reduction to available revenue
- \$155,000 – PFAS maintenance
- \$156,852 – Maintenance staff
- \$20,000 – machine rentals for Highway dept.
- \$56,000 – anticipate higher fuel costs
- \$137,510 - total increase of Health & Human Service salaries. Mostly due to transitioning a portion of salaries from ARPA funding in FY23 to town budget this year; some PT to FT changes.
- \$88,190 - Bristol County retirement assessment
- \$140,000 – insurance premium for town buildings & vehicles

Debt Service increased \$251,000 – this is final payment on our new town hall

Education – increased a total \$1.23 million

- \$896,601 - Dighton Rehoboth Regional School – The state minimum local contribution increased \$536,327
- \$239,173 - Bristol Plymouth - This includes a capital assessment of \$167,902 for the current construction project. This payment will become larger as building progresses and loan funds are expended.
- \$102,713 - Bristol County Agricultural – Student enrollment increased from 18 to 29

Due to time constraints, there are several articles on the warrant that the Finance Committee has not had sufficient time to review prior to the printing of this warrant. Our recommendations for those articles will be made at town meeting.

For the Finance Committee,

Colleen Simpson – Chair

Michael Fleming – Vice Chair

Steve Evans – Clerk

Robert Gagnon – Member

Susan Ohsberg – 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, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

By Moderator: In order to expedite the consideration of routine items, Articles 1 thru 9 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: ANNUAL TOWN SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AUCTION AUTHORIZATION

ARTICLE 2: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS OF A PRIOR YEAR

ARTICLE 3: SET SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

ARTICLE 4: 340 ANAWAN STREET-NOTE PAYMENT

ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF HEALTH TRANSFER STATION OFFSET RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 6: AUTHORIZE REVOLVING ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

**ARTICLE 7: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET & APPROPRIATION OF MONIES
FROM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ANNUAL REVENUES**

**ARTICLE 8: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM NETWORK TRANSPORTATION RESERVE
RECEIPT (NTRR) FUND**

ARTICLE 9: ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT

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 at Francis Farm-Museum Building, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following **Annual Town Meeting** articles:

CONSENT AGENDA ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1: 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 and materials from any Town departments by bid, auction or scrap 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**

Comment: It is the custom of the Town to dispose of surplus equipment, scrap materials 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.

ARTICLE 2: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS OF A PRIOR YEAR
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Vendor/Dept Name	Purpose	Amount
Clerical, Highway & Facilities Maintenance Wages	FY22 & FY23 Retro Pay	\$31,000

 Approved **Disapproved** **Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting**
Source of Funds: Free Cash

Comment: Union contracts for the Clerical, Highway and Facility Maintenance Departments were negotiated after June, 30, 2022.

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 c. 41, §108 for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

Board of Assessors (per person)	\$19,536
Board of Selectmen (per person)	\$ 2,500
Town Clerk	\$87,031
Town Moderator	\$ 200
Tree Warden	\$27,663

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

☐ **Approved** ☐ **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comment: These amounts are the same as were discussed in the FY24 budget review process by both the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 4: 340 ANAWAN STREET- NOTE PAYMENT
SUBMITTED BY: TOWN TREASURER

To see if the Town will vote to **Appropriate \$135,000 from Solar Revenue Funds** and **Raise and Appropriate \$299,959** for the final payment of \$434,959 principal and interest on the 340 Anawan Note for the 2021 purchase of 340 Anawan Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

☐ **Approved** ☐ **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Source of Funds: Solar Revenue Funds \$135,000
Raise and Appropriate: \$299,959

Comment: In 2021 Town Meeting approved the purchase of 340 Anawan Street to become the new Town Hall. This represents the final payment!

ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF HEALTH TRANSFER STATION OFFSET RECEIPTS
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF HEALTH

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 M.G.L. c. 44, §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 2024 expenditures shall be limited to \$148,700.00. All expenditures are to be authorized by the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

☐ **Approved** ☐ **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comment: The operation of the Transfer Station is estimated to cost \$148,700.00 in FY24 and will be funded by pay-as-you-throw fees.

ARTICLE 6: REAUTHORIZE REVOLVING ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditure limits for the following revolving funds pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved.

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
Building Department	\$150,000
Total	\$381,000

Or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

Comment: Approval of this article will reauthorize the available funds to be expended by the board, department, etc. up to the limit in the chart.

ARTICLE 7: 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 2024 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Annual Revenues in the amount of \$357,242 for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues unless otherwise specified, for Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation purposes with each item considered a separate appropriation:

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET	
PURPOSE:	AMOUNT:
Appropriations:	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	\$ 17,862

Reserves:	
Open Space	\$ 35,724
Historic Resources	\$ 35,724
Community Housing	\$ 35,724
Budgeted Reserves	\$150,000
Total FY 2024 Budget	\$ 275,035

___Approved ___Disapproved

**Community Preservation Committee
Recommends: Approval**

Comment: The \$275,035 Budget is funded by the FY23 Surcharge (net of estimated abatements/exemptions) of \$287,242 plus an estimated FY2023 state match of \$70,000. The amount of \$390,009 (the Fund balance certified by the Department of Revenue on 6/30/22 of \$1,206,552 less appropriation for continuing appropriations of \$109,340 is available for appropriation for Community Preservation projects beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. These unreserved funds can be used for project appropriations at Town Meeting instead of appropriating from other reserves.

**ARTICLE 8: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM NETWORK TRANSPORTATION RESERVE
RECEIPT (NTRR) FUND**
SUBMITTED BY: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$353.90 from Network Transportation Reserve Receipt Fund to the Highway Road Program for the purpose of road improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

**Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Source of Funds: NTRR Fund**

Comment: Per-ride assessment distribution (from Uber and other similar ride share services) received annually from the Commonwealth must be deposited into the Reserve Fund and expenditures of the funds must be used to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

ARTICLE 9: ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF HEALTH

To see if the Town will vote to receive the report of the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ARTICLES

ARTICLE 10: DATE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter A, Town Meetings, Officers, Committees and Elections, Article 1, Calling of Town Meetings, Section 2., by deleting the text shown with a ~~strike through~~, and inserting the text shown in *italics*, as printed below; or take any other action relative thereto.

Section 2. The Annual Town Meeting for the Election of Town Officers shall be held on the First Tuesday in April of each year and the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other business shall be held on ~~the second Tuesday in May~~ *first Monday of May* at the specific hour and location designated by the Board of Selectmen, and in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, until every article and other business in the warrant has been duly considered and acted upon. *The Annual Town Meeting may be delayed by the Board of Selectmen to a date which would still allow completion of the Town Meeting prior to June 30.*

 Approved **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting

Comment: This amendment allows greater flexibility in the scheduling of the Annual Town Meeting and ensures that the Town will have relevant budgetary information for the regional school district. This bylaw is consistent with the Town of Dighton's Annual Town Meeting bylaw.

ARTICLE 11: FISCAL YEAR 2024 TOWN 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 \$13,783,975 to defray the expenses of Town government and 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 \$13,574,689
Cannabis Revenue Funds: \$128,291
Free Cash \$80,994

Comment: The Finance Committee has prepared a line-item budget which defrays the cost of Town related operations such as safety, inspection services, social services and cultural/recreational programs. This year's budget represents a 9.45% increase over FY23. The Finance Committee recommends an appropriation of \$13,783,975 for Fiscal Year 2024. Please refer to Appendix A for department details. This appropriation will fund the town's budget in full.

ARTICLE 12: FUNDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT-DISPATCHERS
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Vendor/Dept Name	Purpose	Amount
Dispatchers' Wages	FY22 Retro Pay	A sum of money

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved **Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting**
Source of Funds: Free Cash

Comment: Dispatcher Union contract was not negotiated in time for the printing of the Warrant

ARTICLE 13: FISCAL YEAR 2024 DIGHTON REHOBOTH 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 \$21,259.073 to pay the assessments of the Dighton/Rehoboth Regional School System, 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 \$20,910,342
Free Cash \$348,730

Comment: The Dighton Regional School Committee's operating and capital assessment to the Town of Rehoboth for FY24 is \$21,259,073 an increase of 4.4% over last year. This appropriation will fund Dighton Rehoboth Regional school assessment in full.

ARTICLE 14: FISCAL YEAR 2024 BRISTOL PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL
HIGH 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 \$1,436,167 to defray the expenses of Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical 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 \$1,436,167

Comment: The total FY24 Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School Assessment is \$1,436,167 and represents an increase due to increased required minimum contribution and includes \$167,000 for the capital building project. This appropriation is based on enrollment of 74 Rehoboth

students and will fund Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School's voted school assessments in full.

ARTICLE 15: FISCAL YEAR 2024 BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH 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 a sum of 272,713 to defray the expenses for 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 \$272,713

Comment: The Bristol County Agricultural High School's estimated assessment for FY24 is \$272,713 an increase of 60.42% which includes a tuition and capital assessment. This appropriation should fund Bristol County Agricultural High School's anticipated assessments in full. Rehoboth currently has 29 students at Bristol County Agricultural High School'

ARTICLE 16: CPC FUNDS FROM THE UNDESIGNATED FUND FOR RELATED EXPENSES OF THE 30 ACRES, OFF OF 165 FAIRVIEW AVENUE (PART OF MAP 57, LOT 13)
SUBMITTED BY: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure of \$225,000 for the purchase of 30 acres, off 165 Fairview Avenue, (Part of Map 57, Lot13, Deed Book 496 page 107) along with the costs associated with such purchase, such acquisition to support preservation and passive recreational use, and further to authorize the Town to convey an appropriate conservation restriction in such property. Funds will be drawn from the Community Preservation Committee undesignated funds.

___Approved ___Disapproved

CPC Recommends: Approval

Comment: For the related expenses for the purchase of 30 acres, off 165 Fairview Avenue, (Part of Map 57, Lot13, Deed Book 496 page 107).

ARTICLE 17: CPC FUNDS FROM THE UNDESIGNATED FUND FOR RELATED EXPENSES OF THE PURCHASE 14 ACRES OFF OF 44 BLISS STREET, LOT 1
SUBMITTED BY: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure of \$125,000 for the purchase of 14 acres off 44 Bliss Street, Lot 1, along with the costs associated with such a purchase, such acquisition will support preservation and passive recreational use, and, further to authorize the Town to convey an appropriate conservation restriction in such property. Funds will be drawn from the Community Preservation Committee undesignated funds.

___Approved ___Disapproved

CPC Recommends: Approval

Comment: For the related expenses for the purchase of 14 acres off 44 Bliss Street, Lot 1.

ARTICLE 18: TRANSFER \$25,000 FOR THE FY2025 CERTIFICATION OF VALUES
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Assessors to transfer from overlay surplus the sum of \$25,000.00 for the contracting of the FY2025 revaluing and certifying assessed valuation of the Town as mandated by the State of Massachusetts to comply with Proposition two and one half under the direction of the Board of Assessors' and provide for incidental and related expenses and to authorize the Board of Assessors to execute any such contract; or take any other action relative thereto

___Approved ___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Source of Funds: Overlay Surplus

ARTICLE 19: RE-STATEMENT OF THE BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the agreement between the Town and Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational School Agreement to include the addition of the Town of Freetown as a new member to the District; or take any other action relative thereto

___Approved ___Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval

Comment: This amended agreement was approved by the Bristol-Plymouth Regional School Committee on May, 2022. It has been presented to the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education for its initial review and comment.

ARTICLE 20: 90 POND STREET-PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES SOLAR "PILOT" AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" Agreement with REHOBOTH RENEWABLES, LLC or its assign for a period of up to twenty (20) years, and to approve said Agreement under which REHOBOTH RENEWABLE LLC or its assignee will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to a twenty (20) acre +/- portion of land located at 90 Pond Street, Rehoboth, MA related to the proposed construction and operation of a Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately four point zero four (4.04) megawatts, said Pilot Agreement being on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and further to allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate any amendments necessary to said PILOT Agreement to reflect any changes in the size of the parcel of land or size of the system so long as the payments reflected in the PILOT Agreement rise or lower commensurately, or to take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting

Comment: If approved this agreement would be the sixth solar project located in Town. Estimated annual revenue is \$34,340 for the first year with an escalating amount of 1.5% per year which will be allocated to the public building improvement account.

**ARTICLE 21: STREET ACCEPTANCES: FRANCELINA WAY, VEADER FARM ROAD,
AND LAYLA'S WAY**

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to accept as Town public ways the following roadways:

Francelina Way: as laid out by the vote of the Board of Selectmen on March 20, 2023, and as shown on Assessor's Map 3, a copy of which was filed with the Town Clerk not later than seven days prior to Town Meeting, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or take by eminent domain deeds or easements to use such public way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Rehoboth and further to authorize the Selectmen to acquire related drainage, utility and other related easements, as may be necessary.

Veader Farm Road: as laid out by the vote of the Board of Selectmen on March 20, 2023, and as shown on Assessor's Map 3, a copy of which was filed with the Town Clerk not later than seven days prior to Town Meeting, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or take by eminent domain deeds or easements to use such public way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Rehoboth and further authorize the Selectmen to acquire related drainage, utility and other related easements, as may be necessary.

Layla's Way: as laid out by the vote of the Board of Selectmen on March 20, 2023, and as shown on Assessor's Map 28, a copy of which was filed with the Town Clerk not later than seven days prior to Town Meeting, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or take by eminent domain deeds or easements to use such public way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Rehoboth and further authorize the Selectmen to acquire related drainage, utility and other related easements, as may be necessary

Further to authorize the appropriation of \$1500 to pay for title and other expenses that may arise, or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval
Finance Committee Recommends: Approval
Source of Funds: Free Cash

**ARTICLE 22: HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE OF THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION ACT (CPA) FUNDS-RELOCATION OF BUILDINGS**

SUBMITTED BY: REHOBOTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of funds from the Historic Preservation Reserve of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) for the moving and restoration of Rehoboth Historical Commission's three Farm Museum Buildings at Francis Farm to a new location at the complex in order to provide better parking for the Senior Center; or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approve ___Disapprove

Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting
Source of Funds: Historical Preservation Reserve Funds

Comment: The Rehoboth Historical Commission would like the Town to approve the funding for this project in order to make the Senior Center more accessible for residents. It also allows the Historical Commission to have the ability to grow its educational outreach by giving us a designated area and continued use of the buildings.

ARTICLE 23: HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE OF THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION ACT (CPA) FUNDS-PURCHASE OF SHADY BEND
SUBMITTED BY: REHOBOTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to approve the use of \$50,000 from the Historic Preservation Reserve of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) to purchase the buildings and property located at 133 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA in its entirety including any closing costs or costs associated with the same, and further to authorize the Selectmen to convey a historic preservation restriction on such property, or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approve ___Disapprove

Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting
Source of Funds: Historical Preservation Reserve Funds

Comments: The Rehoboth Historical Commission asks the town to support the purchase of the building and property at 133 Bay State Rd also known as Shady Bend. This historical building already resides in Rehoboth's Historical Village District. The Commission plans to restore the building through grants and donations. The building has significant historical value as it originally served as the office for the Union Manufacturing Company that operated for 100 years in that area. It later became a post office and then tea house for many years with guests arriving by the trolley that ran through the village.

ARTICLE 24: AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will approve the amended Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Agreement by deleting the text shown with a ~~strike through~~, and inserting the text shown in *italics*, or highlighted/underlined as printed below; or take any other action relative thereto.

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

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

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL

1. ~~Anawan Elementary School~~
~~Bay State Road, Rehoboth, Mass.~~
2. 1. Palmer River Elementary School
Winthrop Street, Rehoboth, Mass.
3. 2. D.L. Beckwith Middle School
Winthrop Street, Rehoboth, Mass.

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

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

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

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

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

By amending the signature blocks on Page 17 as follows:

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

TOWN OF DIGHTON
By: _____

Board of Selectmen

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

TOWN OF REHOBOTH
By: _____

Board of Selectmen

___Approved___Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval
Finance Committee Recommends:

Comments: The proposed amendments clarify and update certain limited provisions of the regional agreement, including updates to the regional school budget schedule to ensure the district's schedule is consistent with each Town's budget preparation schedule which should foster greater cooperation among the stakeholders.

ARTICLE 25: REALLOCATION OF FUNDS VOTED ON WARRANT ARTICLE 19 OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET-DRRSC FROM THE MAY 14, 2022 WARRANT SUBMITTED BY: DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to reallocate \$125,000 from Beckwith Middle School capital. Which was voted on at the FY23 Town Meeting. Funding was for Air Handling Repair/Replacement; electric services. The reallocation of funds will be for security enhancements including, but not limited to, security cameras and door access controls for Beckwith and Palmer River Schools. Reimbursement of actual cost will be submitted upon completion and inspection of completed work.

 Approved **Disapproved** **Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting**

Comment: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee was able to use funds from their operations budget to repair the air handlers and not use the capital funds which were voted on. Actual repair came in at a lower cost.

ARTICLE 26: FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate amounts received from Statewide Opioid Settlements between the Massachusetts Attorney General and non-bankrupt opioid industry participants, for the funding of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery programs as further detailed in the Massachusetts State Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved **Disapproved** **Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval**
Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting

ARTICLE 27: HELICOPTER LANDING LICENSE
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter B, Protection of Persons and Property, by adding a new Article XI, Helicopter Landing Permits, as printed below; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XI – HELICOPTER OPERATIONS PERMIT

Section 1. Purpose and Authority

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to protect the Town of Rehoboth's Right to Farm status consistent with Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder, including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128, Section 1A and pursuant to the Town's authority

conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, (“Home Rule Amendment”).

Where certain helicopter operations, through noise and downwash turbulence, have a detrimental effect on livestock and other farm animals, this General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmland within the Town of Rehoboth by protecting these agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within Town.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Article, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Helicopter shall mean: a type of aircraft which derives both lift and propulsion from one or more sets of horizontally revolving overhead rotors. It is capable of moving vertically and horizontally, the direction of motion being controlled by the pitch of the rotor blades.
- (b) Helicopter Operations shall include:
 - a. Delivery of any person or thing by parachute or helicopter; or
 - b. Flying of a helicopter with at an altitude of less than 500 feet above the surface; or
 - c. Performing takeoffs or landings, namely lowering or raising the helicopter from a flight phase not in contact with the surface of the helicopter landing site into a position which is in contact with the surface of the helicopter landing site and vice versa, of a helicopter within the Town of Rehoboth; or
 - d. Helicopter Touch Downs, namely lowering the helicopter from a flight phase not in contact with the surface of the helicopter landing site into a position which is in contact with the surface of the helicopter landing site for a landing regardless of the amount of time on the helicopter landing site, within the Town of Rehoboth; or
 - e. Helicopter Hovering, namely a flight maneuver in which the helicopter is maintained in a fixed position above the ground, both vertically and horizontally.

Section 3. Licenses

Helicopter Operations, as defined in Section 2 hereof are expressly prohibited, except as authorized by license issued through the Board of Selectmen pursuant to this Article XI. It is the applicant’s burden to establish the proposed Helicopter Licenses are consistent with the purposes of this Bylaw.

Section 4. Application and Renewal

Applicants for a license shall file an application on a form by the Board of Selectmen, signed under the penalties of perjury by the applicant, containing such information as the Board of Selectmen may reasonably require from time to time. Each applicant shall pay an application fee as may be reasonably determined from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen must act upon the application at one of their next two regularly scheduled meetings, holding a public hearing thereon, with due written notice provided to the applicant of the time, date and location where such hearing will be heard.

The Board of Selectmen may approve, deny or approve the application with conditions. Such decision shall be based on the evidence taken at the public hearing, consistent with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public, and consistent with the regulations promulgated by such board.

Section 5. Rules and Regulations

The Board of Selectmen may adopt reasonable rules and regulations related to the issuance of such licenses, including the fees to be paid therefore and the conditions to be satisfied by any applicant for such a license.

Section 6. Compliance with Law

Every person so licensed shall comply with all directions and requirements of the Selectmen, the Board of Health, and all applicable federal, state or local law.

Section 7. Annual Renewal

All licenses granted under this Article expire at the end of April next and may be revoked by the Selectmen following a public hearing with fourteen (14) days' written notice to the licensee. Special one-day licenses may also be issued by the Board of Selectmen as may be consistent with the purposes of this Bylaw.

Section 8. Exceptions

The provisions of this Article shall not apply to the following:

- (a) helicopter emergency medical or air ambulance services for emergency medical helicopters providing critical health care and rapid transport to health care facilities.
- (b) helicopters in emergency situations, including precautionary landings, controlled crashing and other similar situations.
- (c) Helicopters performing Helicopter Operations on a fixed heliport site approved by the Federal or State agencies in accordance with applicable laws.

Section 9. Violations

Whoever, not being licensed as herein provided, engages in Helicopter Operations, or violates any of the provisions of this Article or any regulations or restrictions contained in his license shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. The Board of Selectmen, or its designated agent may impose such fines via non-criminal disposition in accordance with G.L. c. 40, §21D

___Approved

___Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Comment: There have been several incidents and complaints about helicopter landings and touchdowns, including touchdowns, which have disturbed livestock and other animals, including several incidents where the health and safety of residents were put at risk due to animals' reactions to low flying and landing helicopters. This bylaw will allow for greater local control of these operations

**ARTICLE 28: GENERAL BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER A-SECTION D9
REVOLVING FUNDS**

SUBMITTED BY: CEMETERY COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to approve the creation of a revolving account for the Cemetery Commission with a cap of \$10,000 for 2023. This account is necessary to address the plan of future sales of cemetery plots in some of the Rehoboth's Historic cemeteries, or take any other action relative thereto.

FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUNDS	FISCAL YEARS
Cemetery Commission	Cemetery Plot Sales	Cemetery Commission Chairperson	To address the plan of future sales of cemetery plots for some of the Rehoboth's Historic Cemeteries	Fiscal Year 2024 and subsequent years

___Approved ___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommends: Approval

**ARTICLE 29: GENERAL BYLAWS-ADOPT BYLAW BANNING THE SALE OF
ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES OF 100 ML OR LESS (NIPS)**

SUBMITTED BY: PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a General Bylaw as follows:

The sale of single serve alcoholic beverages of less than or equal to 100 ml of alcohol is prohibited in the Town of Rehoboth, provided that such prohibition shall not go into effect until a date that is six months following the approval of this Bylaw by the Attorney General, or take any other action relative thereto.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends:

Comment: Nips are one of the most highly littered items in Massachusetts. Banning the sale of Nips in Rehoboth will take away the ease of drinking and driving without risk of being caught, violating open container laws and help reduce litter on our streets. Let's join the ever-growing number of Massachusetts cities and towns who have also banned "nip" sales. By doing so we will be saving the environment, reducing roadside littering, and likely save lives lost to drunk drivers.

ARTICLE 30: GENERAL BYLAWS-ADOPT A WETLAND PROTECTION ZONE

SUBMITTED BY: PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a General Bylaw as follows:

To approve a 35-foot Preservation Zone area around wetlands. This article is not designed to limit development but, to give additional protections to our wetland resources helping to limit the impacts of

fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and sunlight encroachment drying out the wetlands. This article is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of this municipality so as to protect the resource areas under the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch.13 1 §40; the Act) to a greater degree, to protect additional resource areas beyond the Act recognized by the Town as significant, to protect all resource areas for their additional values beyond those recognized in the Act, deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect on resource area values, including but not limited to the following: public or private water supply, groundwater, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention, water quality, water pollution control, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant and animal species, agriculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community. And to impose in local regulations and permits additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Act and regulations thereunder (310 CMR 10.00), subject, however, to the rights and benefits accorded to agricultural uses and structures of all kinds under the laws of the Commonwealth and other relevant bylaws of the Town of Rehoboth, or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved Disapproved **Conservation Commission Recommends:**

ARTICLE 31: GRANT OF ACCESS EASEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS THROUGH TOWN OF REHOBOTH PARCEL LOCATED OFF COUNTY STREET, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS ASSESSOR’S MAP 40, LOT 8 (HEREINAFTER, THE “EASEMENT”)
SUBMITTED BY: PETITIONERS; DOUGLAS BROWN, EILEEN BROWN AND THE REHOBOTH LAND TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to grant an access easement pursuant to Section B3 of the Town of Rehoboth General Bylaws and M.G.L. c. 82 Sections 33 & 21-23 as follows:

The Petitioners seek a pedestrian access easement (hereinafter, the “Easement”) through Assessor’s Map 40, Lot 8 is an 11.2 acre parcel located Off County Street (the “Town Property”) The Easement consists of an eight (8) to ten (10) foot path from County Street beginning at Assessor’s Map 40, Lot 13 (hereinafter, the “Dyer Property”) running north through the Town Property, through Assessor’s Map 40, Lot 14A (hereinafter, the “Brown Property”) and into the Assessor’s Map 41, Lot 48 (hereinafter, the “Trust Property”) as approximately denoted on the “Draft Easement Plan, Map 40 Lot 13 – Off County Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts; Dated: 8-19-2022 by Mt. Hope Engineering, Inc.” attached hereto as Exhibit 1, or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved Disapproved **Board of Selectmen Recommends:**

Comment: This Article No.31 proposes to grant an access easement through the Town of Rehoboth’s parcel, Assessor’s Map 40, Lot 8, pursuant to the Town of Rehoboth General Bylaw and Massachusetts General laws.

ARTICLE 32: AMEND SECTION 3.2 OF THE TOWN OF REHOBOTH ZONING BYLAWS AND THE TOWN OF REHOBOTH'S ZONING MAP AS IT PERTAINS TO A REAR PORTION OF THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 181R AND 177 WINTHROP STREET, REHOBOTH, MASSACHUSETTS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS ASSESSOR'S PLAT 46, LOTS 96A AND 97 (COLLECTIVELY, THE "PROPERTIES").
SUBMITTED BY: PLANNING BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.2 of the Town of Rehoboth Zoning Bylaw and the Town of Rehoboth's Zoning Map as follows:

Section 3.2 of the Town of Rehoboth Zoning Bylaws governs the Town of Rehoboth Zoning Map. The Zoning Map of the Town of Rehoboth is the map reflecting the official zoning districts of the Town of Rehoboth. Assessor's Plat 46, Lot 97 is a 3.25-acre parcel located at 181R Winthrop Street and Assessor's Plat 46, Lot 96A is a 3.04-acre parcel located at 177 Winthrop Street (the "Properties").

Currently, the rear portion of the Properties have a zoning designation of Residence/Agricultural. The front portion of the Properties are three hundred (300) feet southerly from Winthrop Street reflected on the official zoning map and have a zoning designation of General Business, or take any other action relative thereto.

___ **Approved** ___ **Disapproved** **Planning Board Recommends: Approval**

Comment: This Article No.32 proposes to amend Section 3.2 of the Town of Rehoboth Zoning Bylaw and the Town of Rehoboth's Zoning Map to rezone the entirety of the Properties from an RA zone to a Business zoning designation

ARTICLE 33: GENERAL BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI-PERMITS LICENSES AND PUBLIC DEMEANOR
SUBMITTED BY: HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to add Section 30 to the General By-laws Article VI-Permits Licenses and Public Demeanor- **Razing and/or Demolition Permit - Notification Delay** to read as follows:

Upon receipt of a Razing and/or Demolition Permit application for any principal structure, the Building Inspector shall send a copy of said application, within three (3) business days, to the Rehoboth Historical Commission chairperson, or chairperson's designee. The Building Inspector shall not issue the Razing and/or Demolition Permit until thirty (30) calendar days have elapsed since initial receipt of the application, unless the Historical Commission chairperson or chairperson's designee notifies the Building Inspector that the building has no historical significance. If the condition of the building has deteriorated or been damaged so that it poses an imminent threat to the health or safety of the public, the Building Inspector may, in accordance with 780 CMR issue a Demolition Permit. The Building Inspector shall notify the Historical Commission of such hazardous structure order, or take any other action relative thereto.

___ **Approved** ___ **Disapproved** **Historical Commission Recommends: Approval**

Comment: Many historical homes and buildings get demolished without the Historical Commission getting a chance to document the building. We often hear about demolition of historical homes and buildings via social media and word of mouth. We do not have any formal way of being informed of demolition or any formal way of gaining the contact information of the building owner so we can

document the building before it is demolished. This bylaw simply gives us the notification information so we have the chance to document any historical properties with the owner's consent.

ARTICLE 34: APPROPRIATION OF INSURANCE PROCEEDS
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer the sum of \$894,635.05 from the final insurance proceeds to the Senior Center Stabilization Fund for future renovations at Francis Farm, or to take any other action relative thereto.

__Approved __Disapproved

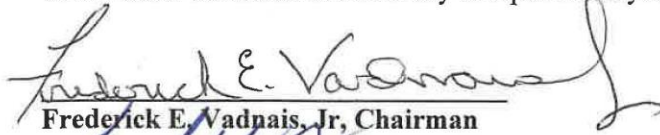
Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting

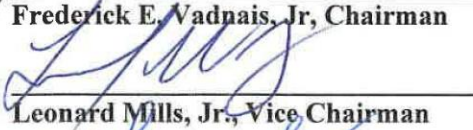
ARTICLE 35: TRANSACT OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID MEETING

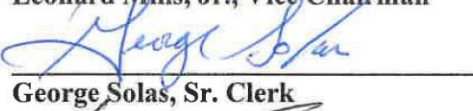
You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in the Office of the Town Clerk and in not less than three other public places in each of the three precincts of the Town seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for the meeting.

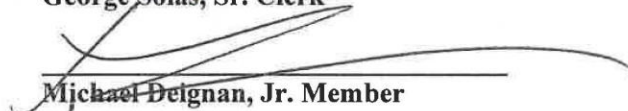
Hereof and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of April in the year two thousand twenty-three.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman


George Solas, Sr. Clerk


Michael Deignan, Jr. Member


Robert Johnson II, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APPENDIX A - FINANCE COMMITTEE TOWN GOVERNMENT & EDUCATION BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 24											
Line#	Account Name	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved Budget FY 2023	Fin Com Recomm FY 2024	\$ Change From FY 2023	Percent Change From FY 2023	Notes			
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
	Selectmen Payroll-Elected	9,375	6,250	12,500	12,500	0	0.00%				
	Selectmen Payroll	97,771	113,275	129,083	110,480	-18,603	-14.41%				
	Selectmen Expense	14,854	2,439,536	21,075	29,705	8,630	40.95%				
1	Department Total	\$ 122,000	\$ 2,559,061	\$ 162,658	\$ 152,685	-9,973	-6.13%				
	Town Administrator Payroll	85,096	87,574	90,127	107,500	17,373	19.28%	contract			
	Town Administrator Expense	100	0	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%				
2	Department Total	\$ 85,196	\$ 87,574	\$ 91,327	\$ 108,700	17,373	19.02%				
	Fincom Expense	210	210	525	525	0	0.00%				
3	Department Total	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 525	\$ 525	0	0.00%				
	Reserve Fund	0	0	125,000	125,000	0	0.00%				
4	Department Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	0	0.00%				
	Boards & Commissions-Cemetery Commission	1,243	656	2,080	2,700	620	29.81%				
	Boards & Commissions-Agricultural Commission	0	0	250	300	50	20.00%				
5	Department Total	\$ 1,243	\$ 656	\$ 2,330	\$ 3,000	670	28.76%				
	Election Wages	23,927	22,674	105,270	74,261	-31,009	-29.46%	decrease # of elections & town meeting sessions			
	Election Expense	19,377	32,103	55,322	37,243	-18,079	-32.68%				
6	Department Total	\$ 43,304	\$ 54,778	\$ 160,592	\$ 111,504	-49,088	-30.57%				
	Registrars Salary	4,241	4,310	4,385	4,457	72	1.64%				
	Registrars Wages	351	488	927	621	-306	-33.01%				
	Registrars Expense	7,154	8,121	10,222	10,550	328	3.21%				
7	Department Total	\$ 11,746	\$ 12,918	\$ 15,534	\$ 15,628	94	0.61%				
	Town Accountant Salary	76,915	79,225	79,225	82,400	3,175	4.01%	contract			
	Town Accountant Wages	17,453	18,057	70,980	55,981	-14,999	-21.13%				
	Town Accountant Expenses	1,516	2,205	2,310	2,870	560	24.24%				
8	Department Total	\$ 95,884	\$ 99,487	\$ 152,515	\$ 141,251	-11,264	-7.39%				
	Tax Assessor Salary-Elected	53,635	55,242	56,904	58,607	1,703	2.99%				
	Tax Assessor Salary	55,712	57,348	57,229	60,493	3,264	5.70%	contract			
	Tax Assessor Wages	38,043	35,343	42,148	45,602	3,454	8.19%	new staff & clerical contract steps			
	Tax Assessor Expense	10,265	14,582	14,265	14,470	205	1.44%				
9	Department Total	\$ 157,655	\$ 162,515	\$ 170,546	\$ 179,172	8,626	5.06%				
	Town Collector Salary	41,578	47,853	44,346	44,346	0	0.00%				
	Town Collector Wages	52,372	54,361	54,395	57,403	3,008	5.53%	union contract			
	Town Collector Expense	6,222	6,824	7,800	7,845	45	0.58%				
10	Department Total	\$ 100,172	\$ 109,038	\$ 106,541	\$ 109,594	3,053	2.87%				

line#	Account Name	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved Budget FY 2023	Fin Com Recomm FY 2024	Change From FY 2023	Change From FY 2023	Notes
	Town Treasurer Salary	42,577	47,853	44,346	44,346	0	0.00%	
	Town Treasurer Wages	43,024	5,090	45,165	49,129	3,964	8.78%	2 FT staff
	Town Treasurer Expense	19,194	22,159	23,000	25,020	2,020	8.78%	Incr. payroll charges
11	Department Total	\$ 104,795	\$ 75,101	\$ 112,511	\$ 118,495	5,984	5.32%	
	Tax Lien Expense	17,644	27,463	27,500	27,500	0	0.00%	
12	Department Total	\$ 17,644	\$ 27,463	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500	0	0.00%	
	Town Clerk Salary	79,658	82,034	84,496	87,031	2,535	3.00%	
	Town Clerk Wages	65,448	80,950	85,539	98,058	12,519	14.64%	2 FT staff
	Town Clerk Expense	7,494	4,852	10,285	80,916	70,631	686.74%	prior encumbrance
13	Department Total	\$ 152,600	\$ 167,836	\$ 180,320	\$ 266,005	85,685	47.52%	
	Management Information Systems Payroll	17,252	17,694	18,148	35,000	16,852	92.86%	PT consultant
	Management Information Systems Expense	139,074	159,257	146,983	173,878	26,895	18.30%	IT security contract out for bid
14	Department Total	\$ 156,327	\$ 176,950	\$ 165,131	\$ 208,878	43,747	26.49%	
	Zoning Board Expense	2,545	2,873	2,800	2,875	75	2.68%	
15	Department Total	\$ 2,545	\$ 2,873	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,875	75	2.68%	
	Town Planner/Conservation Agent Salary	63,534	65,001	67,000	68,959	1,959	2.92%	
	Planning Board Expense	8,643	9,920	11,157	12,208	1,051	9.42%	
16	Department Total	\$ 72,178	\$ 74,922	\$ 78,157	\$ 81,167	3,010	3.85%	
	Contracted Services	45,880	51,466	54,600	79,200	24,600	45.05%	
	Facilities Maintenance Salary	0	0	70,000	0	-70,000	-100.00%	
	Facilities Maintenance Wages	0	0	170,641	0	-170,641	-100.00%	
	Facilities Maintenance Expense	897,273	637,921	595,817	173,050	-422,767	-70.96%	some transfers to Bldg maint dept.
17	Department Total	\$ 943,153	\$ 689,386	\$ 891,058	\$ 252,250	-638,808	-71.69%	
	Building Maintenance & Grounds Salary				88,000	88,000		reflect new exp. staff - 2 FT & 1 PT hired, 2 addtl PT not yet hired
	Building Maintenance & Grounds Wages				196,328	196,328		transferred from other lines
	Building Maintenance & Grounds Expenses				540,200	540,200		
18	Department Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 824,528	824,528		
	Moderator Salary	200	200	200	200	0	0.00%	
	Town Reports	2,195	1,775	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%	
19	Department Total	\$ 2,395	\$ 1,975	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,700	0	0.00%	
	Postage-Town Offices	30,839	32,182	34,575	35,700	1,125	3.25%	
20	Department Total	\$ 30,839	\$ 32,182	\$ 34,575	\$ 35,700	1,125	3.25%	
	Audit Town Records	18,500	19,000	19,000	20,000	1,000	5.26%	
21	Department Total	\$ 18,500	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,000	1,000	5.26%	
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 2,118,386	\$ 4,353,924	\$ 2,503,320	\$ 2,789,157	285,838	11.42%	\$ -

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LEGAL							
	Legal Services	139,438	171,441	166,000	172,000	6,000	3.61%	
22	Department Total	\$ 139,438	\$ 171,441	\$ 166,000	\$ 172,000	6,000	3.61%	
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LEGAL	\$ 139,438	\$ 171,441	\$ 166,000	\$ 172,000	6,000	3.61%	
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
	Police Chief Salary	155,398	161,095	165,828	170,703	4,875	2.94%	
	Police Compensation	2,541,828	2,692,028	2,970,001	3,098,907	128,906	4.34%	
	Police Expense	158,312	218,902	209,275	229,825	20,550	9.82%	increased training by state
23	Department Total	\$ 2,855,538	\$ 3,072,025	\$ 3,345,104	\$ 3,499,435	154,331	4.61%	
	Dispatcher Wages	288,200	317,470	377,654	373,950	-3,704	-0.98%	
	Dispatcher Training	4,443	8,528	12,000	12,000	0	0.00%	
24	Department Total	\$ 292,644	\$ 325,998	\$ 389,654	\$ 385,950	-3,704	-0.95%	
	Fire Salary	106,090	114,929	119,322	122,764	3,442	2.88%	contract
	Fire Wages	265,369	254,559	285,278	288,403	3,125	1.10%	
	Fire Expense	90,328	170,108	82,820	80,820	-2,000	-2.41%	
25	Department Total	\$ 461,786	\$ 539,596	\$ 487,420	\$ 491,988	4,568	0.94%	
	Forestry Salary	25,314	26,075	26,856	27,663	807	3.00%	elected official
	Forestry Wages	41,158	98,582	106,830	109,714	2,884	2.70%	contract
	Forestry Expense	41,158	105,863	27,700	28,200	500	1.81%	
26	Department Total	\$ 107,630	\$ 230,520	\$ 161,386	\$ 165,576	4,190	2.60%	
	Building Inspection Salary	54,075	54,630	57,368	75,000	17,632	30.73%	new contract & ind add'l PT
	Building Inspection Wages	54,176	58,147	59,424	64,193	4,769	8.02%	contract
	Building Inspection Expense	7,361	14,145	3,320	3,020	-300	-9.04%	
27	Department Total	\$ 115,612	\$ 126,922	\$ 120,112	\$ 142,213	22,101	18.40%	
	Sealer of Wits/Measures Salary	500	500	500	500	0	0.00%	
	Sealer of Wits/Measures Expense	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
28	Department Total	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	0	0.00%	
	Emergency Management Wages	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,000	500	33.33%	
	Emergency Management Expense	244	703	2,450	4,000	1,550	63.27%	
29	Department Total	\$ 1,744	\$ 2,203	\$ 3,950	\$ 6,000	2,050	51.90%	
	Animal Control Salary	56,953	58,349	60,100	61,903	1,803	3.00%	
	Animal Control Wages	19,364	17,382	20,584	21,124	540	2.63%	
	Animal Control Expense	4,282	4,831	6,000	6,600	600	10.00%	
30	Department Total	\$ 80,598	\$ 80,562	\$ 86,684	\$ 89,627	2,943	3.40%	
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 3,916,053	\$ 4,378,325	\$ 4,594,810	\$ 4,781,289	186,479	4.06%	

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	HIGHWAYS & STREETS					0		
	Highway Salary	99,615	82,882	103,350	93,500	-9,850	-9.53%	
	Highway Wages	342,441	383,532	420,620	462,424	41,804	9.94%	
31	Department Total	\$ 442,056	\$ 466,413	\$ 523,970	\$ 555,924	31,954	6.10%	
						0		
	Highway Expense	8,026	38,091	16,150	25,150	9,000	55.73%	
	Highway Program-Drainage	72,791	97,893	136,500	161,500	25,000	18.32%	machine rental incr \$20K
32	Department Total	\$ 80,817	\$ 135,984	\$ 152,650	\$ 186,650	34,000	22.27%	
						0		
	Equipment Repairs	29,034	35,514	35,136	50,000	14,864	42.31%	more vehicles & equip to maintain
	Fuel for Town Vehicles	110,121	203,081	264,000	320,000	56,000	21.21%	anticipate rate increase - \$11k
33	Department Total	\$ 139,155	\$ 238,595	\$ 299,136	\$ 370,000	70,864	23.69%	diesel + 14K gas / mth
						0		
						0		
	Snow Removal Expense	239,583	254,226	200,000	200,000	0	0.00%	
34	Department Total	\$ 239,583	\$ 254,226	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	0	0.00%	
						0		
	Municipal Lights	12,710	14,307	15,000	18,750	3,750	25.00%	anticipate rate increases
35	Department Total	\$ 12,710	\$ 14,307	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,750	3,750	25.00%	
						0		
	TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	\$ 914,321	\$ 1,109,525	\$ 1,190,756	\$ 1,331,324	140,569	11.80%	
						0		
	HUMAN SERVICES					0		
						0		
	Health & Human Services Salary				69,715	69,715		Dir of HHS (COA, Veterans, Nurse
	Health & Human Services Expense				3,125	3,125		& Outreach) 50% ARPA funding
36	Department Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,840	72,840		
						0		
	Town Nurse Salary		0	41,200	63,654	22,454	54.50%	FT nurse 25% ARPA funds
	Town Nurse Expense		0	4,700	8,391	3,691	78.53%	
37	Department Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,900	\$ 72,045	26,145	56.96%	
						0		
	Board of Health Salary	70,500	72,615	74,793	77,037	2,244	3.00%	
	Board of Health Wages	54,703	56,490	26,495	48,129	21,634	81.65%	moving from PT to FT
	Board of Health Expense	19,444	19,569	24,450	30,000	5,550	22.70%	lab and testing as it relates to PFAS
	Board of Health PFAS Expense	0	0	0	155,000	155,000		antic. Maint. of the filter systems
38	Department Total	\$ 144,647	\$ 148,674	\$ 125,738	\$ 310,166	184,428	146.68%	
						0		
	Council on Aging Salary	59,484	61,267	63,105	64,998	1,893	3.00%	
	Council on Aging Wages	44,682	46,065	48,868	37,751	-11,118	-22.75%	addtl 1 FT Outreach staff - 50%
	Council on Aging Expense	2,787	3,249	3,150	3,150	0	0.00%	ARPA funds
39	Department Total	\$ 106,953	\$ 110,581	\$ 115,123	\$ 105,899	-9,225	-8.01%	
						0		

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	Veterans Services Salary	37,654	38,783	39,948	63,654	23,706	59.34% FT position required - no ARPA funding this year
	Veterans Services Expense	1,097	2,258	4,335	4,285	-50	-1.15%
	Veterans Services Benefits	120,111	101,107	150,000	150,000	0	0.00%
	Veterans Memorial Expense	1,392	3,953	4,200	4,200	0	0.00%
	Veterans-Maintenance of Graves	0	768	925	925	0	0.00%
40	Department Total	\$ 160,253	\$ 146,870	\$ 199,408	\$ 223,064	23,656	11.86%
						0	
						0	
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 411,853	\$ 406,125	\$ 486,169	\$ 784,014	297,845	61.26%
						0	
	CULTURE & RECREATION					0	
						0	
	Boards & Commissions-Historical Commission	583	84	750	750	0	0.00%
	Boards & Commissions-Recreation Committee	0	0	500	500	0	0.00%
	Boards & Commissions-Parks Commission	800	800	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
	Memorial Day Activity	0	1,265	1,450	1,450	0	0.00%
41	Department Total	\$ 1,383	\$ 2,149	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	0	0.00%
						0	
	Blanding Library	252,019	258,310	289,600	304,080	14,480	5.00%
42	Department Total	\$ 252,019	\$ 258,310	\$ 289,600	\$ 304,080	14,480	5.00%
						0	
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 253,402	\$ 260,459	\$ 293,500	\$ 307,980	14,480	4.93%
						0	
	OTHER FIXED COST					0	
						0	
	Pension Assess. Bristol Cnty.	1,086,036	1,214,982	1,285,833	1,374,023	88,190	6.86% assessed amount
	Insurance-Town	330,267	426,897	460,000	600,000	140,000	30.43% full replacement value for buildings and equipment; FY23 needed RFT
	Insurance- Group Health	772,631	863,772	980,000	990,000	10,000	1.02%
	Insurance-Unemployment	3,813	2,938	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
	Payroll Taxes-Medicare	80,518	81,847	82,000	88,000	6,000	7.32%
	Accumulated Absences	45,330	4,109	115,000	130,000	15,000	13.04% 3 potential retirements
	State Charges	202,385	218,792	205,156	205,581	425	0.21% prev. shown as reduction to revenue
	County Tax	203,437	214,834	220,205	219,021	-1,184	-0.54% prev. shown as reduction to revenue
	Southeast Regional Planning Assessment	2,229	2,284	2,522	2,585	63	2.51%
43	TOTAL OTHER FIXED COST	\$ 2,726,644	\$ 3,030,456	\$ 3,359,716	\$ 3,618,210	258,494	7.69%
	TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	10,480,099	13,710,256	12,594,270	13,783,975	1,189,705	9.45%
	EDUCATION						
	Dighton/Rehoboth Regional Schools	19,766,488	17,594,833	20,362,471	21,259,072	896,601	4.40%
	Bristol-Plymouth Vocational Tech	791,500	1,130,012	1,196,994	1,436,167	239,173	19.98%
	Bristol County Agricultural	62,842	193,527	170,000	272,713	102,713	60.42%
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$ 20,620,830	\$ 18,918,371	\$ 21,729,465	\$ 22,967,952	\$1,238,487	5.70%



Rehoboth, MA

Memorial Day Parade

MAY 29, 2023



I would like to thank you all who participated in last year's Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade. 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 love to have you in our Memorial Day Parade this May 29th 2023. Please call 508-252-4467 or e-mail Jake at veterans@rehobothma.gov

The Parade will start at 10:15 AM near the C.O.A. & American Legion on Bay State Road, travel through the village and end up at the Veterans' Memorial Gazebo, Red Way Plain. This year, you'll see 68 new 3'x 5' American Flags on the utility poles along the entire parade route from early May through late July. The Memorial Day Ceremony will commence at around 11:30 AM followed by dedication for all 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.

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

Thank you!

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SUMMER CONCERTS 2023

**Music at the Gazebo
Red Way Plain-Route 44
Rehoboth, MA**

July 16

Juke Box Heroes

July 23

Future Dads

July 30

Notorious Jones

August 6

Wuhon

August 13

Misfit Toys

August 20

Who Do's

August 27

Counterfeit Cash—Johnny Cash

September 3

Neil & the Vipers

**Town of Rehoboth
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769**

**Important
Official Notice of:
May 9, 2023 Annual Town Meeting**

**PRESORTED STANDARD
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**BOX HOLDER
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769**

**Please bring this Warrant with you to the
Annual Town Meeting**

***Francis Farm
Museum Building
27 Francis Farm Road
Rehoboth, MA 02769***

Tuesday, May 9, 2023—beginning at 7:00 PM