



**TOWN
OF
REHOBOTH
Special Town Meeting
WARRANT**

Monday, June 30, 2014
7:00 PM

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

Town of Rehoboth
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769

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to the Town Meeting

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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF June 30, 2014

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 Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School, on Monday, June 30, 2014 to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: FY2015 Interim Appropriation Budget

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of funds to defray expenses of the Town for the ninety (90) days of Fiscal Year 2015, said interim appropriation being required to fund Town government in advance of a vote on an operating override, or take any action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 2: Chapter E Zoning Bylaws Floodplain District – 4.4(b) District Delineation & Article 4.4(c) Use Regulations

To amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter E, Article 4.4(b) District Delineation and Article 4.4(c) Use Regulations, as follows:

“Article 4.4(b) **District Delineation** – The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Rehoboth designated as Zone A and AE on the Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Bristol County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Rehoboth are panel numbers 25005C0117F, 25005C0118F, 25005C0119F, 25005C0136F, 25005C0137F, 25005C0138F, 25005C0139F, 25005C0143F, 25005C0206F, 25005C0207F, 25005C0208F, 25005C0209F, 25005C0217F, 25005C0226F, 25005C0227F, 25005C0228F, 25005C0229F, 25005C0236F and 25005C0237F dated July 7, 2009; and panel numbers 25005C0216G, 25005C0218G, 25005C0219G, 25005C0238G and 25005C0239G dated July 16, 2014. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Bristol County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 16, 2014. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Inspector and Conservation Commission.

Article 4.4(c) **Use Regulations** – The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR); as well as the Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00); the Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently

310 CMR 13.00) and the Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5)." or take any other action relative hereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board & Building Inspector

 Approved Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 3: OTHER BUSINESS


To see if the Town will vote to transact such other business as may legally come before said meeting.


And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up 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 fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for the meeting.

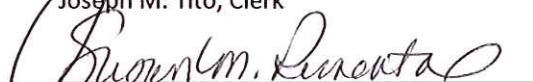
Hereof and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

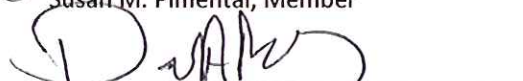
Given under our hands this 9th day of June in the year two thousand fourteen.


Michael R. Costello, Chairman


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman


Joseph M. Tito, Clerk


Susan M. Pimental, Member


David A. Perry, Member

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Residents of Rehoboth

Like many communities throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Rehoboth faces a challenge to achieve a balanced budget. The Town's staff and volunteer officials work extremely hard to develop a prudent spending plan that includes the educational needs of our children as well as all other health, human services and public safety needs of our community and all our citizens.

Annual Town Meeting approved the Fiscal Year 2015 Town operating budget contingent on an Override of Proposition 2 ½ (the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School budget assessment is exempted from this override vote as a result of a prior vote at Town Meeting).

An increase to the School's assessment, over what had been recommended by the Finance Committee, was voted after multiple nights of Town Meeting discussion. The only way to fund this operating increase and to sustain the same level of non-educational government services now and in the future is through a Proposition 2 ½ Override.

Because of Massachusetts General Law timing requirements, the Board of Selectmen could not schedule an Override vote prior to Tuesday, July 15, 2014; and therefore, because of the contingent nature of the budget, the Town effectively has no budget as of July 1st. In other words, as of July 1st the Town cannot fund any non-educational government services – including its police department, fire department, library and senior center. When advised of these circumstances by Town Counsel, the Selectmen voted to seek approval of a temporary spending plan rather than simply shutting down all municipal operations on July 1st.

The temporary budget will be presented at a **June 30th Special Town Meeting** to approve a 90-day operational budget for the Town. This will prevent the shut-down of Town services on July 1st.

We also remind you of the upcoming Override vote at the **Tuesday, July 15th Special Election** which will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

- If the Override question is approved, then operations of the Town government will continue at the level of services you have come to rely on.
- If the Override question were to be defeated, or not approved, then the Selectmen will need to call for another Special Town Meeting during the month of August (most likely Monday, August 11th or 18th) and Town Meeting will have to cut programs and services which will need to equal approximately 22% of the proposed FY15 budget or \$1,658,740 (the amount of the proposed override).

Please attend the **Special Town Meeting on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 7:00p.m.** at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School to approve a temporary 90-day budget; and please vote at the **Special Election on Tuesday, July 15, 2014.**

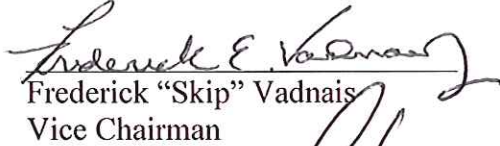
We need your help and support to keep our Town a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely,



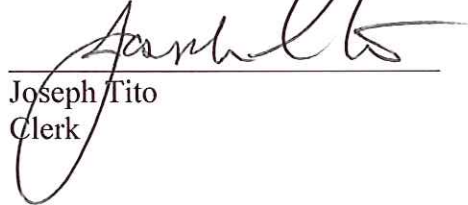
Michael Costello

Chairman



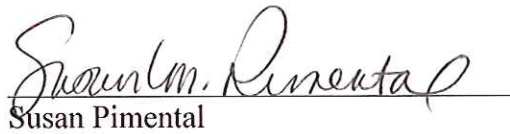
Frederick "Skip" Vadnais

Vice Chairman



Joseph Tito

Clerk



Susan Pimental



David Perry