

**TOWN
OF
REHOBOTH**

**Special Town Meeting
WARRANT**

**Monday, November 6, 2017
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**

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Event Date	Description
January 27, 2018 – Saturday	375 th Anniversary Costume Ball at Hillside Country Club
June 23, 2018 – Saturday	375th Anniversary & Rehoboth Reporter ~ Circus
July 21, 2018 – Saturday	375 th Anniversary Clam Bake ~ Rehoboth Antiquarian Society and Francis Farm
August 4, 2018 - Saturday	375 th Anniversary & All Town Golf Courses ~ Golf Tournament
October 7, 2018 – Sunday	375 th Anniversary Celebration Parade

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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017

ARTICLE 1: FISCAL YEAR 2018 AMENDED BUDGET

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town by amending the 2018 fiscal year's budget as follows, and make all appropriations therefore, or take any other action relative thereto.

AMOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	INTO LINE #
\$13,000.00	Police Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	012103-52430
\$1,709.00	Animal Control Officer Salary	012921-51110
\$107.00	Selectmen's Office Part-time Wages	011222-51140
\$35.00	Town Collector's Office Overtime Wages	011462-51310
\$72.00	Town Treasurer's Office Overtime Wages	011452-51310
\$15,800.00	Purchased Services (Forestry/Cemetery)	012943-53850
\$860.00	Computer Budget Fire Department Software Expense	011563-52488
\$7,996.00	Wages (Election Workers)	011622-51140
\$700.00	Elections -- Overtime	011622-51310
\$90.00	Elections -- Post Warrant & Ballot Sample	011623-52940
\$3,400.00	Elections -- Program Memory Packs	011623-53090
\$1,422.00	Elections -- Purchase Services	011623-53850
\$3,194.00	Elections -- Voting Supplies (Ballots)	011623-54210
\$380.00	Elections -- Election Equipment Set Up/Take Down -- 3 Precincts	011623-57010
\$140.00	Elections -- Mileage	011623-57110
\$264.00	Registrar Wages -- Voter Registration Wages	011632-51140
\$572.00	Meals -- Election Workers Meals	011643-57121
\$180.00	Meals -- Coffee/Donuts	011643-57122
\$14,935.00	Dispatcher Wages Full Time	012112-51120
\$824.00	Dispatcher Wages Overtime	012112-51310
\$1,000.00	Forestry Wages Overtime	012941-51310
\$8,712.00	Highway Superintendent Salary	014211-51110
\$75,392.00	TOTAL	

 Approve Disapprove

Finance Committee Recommends:

Comments:

Police Vehicle R&M – This amount will cover additional expenses for the replacement of two damaged police vehicles not covered by insurance payment proceeds.

Animal Control Officer Salary – Amount requested at Town Meeting was short

Selectmen's Office Part-time Wages – Selectmen's Office Part-time employee worked additional time to provide office coverage

Collector & Treasurer's Office OT Wages – to provide supplemental funds for over-time wages paid to employees in both offices.

Forestry Purchased Services – Funds to be used by Tree Warden to hire a tree crew with a larger bucket truck to clear oaks that died along Town roadways as a result of the 2016 summer drought and for police details.

Computer Budget Fire Software Expense – This is to provide additional funds for the purchase of software for state mandated reporting requirement.

Elections/Registrars/Meals: To fund unanticipated and unbudgeted FY2018 elections.

Dispatcher Wages Full Time & Overtime: Funding for Dispatchers Contract recently negotiated – this will provide for retro-wages back to 7/1/17 and for the remainder of FY18.

Forestry Wages Overtime: This amount will supplement overtime wages needed to cleanup roadways due to recent storms.

Highway Superintendent Salary: Funding for recently negotiated Highway Superintendent contract for remainder of FY2018.

ARTICLE 2: \$50,000.00 FOR 375TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE EVENTS
SUBMITTED BY: 375TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of providing “seed” monies to fund initial 375th Anniversary Town sponsored events and all costs related thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

 Approve Disapprove

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Comments: 375th Anniversary Committee: This will provide seed money to help defray the initial costs for Town sponsored events in celebration of the Town of Rehoboth’s 375th Anniversary. Any donations and/or profits derived from any event will be deposited back into this account.

ARTICLE 3: FISCAL YEAR 2018 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 purposes of funding the FY18 Capital Improvement Plan as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Item #	Description	Amount	Department(s)
1	Fire Department 2017 New E-One Metro 100 Aerial Fire Apparatus	\$820,000.00	Fire Department
2	Veterans Services 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan SE with a commercial Vision ADA Braun simple stow ramp	\$36,296.00	Veterans Services
3	Highway Walk Behind Concrete Saw	\$4,000.00	Highway Department
4	Public Safety Phone System Upgrade	\$3,240.00	IT Committee
	TOTAL	\$863,536.00	

 Approve Disapprove

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Comments: Fire Department Apparatus: The Departments’ ladder truck was put out of service in May 2017. The truck is 32 years old and is in need of \$120,000.00 worth of repairs. It also no longer meets the NFPA standards for safety and is beyond its service life. This article to replace truck will offer a 25-year solution. With the proliferation of larger homes that has occurred over the last several years, the department must have the reach and rescue capabilities of modern aerial apparatus. The truck also carries several pieces of specialized equipment needed for the mitigation of numerous types of incidents.

Veterans Services Van: This purchase will replace a donated 2002 Ford Windstar Van that is in need of extension repairs and no longer functional as a handicap service van.

Highway Concrete Saw: Purchase of a heavy duty walk-behind concrete saw will be used by the Highway Department to fix stormwater drainage structures. Department currently owns a smaller saw which is broken and the purchase of this saw would eliminate the need to pay rental fees for a larger saw at a higher cost to the department.

Public Safety Phone System Upgrade: For purchase of hardware and operating system to replace the current Public Safety phone system since it is no longer supported by Microsoft.

ARTICLE 4: VOTE TO AMEND CHAPTER E ARTICLE 6.5 SIGNS – ZONING BYLAW
Submitted by: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend Town of Rehoboth Chapter E – Zoning Bylaw by amending Article 6.5 Signs by replacing the existing bylaw with the following:

6.5 SIGNS

6.5.1 PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this SIGN by-law, i.e., Section 6.5 entitled "SIGNS", to establish regulations under which each SIGN (as hereinafter defined) may be permitted under certain conditions within the Town of Rehoboth so as to protect and enhance the visual environment of the Town and the public's safety, convenience, welfare and property values, while encouraging commerce in the Town and helping consumers locate local businesses easily and safely.

6.5.2 SCOPE

6.5.2.1 This SIGN by-law applies to all SIGNS (as hereinafter defined) in the Town of Rehoboth, unless specifically exempted herein. The following are exempted from this SIGN by-law, except for Sections 6.5.3.1, 6.5.3.2, 6.5.3.3 and 6.5.3.4::

- (a) building design;
- (b) the message of a SIGN;
- (c) a SIGN not visible from any public way;
- (d) a street number SIGN which does not contain advertising Copy;
- (e) Traffic SIGN as defined below;
- (f) a SIGN which is accessory to an agricultural use and which is protected by the provisions of G.L. c. 40A, §3, subject to reasonable regulations as may be permitted.
- (g) non-commercial name SIGN;
- (h) historic marker;
- (i) cemetery marker and cemetery headstone;
- (j) home security SIGN maintained for the security of the home where it is located;
- (k) beware-of-the-dog SIGN;
- (l) no-trespassing SIGN;
- (m) no-hunting SIGN;
- (n) danger SIGN;
- (o) "private way" or "private driveway" SIGN;
- (p) non-commercial statue and art;
- (q) political or public issue SIGN placed on private property by the owner or tenant of such property or with said owner's or tenant's permission;
- (r) flags which are not used for advertising purposes.

6.5.2.2 The Highway Business District is hereby established as an overlay district which shall consist of those portions of the Business District which have Frontage on Route 44 or Route 6.

6.5.3 GENERAL PROVISIONS

It shall be unlawful for any Person to erect, place or maintain a SIGN in the Town of Rehoboth which does not comply with the provisions of this SIGN bylaw.

6.5.3.1 SIGNS PROHIBITED

The following types of SIGNS are prohibited in all zoning districts of the Town:

- (a) Abandoned SIGNS;

- (b) any SIGN which by reason of its location, shape, size or color, will, in the opinion of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, interfere with traffic signs, signals, markings or orderly flow of traffic;
- (c) SIGNS, not authorized by the Town, which imitate official traffic or government signs or signals;
- (d) Animated SIGNS.

6.5.3.2 MAINTENANCE

All SIGNS shall be properly maintained. Exposed surfaces shall be clean and painted, if paint is required. Defective parts shall be replaced. The Town Zoning Enforcement Officer shall have the right to order the repair or removal of any SIGN which is defective, damaged or substantially deteriorated. A legal, pre-existing non-conforming SIGN is subject to safety, maintenance and repair requirements of this SIGN by-law and the Massachusetts State Building Code.

6.5.3.3 LIGHTING

Unless otherwise specified by this SIGN by-law, all SIGNS may be illuminated. The following illumination standards shall apply:

- (a) no Illuminated SIGN shall flash, rotate, have motorized moving parts, or utilize a revolving beacon of light;
- (b) no SIGN shall be directly or indirectly illuminated at any time between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless a business to which the Sign pertains is then open for business on the Premises on which such SIGN is located; provided however that SIGNS within the Highway Business District may be illuminated up to 24 hours per day; and provided further that all SIGNS which are illuminated at any time between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall be placed and/or shielded so as to not shine excessively on neighboring residential properties.
- (c) any SIGN that, as determined by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, constitutes a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic because of intensity or direction of illumination shall be rectified forthwith ;
- (d) Externally Illuminated SIGNS shall be illuminated only with steady, stationary, shielded light sources which are directed solely onto the SIGN without causing glare and which do not shine onto residential properties and public ways;
- (e) Internally Illuminated SIGNS are permitted only in the Town's Highway Business District and in the Town's Industrial District; however, such SIGNS shall be placed and/or shielded so as to not shine excessively on neighboring residential properties.

6.5.3.4 ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER SIGN ("EMC")

Each EMC shall be subject to all of the following standards;

- (a) each EMC shall display messages using only letters, numbers, symbols (as punctuation marks and mathematical symbols) and images;
- (b) each message (including each image) on the EMC shall be displayed statically, i.e., without moving, for a minimum of three (3) seconds; the change of the message or image may be accomplished by dissolve, fade, scrolling or travel of the message or image, which change shall last no more than three (3) seconds;
- (c) no more than one EMC shall be allowed per Lot;

(d) the maximum size for an EMC shall not exceed in Area the greater of (i) sixteen (16) square feet or (ii) fifty percent of the Area of the single SIGN of which the EMC is a part;

(e) each EMC shall have a default mechanism that freezes the SIGN in one position if a malfunction occurs;

(f) each EMC shall have a light detector which automatically adjusts the brightness according to ambient light conditions. Each EMC shall contain a brightness regulator which does not allow the EMC to register more than 0.3 foot candles over ambient light levels and shall be accompanied by a manufacturer's certification of such compliance.

(g) EMC illumination measurement criteria: the illuminance of an EMC shall be measured with an illuminance meter set to measure footcandles accurate to at least two decimal places. Illuminance shall be measured with the EMC off, and again with the EMC displaying a white image for a full color-capable EMC, or a solid message for a single-color EMC. All measurements shall be taken as close as practical to a perpendicular plane of the sign at the distance determined by the following formula: Measurement Distance in feet equals the square root of (the area of the EMC in square feet x 100). For example, if the area of an EMC is 25 square feet, first multiply 25 x 100, which equals 2500, then find the square root of 2500, which is 50, which is the Measurement Distance in feet.

6.5.3.5 CHANGEABLE COPY

Unless otherwise prohibited or regulated by this SIGN by-law, any SIGN herein allowed may use non-electronic changeable Copy.

6.5.4 REGULATION OF ON-PREMISES SIGNS BY ZONING DISTRICT

6.5.4.1 SIGNS PERMITTED IN THE RESIDENCE/AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

The following SIGNS are allowed in the Residence/Agricultural District, but must be in compliance with all other requirements of this SIGN by-law and the Town's Zoning By-laws:

- (a) one Freestanding SIGN per Lot not to exceed twelve (12) square feet of SIGN Area and one (1) Directional/Informational SIGN per Lot not to exceed two (2) square feet of SIGN Area, each of which SIGN must be directly associated with a business, occupation, profession, product, goods, service, or activity which is engaged in or provided on the Lot.
- (b) one Construction SIGN for each street Frontage of a construction project, not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in SIGN Area in the Residential/Agricultural District or twenty-four (24) square feet in SIGN Area in all other zones. Such SIGNS may be erected fifteen (15) days prior to beginning construction and shall be removed no later than thirty (30) days following completion of the construction.
- (c) two non-illuminated Real Estate SIGNS per Lot or Premises, not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in total SIGN Area; such SIGNS must be removed no later than thirty (30) days following sale, rental or lease of such Lot or Premises.
- (d) no more than two SIGNS per subdivision, containing only the name of the subdivision and located at an entrance(s) to the subdivision, not to exceed twelve (12) square feet each in SIGN Area.
- (e) Temporary SIGNS, (not including Portable Signs) placed on private property by the owner or tenant of such property, or with said owner's or tenant's permission, for special events or holidays; such SIGNS,

shall be erected no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the special event or holiday and shall be removed within seven (7) days following the special event or holiday.

6.5.4.2 SIGNS PERMITTED IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

SIGNS are permitted as follows in the Business District and the Industrial District:

- (a) all SIGNS permitted in Section 6.5.4.1;
- (b) on each Lot, Wall SIGNS without limitation on the number except that the total Area of such SIGNS shall not exceed 20% of the wall area where attached, and provided further that in no case shall such a Wall SIGN project above the wall to which it is attached; and, with respect to such Lot, One Freestanding SIGN not to exceed in Area forty (40) square feet for each one-hundred (100) feet of Frontage of such Lot;
- (c) only one exterior SIGN with an area not exceeding nine (9) square feet shall be erected on any non-conforming building or use;
- (d) temporary SIGNS, banners, and decorations (not including Portable Signs) placed on private property by the owner or tenant of such property, or with said owner's or tenant's permission, for a grand opening, provided that such SIGNS, banners, and decorations must be erected and used for no more than thirty (30) days..

6.5.4.3 SIGNS PERMITTED IN THE HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT

SIGNS are permitted as follows in the Highway Business District:

- (a) all SIGNS permitted in Sections 6.5.4.1 and 6.5.4.2;
- (b) one (1) Freestanding SIGN per street frontage, not to exceed twelve (12) feet in Height of SIGN and forty-eight (48) square feet in SIGN Area is allowed per one hundred twenty (120) feet of Frontage or fraction thereof; provided, however, that if a building or Premises has more than one Occupancy, the SIGN Area of such Freestanding SIGN shall be increased by twenty-four (24) square feet for each additional Occupancy; for example, if a building had three tenants, the maximum Sign Area of said Freestanding SIGN would be ninety-six (96) square feet. A second Freestanding SIGN of the same height and area is allowed if the Lot exceeds two hundred forty (240) feet of Frontage. No more than two (2) Freestanding SIGNS are allowed per Lot.
- (c) one (1) Wall SIGN and one (1) Projecting SIGN and one (1) Roof SIGN per Occupancy, not to exceed, in total SIGN Area, two (2) square feet in SIGN Area for each linear foot of the Occupancy's building frontage up to a maximum of seventy two (72) square feet or twenty (20) percent of the wall facing the Lot Frontage, whichever is smaller.
- (d) one (1) Awning SIGN per Occupancy, not to exceed thirty (30) percent of the surface area of the awning
- (e) incidental SIGNS, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in aggregate SIGN Area per Occupancy;
- (f) one (1) Portable SIGN per Lot, no larger than twenty (20) square feet in SIGN Area. Portable SIGNS may be displayed only during the hours that the business relating to such Portable Sign is open, and when such business is not open, such Portable Sign must be stored in a location where it is not visible from a public way. Portable SIGNS shall have a setback of at least ten (10) feet from any vehicular public right-of-way;

(g) Freestanding and Awning SIGNS shall have a setback of at least ten (10) feet from any vehicular public right-of-way and a minimum clearance of nine (9) feet over any pedestrian use area.

6.5.5 REGULATION OF OFF-PREMISES SIGNS

6.5.5.1 Off-Premises SIGNS are not permitted, except that an Off-Premises Directional/Information SIGN designating the route to an establishment not on the street on which the SIGN is located may be erected and maintained on public or private property, if granted permission by the Board of Selectmen upon terms set by said Board and a determination by said Board that such sign will promote the public interest, will not endanger the public safety and will be of such size, location and design as will not be detrimental to the neighborhood. Said Board may impose such conditions as it deems reasonable to ensure that the Off-Premise Directional/Information SIGN is constructed and maintained in accordance with the Board's approval. Such Off-Premises SIGNS which are solely directional shall be unlighted and each shall not be over four (4) square feet in Area. Off-Premises Directional/Information SIGNS which are Internally Illuminated SIGNS shall not be permitted except in the Highway Business District, and neither the Board of Selectmen nor the Zoning Board of Appeals shall have authority to grant a Special Permit or Variance for Internally Illuminated SIGNS in zoning Districts other than the Highway Business District.

6.5.6 CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

6.5.6.1 COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODES

All SIGNS shall be constructed in accordance with all requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code and the National Electrical Code.

6.5.6.2 ANCHORING

All Freestanding SIGNS of a permanent nature shall have self-supporting structures erected on or permanently attached to concrete foundations;

6.5.7 DEFINITIONS

Certain terms are defined for the purpose of this SIGN by-law as follows:

Abandoned SIGN – A SIGN whose message describes the availability of goods or services at a location where such goods and services are no longer available and have ceased to be available for a period of at least 60 days, or a SIGN which is non-commercial in nature and the content of the SIGN pertains to a time, event or purpose which has elapsed or expired more than 60 days ago, or a SIGN which has not been maintained or repaired in reasonable working order.

Animated SIGN – A SIGN which has any visible moving part, flashing or oscillating lights, visible mechanical movement of any description, or other apparent visible movement achieved by any means that move, change, flash, or oscillate; provided however that Electronic Message Centers which are otherwise regulated under this SIGN by-law shall not be considered to be Animated SIGNS.

Awning SIGN – A SIGN painted on, printed on, or attached flat against the surface of an awning.

Construction SIGN – A SIGN identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor, and/or material supplier participating in construction on the property on which the SIGN is located.

Copy – A wording or logo on a SIGN surface in either permanent, changeable, temporary or removable form.

Directional/Information SIGN – An On-Premises SIGN giving directions, instructions or facility information and which contains the names and/or logos of businesses located on such Premises but no advertising Copy, e.g., directional, parking and exit and entrance signs.

Electronic Message Center SIGN (“EMC”) – A SIGN capable of displaying and changing words, symbols, figures, images and Copy utilizing computer or other electronic means, including without limitation those using incandescent lamps, LEDs, LCDs, or a combination thereof.

Freestanding SIGN – A SIGN supported upon the ground by poles or braces and not attached to any building.

Frontage – The length of the property line of any one Lot along a public way on which it borders.

Height (of a SIGN) – The vertical distance measured from the highest point of the SIGN, excluding decorative embellishments, to the grade of the adjacent street or the surface grade beneath the SIGN, whichever is less.

Identification SIGN – A SIGN whose Copy is limited to the name and address of a building or a Person and/or to the activity or occupation being identified on the Lot where the SIGN is located.

Illegal SIGN – A SIGN which does not meet the requirements of this SIGN by-law and which is not entitled to pre-existing non-conforming status.

Illuminated SIGN – A SIGN with an artificial light source incorporated internally (an “**Internally Illuminated SIGN**”) or externally (an “**Externally Illuminated SIGN**”) for the purpose of illuminating the SIGN. An Electronic Message Center SIGN is an Internally Illuminated SIGN.

Incidental SIGN – A SIGN no more than two square feet in Area, informing the public of goods, facilities or services available on the premises, e.g., a credit card SIGN or a SIGN indicating hours of business.

Lot - As defined in Section 2.0, Definitions, of Town of Rehoboth Zoning By-laws.

Occupancy – The portion of a building or Premises owned, leased, rented or otherwise occupied for a given use.

Off-Premises SIGN – An outside SIGN whose message directs attention to a business, establishment, merchandise, service, entertainment, activity or event, commercial or non-commercial, which is not sold, produced, conducted, furnished or taking place at the property on which said SIGN is located, including without limitation, “billboards” or “outdoor advertising”.

On-Premises SIGN – A SIGN which pertains to the use of the Premises on which it is located.

Owner – A person who owns and/or controls a SIGN on a specific property.

Person – For the purpose of this bylaw, any individual, corporation, limited liability company, proprietor, association, firm, partnership, trust or similarly defined interest.

Portable SIGN – Any SIGN designed to be moved and not permanently affixed to the ground or to a Structure or building.

Premises - As defined in Section 2.0, Definitions, of Town of Rehoboth Zoning By-laws.

Projecting Sign - A SIGN, other than a flat wall SIGN, which is attached to and projects from a building or wall or other Structure not specifically designed to support the SIGN, or which is suspended from a roof-like structure

Real Estate SIGN – A SIGN advertising the real estate upon which the SIGN is located as being for rent, lease or sale.

Roof SIGN – A SIGN erected on a roof, parapet, or roof-mounted equipment structure of a building.

Roofline – The top edge of a roof, excluding any cupolas, pylons, chimneys or minor projections.

Rotating SIGN – A SIGN in which the SIGN itself or any portion of the SIGN moves in a revolving or similar manner. Such motion does not refer to methods of changing Copy.

SIGN – Any device, structure, fixture, painting, or visual image using words, graphics, symbols, numbers, or letters designed and used for the purpose of communicating a message or attracting attention.

SIGN, Area of –

(1) **Roof SIGNS, Projecting SIGNS and Freestanding SIGNS:** The Area of a Roof SIGN, Projecting SIGN or Freestanding SIGN shall have only one face (the largest one) of any double-faced or multi-faced SIGN counted in calculating its Area.

(a) The Area of such SIGN shall be measured as follows if composed of one or two individual cabinets or modules: the Area within the enclosing perimeter of each cabinet or module shall be determined and then totaled to determine the total Area. The perimeter of measurable Area shall not include embellishments such as pole covers, framing, decorative roofing, etc. provided that there is not advertising Copy on such embellishments.

(b) If such SIGN is composed of more than two SIGN cabinets or modules, the Area enclosing the entire perimeter of all cabinets and/or modules within a single, continuous geometric figure shall be the Area of the SIGN. Pole Covers and other embellishments shall not be included in the Area of measurement if they do not bear advertising Copy.

(2) **Wall SIGNS and Awning SIGNS:** The Area of a Wall SIGN or Awning SIGN shall be the Area within a single, continuous enclosing perimeter consisting of the fewest straight lines comprising a geometric figure which encloses the extreme limits of the advertising Copy.

Structure – As defined in Article 2.0, Definitions, of Town of Rehoboth Zoning By-laws.

Town – Unless the context clearly discloses a contrary intent, the word “Town” shall mean the Town of Rehoboth.

Traffic SIGN – a SIGN used to regulate, warn, or guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, highway, pedestrian facility, bikeway, or private road open to public travel by authority of a public agency or official having jurisdiction, or, in the case of a private road, by authority of the private owner or private official having jurisdiction.

Use – The purpose for which a building, Lot, SIGN or Structure is designed, occupied or maintained.

Wall SIGN – A SIGN attached parallel to and extending not more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall of a Building. This definition includes painted, individual letter, and cabinet SIGNS.

6.5.8 SAVINGS CLAUSE

6.5.8.1 In the event any provision of this SIGN by-law is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of the other provisions hereof.

___Approved___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Comments: The Planning Board is presenting a fully revised Sign Bylaw. During the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, a proposed Sign Bylaw was presented by the Planning Board. After much discussion the Article and Sign Bylaw were tabled until the next Town Meeting. In order to evaluate all comments and concerns, the Planning Board held several workshops and formed a subcommittee consisting of three members of the Planning Board and three members of the Rehoboth Business Association. These members included Christopher Cooper (PB), Edward Bertozzi (PB), Michael Costa (PB), Timothy Johnson (RBA), George Cardono (RBA) and John Jordan (RBA). The subcommittee worked diligently on this revision and expects that the revised Sign Bylaw will meet the needs of both the Town residents and the business community.

ARTICLE 5 : VOTE TO AMEND CHAPTER E – ZONING BYLAW

Submitted by: Citizens Against Rehoboth Compressor Station & Board of Selectmen

Vote to amend Town of Rehoboth Chapter E – Zoning Bylaw by adding the following **Article 4.11 Natural Gas Compressor Stations:**

4.11 Natural Gas Compressor Stations

1.0 Special Permit and Site Plan

Natural gas compressor stations, as defined herein, are required to obtain a special permit from the Planning Board consistent with the procedures for issuance of Special Permits under Article 8. Pursuant to Article 6.7 of these By-Laws, natural gas compressor stations also require Site Plan approval in accordance with that By-Law. Such proceedings are to be consolidated.

2.0 Purpose and Preface:

The purpose of this by-law is to provide that the Town's zoning by-laws are used to ensure that there is adequate protection of its citizens and its environment from noise, pollutants, emissions, discharges, leaks and other risks and hazards that are associated with natural gas compressor stations.

3.0 Definitions:

Compressor Station: A facility designed and constructed to compress natural gas in its function as a midstream facility for the delivery of gas to a transmission pipeline, distribution pipeline, or processing plant, including one or more natural gas compressors, associated buildings, pipes, valves, tanks and other equipment.

Operator: Any private or public entity which operates a Compressor Station.

Protected Structure: Any occupied residence, commercial, business, school, religious institution or other public building located within one mile of the surface location of a Compressor Station, including structures such as garages and barns or other accessory buildings and structures which may be impacted by noise generated by any Compressor Station.

4.0 Comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (CHIA):

As a component of the Special Permit Application, an independent Comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (CHIA) shall be required within a designated perimeter of any proposed Compressor Station facility in order to identify potential health threats as a means of mitigating negative health impacts on residents. The CHIA shall be prepared by an independent health and safety expert in accordance with nationally recognized standards, and specifically designed to identify and evaluate potential short-term and long-term human health impacts by identifying potential pathways for facility-related contaminants

to harm human health, quantifying the cumulative risks posed by any contaminants, and recommending necessary avoidance, minimization, or mitigation. An ongoing annual monitoring of resident health shall be required after infrastructure is built which may have any health impact.

5.0 Emissions:

5.0.1 Any Special Permit issued hereunder shall require that the emissions from any Compressor Station and accessory equipment shall be monitored to ascertain whether they equal or exceed the threshold of toxic air pollutants or hazardous air pollutants designated as such by state or Environmental Protection Agency classifications.

5.0.2 Any applicant hereunder shall demonstrate that the best available engineering practices shall be used to minimize any emissions and ensure public safety.

5.0.3 Any Special permit issued hereunder shall require that an ongoing annual monitoring of air quality shall be required after infrastructure is built.

6.0 Noise:

6.0.1 Residential/Agricultural Districts: Any Compressor Station contemplated hereunder shall be designed such that, at no point beyond the boundary of any lot within these districts shall the exterior noise level resulting from any use or activity located on such lot, at any time, exceed a maximum of 55 DbA,

6.0.2 Sound Barriers: Any Special Permit issued hereunder may require the temporary or permanent erection and use of sound barriers to minimize the impact of noise from Compressor Stations on residents.

6.0.3 Monitoring: Any Special Permit issued hereunder shall include the following protocol for complaints: If a signed complaint is received by the Planning Board and Operator from any resident using a Protected Structure for any lawful purpose regarding noise generated from Compressor Station activities, the Operator shall, within 48 hours of receipt of the complaint, continuously monitor for a forty-eight (48) hour period at a point which is the closer of to the complainant's building of:

- a. The complainant's Protected Structure property line nearest to the Compressor Station generating the noise; or
- b. One hundred (100) feet from the property line of the resident using the Protected Structure;
- c. The Operator shall provide the final results to the Planning Board within 10 business days of the Operator's receipt of those final results to determine compliance.

6.0.4 Exhaust Muffler or Exhaust Box: Any internal combustion engine or compressor used in any Compressor Station shall be equipped with 1) an exhaust muffler or 2) an exhaust box. The exhaust muffler or exhaust box shall be constructed of non-combustible materials designed and installed to suppress noise and disruptive vibrations. All such equipment with an exhaust muffler or exhaust box shall be maintained in good operating condition according to manufacturer's specifications.

6.0.5 Testing and Low Frequency Noise: As a condition of approval of any Special Permit, the Planning Board shall require that independent baseline testing of background noise shall be done prior to construction of any site which may have a high impact on noise within a designated perimeter of one mile to the site, and such testing must address low frequency noise (LFN) and pure tones as well as mid and high frequency noise.

7.0 Lighting:

The Operator shall take steps to direct site lighting downward and inward toward the Compressor Station so as to attempt to minimize glare on property nearby the Compressor Station site. No exterior lighting at any proposed facility location shall project above the horizontal plane or project beyond property lines, and be restricted to a minimum. Any permanently installed exterior lighting shall comply with bylaws to protect abutters.

8.0 First Responders:

8.0.1 In deliberating upon any application for a Special Permit hereunder, the Planning Board may consider whether first responders, including but not limited to the Rehoboth Fire Department have the requisite training and equipment to adequately respond to any potential dangerous conditions that may result due to unique aspects of the operation of a Compressor Station.

8.0.2 Prior to construction of the facility, Operator shall provide to the Town's First Responders, including the Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance service and Zoning Officer, a copy of its Preparedness, Prevention Contingency Plan, which shall address methods to handle the following:

- a. Pipeline leakage;
- b. Spill containment;
- c. Vandalism creating unknown conditions;
- d. Defective pipelines;
- e. Potential contamination of the public water supply and well water of residents.

9.0 Setbacks:

The site plan submitted by any applicant for a Special Permit hereunder shall include a showing of the location of structures on neighboring properties within 100 feet of property lines upon which the Compressor Station will be located. The site plan and other submitted materials shall also detail the effects of an explosion or other emergency situation involving such structures on properties within 500 feet of these properties, including measures taken to minimize such effects. The Planning Board, as a condition of approval, may impose setback requirements that are reasonably necessary to address potential emergencies at the locus.

10.0 Protections for Agricultural Businesses:

In deliberating upon any application hereunder, the Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions to ensure the protection of agricultural, livestock, and equestrian farms from potential noise or chemical exposure that is harmful to animals, crops, feed, and water or detrimental to conducting regular operations of agricultural businesses.

11.0 Construction Work Hours:

No nonemergency construction activities involving the excavation of, alteration to, or repair work on any access road or the Compressor Station Sites shall be performed during the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

___Approved ___Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Comments: The Board of Selectmen, at the request of a citizens' group, has authorized this zoning bylaw amendment to be placed on this Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 6: DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOF

Submitted by: DR Regional School District

To see if the Town will approve the \$3,101,837.00 borrowing authorized by the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of roof replacement and/or repair at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Comments: The Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School roof was last replaced in 1990. It is a flat roof constructed with rubber and held in place with a stone ballast system. The roof has a 15 year life expectancy and is now 27 years old. It is leaking, the insulation is insufficient, the flashings are worn, and the water is causing damage to the building.

ARTICLE 7: INSTALLATION OF FIBER

Submitted by: DR Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$107,750.00 to install 900' of underground conduit on Regional Road; pull (1) 36 count single mode fiber (SMF) from Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School server room to the existing Town of Rehoboth Francis Street Splice Case; terminate cable, splice 4 fibers and test for connectivity; install (1) 36 count SMF from Rehoboth Town Hall splice case/slack loop to Glebe Street town line; terminate cable, splice 4 fibers and test for connectivity; install (1) 36 count SMF from Palmer River Elementary School to Route 44 (Winthrop Street) Splice Case/ Slack Loop; terminate cable, splice 4 fibers and test for connectivity; the following schools will each receive 1 Cisco WS-C3850-12XS-E or equal hardware and corresponding optical components; to install at Beckwith (8) and Palmer River (8) Aruba 2920 48-Port PoE Switches; to install at DRRHS (5) Aruba 2920 48-Port PoE Switches and (1) HP Procurve Expansion Module for the existing 3500zl core switch; to install at DRRHS (2) Fortigate 500Ds firewalls, or take any other action relative thereto

 Approved **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Comments: This fiber installation would bring 10 GB of internet service to the DR High School, Beckwith, Palmer River, Police Station, and Town Hall. All of these locations would benefit from a larger, faster, and more efficient connection. This project has applied and received an E-rate state rebate of 60% the cost, as well as applying for two additional 10% state grants. This article is for the balance of the 20% needed locally.

ARTICLE 8: VOTE TO ACCEPT MGL CHAPTER 60 SECTION 2 ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Submitted by: Treasurer/Collector

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the second paragraph of Section 2 of Chapter 60 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which allows for the abatement of taxes on lands of low value, or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Comments: This will allow the Board of Assessors to abate land of low value taxes when the Tax Collector determines the cost to collect the taxes is more than the amount owed for taxes.

ARTICLE 9: TRANSFER STATION OFFSET RECEIPTS

Submitted by: Board of Health

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 19 from the 2017 Annual Town Meeting to reauthorize an "offset receipts" account for the Solid Waste Handling Facility and Recycling Area and its operation pursuant to MGL Chapter 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 2018 expenditures shall be reduced from the estimated amount of \$128,500.00 to a new amount of \$127,450.00. All expenditures are to be authorized by the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved Disapproved

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Comments: The operation of the Transfer Station is estimated to cost no more than \$127,450.00 and will be funded by pay-as-you-throw fees.

ARTICLE 10: OTHER BUSINESS

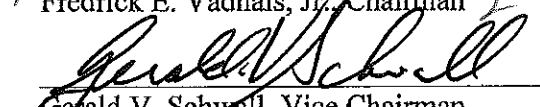
To see if the Town will vote to transact such other business as may legally come before said meeting.


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.

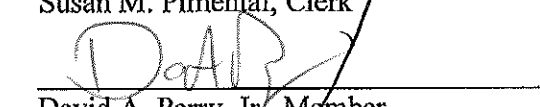
Hereof and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

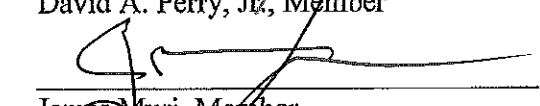
Given under our hands this 16th day of October in the year two thousand seventeen.


Fredrick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman


Susan M. Pimental, Clerk


David A. Perry, Jr., Member


James Muri, Member

REHOBOTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

375TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMITTEE
TALENT BANK FORM



DATE: _____

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This is a special Talent Bank Form for expressing interest in serving on the 375th Anniversary Committee. Events will take place throughout the year and help is needed to plan, coordinate and create.

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, FAX to us at 508-252-5342 or email to khathaway@town.rehoboth.ma.us

☐ 375th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

☐ Other (Please Describe): _____

☐ Volunteer of a Service - Describe: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell or Work Telephone: _____

Are you a registered voter? ☐ yes ☐ no

Special interests and skills _____

Special Service, Idea or Event for 375th: _____

Reasons for wanting to serve _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaw Study Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Cable TV Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Study Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Election Day Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Study Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks Commission (*) | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board (*) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Study Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IT Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Committee | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Advisory Committee | | | |

(*)These are elected groups. Selectmen may fill vacancies until next election.

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 _____

**Town of Rehoboth
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769**

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**Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School
2700 Regional Road
North Dighton, MA
Monday, November 6, 2017**