



Town of Dighton

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Congressman Auchincloss Visit to Dighton

Friday, November 12, 2021

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda/Itinerary

Welcome and Meet to Discuss Economic Development / Revitalization of the Spring Street Mill – 620 Spring Street, North Dighton

12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Property card:

<http://mapublicaccess.tylerhost.net/datalets/datalet.aspx?mode=profileall&sIndex=0&idx=1&LMparent=20>

- 522,000-square foot former textile mill and Raytheon Company manufacturing facility on a 34-acre property built in 1904
- Revitalization proposal for part of property currently includes marijuana cultivation facility

Expected Attendees: Dighton Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator; Sen. Marc Pacheco and Rep, Patricia Haddad; Michael Sheehan, Director of Real Estate, Feeney Brothers (current owners); Kobie Evans, Pure Oasis, LLC; James Aguiar, Dighton Building Commissioner; Taylor O'Neil, JGPR

Main Street Infrastructure Discussion – Dighton Fire Station #1, 300

Main Street, Dighton,

1:00 p.m. to 1:25 p.m.

- Dighton's two fire stations originated as facilities serving Dighton's call fire personnel. Station Number One, located on Main Street, is now approximately sixty years old and has become inadequate to house Dighton Department's now permanent fire and paramedic personnel. Station Number 2, located on Chase Street in the historic North Dighton village, is more than one hundred

years old and also serves as a staging and training area for Dighton's call firefighters.

- Town officials and the fire department's leadership are now evaluating the feasibility of either modernizing current facilities or the possibility of combining fire department operations in a centralized town location. While important, this priority also coincides with the town's need for a number of required and costly capital investments where the costs of said investments far outpace the town's ability to fund them.
- The \$1 billion proposed in H.R. 3728 to be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help local fire and EMS agencies modify, upgrade and build new stations and/or training facilities would be a great source of funding to help Dighton meet its public safety needs. At the same time, it would ensure the affordability of such an important investment for all Dighton taxpayers in providing them and our valued fire department personnel with the facility and equipment they deserve.
- Main Street is also the focus of \$4 million Dighton earmark request for water main replacement.
- This critical municipal water drinking project is of paramount importance to the Dighton Water District and the Town of Dighton.
- Project funding would specifically support the installation of 11,600 linear feet of new 12-inch, cement-lined ductile iron water main in addition to all appurtenances, including hydrants, gate valves, and water services, along all of Main Street. It would also align the District's efforts with the Town's plans to resurface the Main Street road layout in its entirety.

Expected Attendees: Dighton Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator; Sen. Marc Pacheco and Rep, Patricia Haddad; Fire Chief Chris Maguy and DFD on-duty staff; Scott Medeiros from Woodard & Curran (Dighton Water District Consultant); Taylor O'Neil, JGPR

Dighton Trails and Route 138 Economic Development/Sewer Expansion Discussion – Alice's Last Stop, 1901 County Street, Dighton

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Dighton Trails network is part of broader trail system envisioned from Taunton to South Coast; strong partnership and planned town \$40K feasibility study to link to Taunton network. Also links with current DCR redesign of Dighton's Sweets Knoll Trail network.
- \$22 million sewer expansion for Route 138 corridor relying on economic development study / EDA designation

Expected Attendees: Dighton Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator; Sen. Marc Pacheco and Rep, Patricia Haddad; Jeff Carvalho, Dighton Trails Committee; Brian Stone, Alice's Last Stop; James Aguiar, Dighton Building Commissioner; Taylor O'Neil, JGPR