



**Minutes of November 20, 2017 Special Town Meeting
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Hampden, SS.
Town of Blandford**

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the **TOWN OF BLANDFORD**, held on November 20, 2017 at the Blandford Town Hall, One Russell Stage Road, Blandford, Massachusetts, the following business was transacted:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$283,000 from free cash or borrow such sum to purchase a mini pumper, or take any other action relative thereto. (majority vote required for passage, unless borrowing for which a two-thirds vote is required)

Submitted by Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article with the following amendments.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article with the following amendments.

Article amended to read that the allocated \$40,000 would be used from the Capital account and that \$243,000 would be borrowed until available free cash can be certified and used to pay off the loan.

Article passed unanimously as amended

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to pay the Assessor's an hourly rate to attend the required training and workshops. (a two-thirds vote is required)

Submitted by the Assessors

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to postpone the article until more research/information can be gathered

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to postpone the article until more research/information can be gathered

Article postponed indefinitely via unanimous vote on floor

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$231,250.00 from free cash or borrow such sum to purchase a 2018 Mack GU713, or take any other action relative thereto. (majority vote required for passage, unless borrowing for which two-thirds vote is required)

Submitted by Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article with the following amendments.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article with the following amendments.

Article amended to read that \$30,000 would be used from the Capital account and that \$201,250 would be borrowed until available free cash can be certified and then used to pay off loan.

Article passed by two thirds vote

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the Reserve Account into the Town Account Salary Account for the purpose of supplementing that account for FY' 17, or take any other action relative thereto. (majority vote required for passage)

Submitted by Selectboard

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article with the following amendments.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article with the following amendments.

Article amended to read that \$7000 will be transferred from Reserve Account (\$6000 for accounting consultant and \$1000 to pay MARS). Article also amended to read FY'18.

Article passed by majority as amended.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the Town Administrator salary line to \$1.00 by transferring the current balance in excess of \$1.00 to Free Cash.

Citizen's Petition submitted by Anthony van Werkhoven

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to take no action on the article with the following amendments.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to take no action on the article with the following amendments.

Article amended to read that funds in excess of \$1.00 be transferred to the General Fund.

Moderator imposed restrictions on discussions not to include Town Administrator's job performance or disciplinary action taken by Selectboard.

Article postponed indefinitely via motion on floor.

A true copy

Attest:



Laurie Boucher, Town Clerk



Date