

TOWN OF BLANDFORD
MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL REPORT
2004-2005

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GLOSSARY

- APPROPRIATION:** An authorization granted by a Town Meeting to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposed. An appropriation is usually limited in amount as to the time when it may be expended. Only a Town meeting or the School Committee can authorize money appropriated for one purpose to be used for another. Any amount which is appropriated may be encumbered (see definition).
- AVAILABLE FUNDS:** Free cash, reserves and unexpended balances available for appropriation.
- COLLECTOR:** Is responsible for the overall administration of local taxes. The Collector enforces the tax laws to insure a high level of voluntary payment and is responsible for properly maintaining tax records, accounting for taxes received, and paying over all receipts to the Treasurer.
- ENCUMBRANCES:**..... Obligations in the form of purchase orders, contracts or salary commitments which are chargeable to the appropriation and for which a part of the appropriation is reserves.
- ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:** Estimate of money to be received by the Town from various sources, such as licenses, state reimbursements, etc. The estimate is deducted by the Assessors from the gross amount to be raised by taxes when the tax rate is set.
- EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY:** Also called the "surplus revenue" account, this is the amount by which case, accounts receivable and other assets exceed the liabilities and reserves. It is akin to the "stockholders equity" account on a corporation balance sheet. It is not; however, available for appropriation in full because of a portion of the assets listed as "accounts receivable" may be taxes receivable and uncollected. (See "Free Cash")
- FISCAL YEAR:** A twelve-month period commencing July 1 to which the annual budget applies and at the end of which a Town determines its financial position and the results of its operations.
- FREE CASH:** Certified each July 1 by the Director of Accounts, this is the surplus revenue account (Also called "excess and deficiency") less any uncollected taxes of prior years. It is available for appropriation upon certification. By action of a Special Town Meeting after certification and before setting the tax rate, part or all of any unexpected "free cash" may be applied to reduce the tax rate of the current year. (See also "Excess and Deficiency"). "Free Cash" is also referred to as "Available Funds."
- OVERLAY:** Amount of money raised by Assessors for purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements and uncollectible taxes.
- RESERVE FUND:** Amount transferred from Overlay and/or appropriated for unforeseen or emergency purposes. Controlled by the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.
- ROAD MACHINERY FUND:** A fund which is the accumulated town charge for certain uses for town equipment and which may be appropriated for maintenance and repair of that equipment.
- SURPLUS REVENUE:** The amount by which the cash, accounts receivable and other floating assets exceed the liabilities and reserves.
- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:** A meeting of the registered voters of a Town called by the Board of Selectmen at their discretion or by written request of 20% of all registered voters in the Town.
- TOWN MEETING WARRANT:** A written order calling the annual or a special town meeting and containing a list of the subjects to be acted upon. The Selectmen shall insert in the warrant for the annual Town Meeting all subjects which are requested in writing by ten or more registered voters and in the warrant for a Special Town Meeting all subjects requested by 10% of all the Town's voters.

GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICTS

Representatives in Massachusetts General Court

Representative:	William Smitty Pignatelli (D) Room 437 State House Boston, MA 02133 Tel: (617) 722-2582 Rep.smittypignatelli@hou.state.ma.us	Fourth Berkshire District Airolidi Building 45 Railroad Street Lee, MA 01238 Tel: (413) 243-5534
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Congressman:	John W. Olver (D) 1027 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515 Tel: (202) 225-5335	1 st District 57 Suffolk St., Suite 310 Holyoke, MA 01040 Tel: (413) 532-7010 www.house.gov/writerep
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Also, Please check out the Massachusetts website for more information: www.state.ma.us

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

May 8, 2004-May 14, 2005

(In Alphabetical Order)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Assessors (3 years)	
Frank Burkott	2005
Vacant	2006
Jeni Masiuk	2007
Cemetery Commissioners (3 years)	
Vacant	2005
T.J. Cousineau	2006
Vacant	2007
Fence Viewer (3 years)	
Andy Iglesias	2005
George Reichert	2006
Field Driver (3 years)	
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Health, Board of (3 years)	
Les Eldridge	2005
Mike Wojcik	2006
Vacant	2007
Library Trustees (3 years)	
Mary Kronholm	2005
Chris Keenan	2006
Chuck Benson	2007
Moderator (3 years)	
David Hopson	2006
Planning Board (5 years)	
Vacant	2005
John Bianco	2006
John Caswell	2007
Opal Poteat	2008
Juliana Mueller	2009
Recreation Committee (3 years)	
Vacant	2005
Vacant	2006
Staci Iglesias	2007
Vacant	2008
Vacant	2008
School Committee (3 years)	
Vacant	2006
Vacant	2007

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

May 8, 2004-May 14, 2005

Continued

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Selectmen (3 years)	
Bill Devin	2005
Elaine Kelly	2006
Chet Broughton	2007
Tax Collector (3 years)	
Lee Ann Thompson	2005
Town Clerk (3 years)	
Staci Iglesias	2005
Treasurer (3 years)	
Anne Holliday	2007
Tree Warden (3 years)	
Michael Wojcik	2006
Water Commissioners (3 years)	
Frank Verderber	2005
Les Eldridge	2006
Stephen Bragg	2007

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

June 30, 2004 – July 1, 2005

(In Alphabetical Order)

Aging. Council on (1 year)	
Sally Robbins	2005
Summer Robbins	2005
Jo Taudel	2006
Linda VanWerkhoven	2006
Arts Council (2 years)	
Vacant	2005
Mary Martin	2005
Darlene Horne	2005
Robin Stevens	2005
Mary Jo Litchard	2005
Building Inspector (1 year)	
Eric Munson	2005
Building Inspector, Assistant (1 year)	
Vacant	2005
Burial Agent (1 year)	
Don Brainerd	2005

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

June 30, 2004 – July 1, 2005

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Burial Agent, Asst. (1 year) T. J. Cousineau	2005
Chief Procurement Officer (1 year) Chet Broughton	2005
Conservation Commission (3 years) Robin Stevens Rosemary Arnold John Caswell Pete Sutherland Laura Scalise Kadzik	2005 2005 2005 2006 2006
Constables (3 years) Tate Walker John Haight	2005 2006
Dog Officer (1 year) Brenda Blood	2005
Dog Officer, Assistant (1 year) Vacant	2005
Election Clerk (1 year) Kim Blanchette	2005
Election Officers (1 year) Charlotte Cook Sandra Wyman Kim Blanchette	2005 2005 2005
Election Warden (1 year) Mary Kronholm	2005
Election Warden, Alternate (1 year) Kim Blanchette	2005
Emergency Management Co-Directors (1 year) Don Carpenter Keith Ackley	2005 2005
Finance Committee (3 years) Sue Racine Co Cousineau John Kelly Theodore Jensen Vacant	2005 2005 2005 2006 2006

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

June 30, 2004 – July 1, 2005

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden (3 years) Don Carpenter	2005
Hazardous Waste Coordinator (1 year) Don Carpenter	2005
Highway Superintendent (1 year) Keith Ackley	2005
Historical Commission (3 years) Julie Mueller	2005
LeeAnn Thompson	2005
Katy Milford	2005
Michael Urbanski	2005
Rosemary Arnold	2005
Vacant	2006
Peter Milford	2006
Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering (1 year) Brenda Blood	2005
Inspector of Servicemen's Graves (1 year) Michael Wojcik	2005
Measurer of Wood & Bark (1 year) Michael Wojcik	2005
Pest Control Officer (1 year) Michael Wojcik	2005
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (1 year) Julianna Mueller	2005
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Alternate (1 year) Opal Poteat	2005
Plumbing & Gas Inspector (1 year) Robert Gardner	2005
Plumbing & Gas Inspector, Assistant David Ritchie	2005
Police Chief (3 years) Charles Harner	2005

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June 30, 2004 – July 1, 2005

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Police Officers (3 years)	
Tate Walker	2005
Sean Cloutier	2005
Scott King	2005
Joe Coach	2005
Police Officer, Special (1 year)	
Vacant	2005
Registrars of Voters (1 year)	
Mary Kronholm	2005
Staci Iglesias	2005
Town Accountant (1 year)	
Staci Iglesias	2005
Town Counsel (1 year)	
Kopelman & Paige	2005
Veteran's Agent (1 year)	
Robert Messier	2005
Watson Park Superintendent (1 year)	
Nicole Geary	2005
Wiring Inspector (1 year)	
Edward LaPlante	2005
Wiring Inspector, Assistant (1 year)	
Michael Dintzner	2005
Zoning Board of Appeals (3 years)	
Summer Robbins	2005
Don Brainerd	2006
Vacant	2006
James Kronholm, Alternate	2006

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE BLANDFORD ARTS COUNCIL

The Blandford Arts Council is pleased to report that we granted our Massachusetts Cultural Council allotment of \$2,000 to primarily local artists and art organizations. These included the Blandford Fair Art Show and the Bel Canto Opera for the benefit of the White Church. From the Hilltowns, we granted funds to the miniature theatre of Chester, the Festival of Hilltown Artists, and the Huntington Dance Company.

We would like to take this opportunity to notify town residents that Council is in dire need of members. We lost one of our members in 2004 and are now below the required limit. Understanding that everyone's schedules are tight we only meet once per year to make our grant decisions. Everyone receives a copy of the grants prior to the meeting for their consideration. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Council please call Darlene Horne at 848-0925.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Horne, Chair
Robin Stevens
Mary Martin
Mary Jo Litchard

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the current fiscal year, the Board of Assessors consists of Jeni Masiuk (Chairperson), Frank Burkott, Laura Lee Bertram and Joanne Grybosh.

The new office hours are Monday and Wednesday evenings 7-9 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. or by appointment.

We regret the resignation of Donald Blanchette, Assessor, and Alicia Brazie, Assessors' Assistant.

We had purchased a new computer, new software, and acquired a new vendor to do our property valuation. The conversion was a long and tedious process since data was lost in the old system. The office is in the process of being reorganized and data still needs to be entered. The turn over within the department has made it difficult to operate efficiently. In addition, the department has been understaffed for five months.

Frank Burkott, a newly elected Assessor, is computer savvy and has been very helpful setting up our new system.

In March 2005, Laura Lee Bertram as appointed as an Assessor. She has a wealth of knowledge in this field and we appreciate her dedication.

We would like to welcome Joanne Grybosh, Assessors' Assistant. She has been working diligently in reorganizing the office and reviewing all of the data in our system.

During the year, taxpayers are encouraged to come to the office to review their record card. The Board of Assessors is always available to assist or answer questions. The Board meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, excluding holidays. Changes are posted on the town bulleting board.

Yearly interim adjustments are now mandated by the State. These adjustments include analysis and applications of appropriate appraisal methods.

Several problems had to be resolved before the tax rate for fiscal year 2005 could be set. Balancing the budget was a major issue. The Board of assessors wishes to thank the taxpayers and all the Town Officials for their patience during this transitional period.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeni Masiuk, Chairman
Frank Burkott
Laura Lee Bertram

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The total of nineteen permits were issued at an estimated cost of \$1,285,500.00 for the Year 2004.

1.	New dwellings	4	\$ 860,000.00
2.	Addition and remodel	6	\$ 344,000.00
3.	Decks and porches	1	\$ 10,000.00
4.	Garage and sheds	7	\$ 69,550.00
5.	Repair	1	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>
	Total	19	\$1,285,500.00

SPECIAL NOTES

1. Office hours: by appointment (413) 258-4590.
2. Seventh Edition of the new state building code is now being worked on, when ready, copies will be at the town hall and library.
3. Before any construction is stated new or old work repairs, additions, garden sheds, please check with the building department to see if a permit is needed or if your plan needs to go to the planning board.
4. Applications and building information can be found at the town hall.
5. No building or dwelling with an outstanding building permit shall be used or inhabited until a "Certificate of Occupancy" has been issued. Use or occupancy without this certificate will result in a fine according to MA. Building Code, section 120.1. It is the homeowner responsibility to see that this is obtained.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric R. Munson, Jr.
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION (no report submitted)

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Blandford Conservation Commission enjoyed a very busy year in 2004, as we tried to monitor and protect Blandford's many valuable wetlands. We were especially gratified to see the Long Pond Water Project moving toward fruition. Earlier we gave our Open Space Plan its first major overhaul since 1983. Land acquisition remains a prime objective and we progressed on several fronts in 2004.

On a sour note, Mass. Highways' excessive use of road salt continues to poison wells along Route 23 in Blandford. The BCC urges a reduced application rate, however the wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly. Members made numerous site visits last year inspecting proposed new construction and/or alleged wetland violations. Most of these were quickly resolved; however our rapidly increasing volume of work is worrisome. We are optimistic that a set of updated, more comprehensive zoning regulations currently being worked on by Blandford's Planning Board may give us some relief.

The Blandford Conservation Commission has had a dedicated and cohesive staff in recent years. We would like to augment that group with new associate members who care deeply about Blandford's wetlands, wildlife and wonderful natural resources.

Please contact us...

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Arnold
Chuck Benson
John Caswell
Laura Scalise Kadzik
Robin Stevens
Pete Sunderland

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Blandford Council on Aging ("COA") has had a busy and successful year thanks to an active board and the support of our seniors in town. We continue to have monthly board meetings the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall.

The monthly coffee hour and the blood pressure clinic in co-operation with the Lee VNA have been well attended. The monthly coffee hour and blood pressure clinic is held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Blandford Elementary School.

Through the efforts of the COA Seniors are able to obtain lunch at the Blandford Elementary School for a nominal charge.

The COA sponsors a spring and fall luncheon for seniors which are well attended.

The COA has arranged for van services for Blandford seniors to be increased from once a week to twice a week.

The Board in co-operation with the Fire Chief, Don Carpenter, sent out a survey to the seniors in town in order to determine what additional needs exist.

Representatives of the COA attend monthly meetings of the Hilltown COA consortium.

The board would like to thank Cheryl Hopson, who is retiring from the Board, for all the support she has provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Taudell, Co-chair
Linda van Werkhoven, Co-chair
Anita Forish, Secretary and Treasurer

Board Members,
Grace Annable Kay Walsh
Corry Lucia Ed Trusty
Bernice Rabideau Sumner Robbins
Sally Robbins

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We would like to welcome our new members John Kelley and Ted Jensen and thank our out-going member Carol Adams.

The town departments have been very cooperative dealing with state cuts. But working with a tight budget for the last few years leaves the larger departments facing large upgrade costs. We also have to consider larger utility bills, insurance, etc. With the schools facing the same challenges it could prove to be a difficult year.

Respectfully submitted,
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John Kelley
Ted Jensen
Sue Racine

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year there were many changes in the Blandford Fire Department. The most notable was the retirement of Chief Thomas Ackley. Tom has lived in town all his life and has given 47 years of that time, 25 years as Chief, to the town of Blandford as a volunteer fire fighter. For that dedication to making Blandford a better place, and the many nights of lost sleep and days of missed work we cannot thank him enough. Tom is still helping when he can.

I would like to thank Jack Shinkwin, Jim Swol, Keith and Marie Ackley, Chris Streeter, and Al Vautier. These members resigned or retired over the past year after many years of devoted service to the Blandford Fire Department.

I was appointed Chief of the department July 1, 2004, and with that appointment there were some changes. The one change that I will mention is the issuing of burning permits. We will issue permits Monday nights from 6:00 to 8:00p.m. Permits will be good from January 15 to April 30 unless revoked for a violation of the regulations set by the Department of Environmental Protection. We will also conduct other Fire Department business during that time.

For those of you who may need to contact the Fire Department, the business number was not published in the 2005 Verizon phone book. That phone number is 848-2874. For emergencies dial 911.

The Blandford Fire Department had a good year in 2004. We responded to only 78 calls. That is down from 100 calls in 2003, and 115 calls 2002. Of the 78 calls, 39 were medical, 13 were fires, 17 were

other types of calls. We had 9 calls to other towns for mutual aide, and received mutual aide to the town of Blandford on 43 different occasions.

We purchased a Thermal Imager, CO Detector and other miscellaneous equipment through funding received from the firefighter Public Safety Equipment Grant.

Last but not least I want to welcome Doug Emo, Kevin McAvoy, Rich Cook, Mike Rock, Manndy Paddick, Francis Kibby, Kathy Stockseth, Tim Sullivan, Junior firefighters Peter Balicki and Ryan Chaffee, to the Blandford Volunteer Fire Department.

The Blandford Fire Department needs volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the department, please call the above number. Drills are on Tuesday night 6:30 to 9:00. To all of the Blandford firefighters, I thank you for your time and dedication given to training and to the public safety of the Town of Blandford.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Carpenter
Chief, Blandford Volunteer Fire Department

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Please note that the transfer station hours have changed because of the budget cuts in November. The new hours for the transfer station at Tuesday, 6-8p.m. and Saturday, 8-12pm. Please watch for new hours with the 2006 budget.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Wojcik
Les Eldridge

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This past year with the help of Strap Grant Funds we were able to resurface Nye Brook Road. Unfortunately with the recent heavy rains a section of the road was washed out. A State of Emergency was called and hopefully State or Federal funds will be available to help pay for repairs for this and other roads that also received damage.

In the next year we will resurface all of Gore Road and as much of North Blandford Road that will be possible along with upgrading some of our dirt roads.

Thanks to the Police and Fire Departments and all town residents for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted
Keith Ackley, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION 2004

Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. (HCAA) was established in November 2001 to provide ambulance service to Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell and Worthington. We serve approximately 8,431 residents spread over 200 square miles. Geographically, this is the largest area serviced by one EMS provider within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HCAA is a non-profit corporation governed by an all-volunteer board of directors, one director representing each town in the service area. In addition there is one director from Community Health Centers, one from the Massachusetts State Police Dispatch Control Center in Northampton, and three at-large members.

Our headquarters is located at 1 Bromley Road, Huntington, which is the geographic center of our service area. Western Mass Electric Company owns the facility and has provided the building and electricity to HCAA free of charge. This generosity has made a significant difference to HCAA in its overall cost of operation.

HCAA has two fully equipped & licensed Class I ambulances. This past year HCAA received 513 requests for ambulance service, up from 254 requests in 2001. A breakdown of requests by town follows:

Blandford	51
Chester	64
Huntington	142
Montgomery	50
Russell	124
Worthington	81
Cummington	1 (mutual aid request)

Since medical emergencies are unpredictable, residents need to know that from time to time HCAA will receive simultaneous requests for an ambulance. This past year both ambulances responded to simultaneous requests 29 times. In order to insure coverage, HCAA has mutual aid agreements with other ambulance services from surrounding communities to provide back up response. Additionally, HCAA maintains advanced life support intercept agreements with Westfield Fire Department, American Medical Response, and County Ambulance to assist with the most serious cases. HCAA wishes to thank the fire chiefs and all the first responders who have assisted at accidents and medical emergencies this past year. Working together, their assistance has strengthened our overall effectiveness in serving our communities.

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Looking forward, HCAA is actively working to upgrade its services from the basic life support level to the intermediate level of advanced life support, targeted to begin in December 2005. If you would like to learn more about HCAA, please feel free to call Kathy Rider at HCAA headquarters, 667-3277. Certification and continuing education programs for qualified persons will be provided for those willing to serve and become a member of HCAA.

The three major challenges in operating an ambulance service responsibly are revenue projection, expense management, and personnel. The HCAA board of directors has dedicated itself to each of these components, while consistently sensitive to the financial demands on the communities being served. Since the beginning of its operations, HCAA has requested that communities vote to only level fund ambulance service. After careful review of its increasing costs of operation and cash flow projection from billings, the board of directors has found it necessary to request a \$25,000 increase in the overall subsidy for fiscal year 2006. Even with this increase, the HCAA subsidy request is one of the lowest in all of Massachusetts. The chart below illustrates the subsidy on a per capita basis by community.

Community	* Population	% of Total	Prior Subsidy	FY-06 Subsidy	Increase
Blandford	1,214	14.4%	\$ 6,612.77	\$ 10,212.77	\$ 3,600.00
Chester	1,308	15.5%	\$ 7,117.91	\$ 10,992.91	\$ 3,875.00
Huntington	2,174	25.8%	\$ 11,847.88	\$ 18,297.88	\$ 6,450.00
Montgomery	808	9.6%	\$ 4,408.51	\$ 6,808.51	\$ 2,400.00
Russell	1,657	19.7%	\$ 9,046.63	\$ 13,971.63	\$ 4,925.00
Worthington	1,270	15.0%	\$ 6,888.30	\$ 10,638.30	\$ 3,750.00
Totals	8,431	100.00%	\$ 45,922.00	\$ 70,922.00	\$ 25,000.00

* Based on 2000 Census

Annual Cost Per Person	
FY- 03, 04, 05	\$ 5.45
FY - 06	\$ 8.41

At annual town meetings residents will vote to financially support a primary service provider for ambulance service in its community. HCAA looks forward to your continued support for the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Smith - Blandford
L. Judith Jackson - Chester
Kirk E. Birrell - Huntington

Philip H. Shaw, Jr. - Montgomery
Philip T. Winterson - Russell
J.P. Welch - Worthington

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

We continue to work with Massachusetts Historical Commission to update the historical inventory of buildings and landscape features in Blandford. As Blandford was one of the last towns in the Commonwealth to appoint a Historical Commission, we are working hard to catch up with other communities to complete this necessary task.

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Peter Milford
Julie Mueller
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Mike Urbanski
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REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION 2004

Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. (HCAA) was established in November 2001 to provide ambulance service to Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell and Worthington. We serve approximately 8,431 residents spread over 200 square miles. Geographically, this is the largest area serviced by one EMS provider within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HCAA is a non-profit corporation governed by an all-volunteer board of directors, one director representing each town in the service area. In addition there is one director from Community Health Centers, one from the Massachusetts State Police Dispatch Control Center in Northampton, and three at-large members.

Our headquarters is located at 1 Bromley Road, Huntington, which is the geographic center of our service area. Western Mass Electric Company owns the facility and has provided the building and electricity to HCAA free of charge. This generosity has made a significant difference to HCAA in its overall cost of operation.

HCAA has two fully equipped & licensed Class I ambulances. This past year HCAA received 513 requests for ambulance service, up from 254 requests in 2001. A breakdown of requests by town follows:

Blandford	51
Chester	64
Huntington	142
Montgomery	50
Russell	124
Worthington	81
Cummington	1 (mutual aid request)

Since medical emergencies are unpredictable, residents need to know that from time to time HCAA will receive simultaneous requests for an ambulance. This past year both ambulances responded to simultaneous requests 29 times. In order to insure coverage, HCAA has mutual aid agreements with other ambulance services from surrounding communities to provide back up response. Additionally, HCAA maintains advanced life support intercept agreements with Westfield Fire Department, American Medical Response, and County Ambulance to assist with the most serious cases. HCAA wishes to thank the fire chiefs and all the first responders who have assisted at accidents and medical emergencies this past year. Working together, their assistance has strengthened our overall effectiveness in serving our communities.

HCAA is staffed by both full time and volunteer EMTs. All are dedicated professionals who are highly skilled and certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. HCAA is proud of the service it delivers, and its significant contribution is substantiated by recurrent feedback received from patients and families in each of the communities served.

Looking forward, HCAA is actively working to upgrade its services from the basic life support level to the intermediate level of advanced life support, targeted to begin in December 2005. If you would like to learn more about HCAA, please feel free to call Kathy Rider at HCAA headquarters, 667-3277. Certification and continuing education programs for qualified persons will be provided for those willing to serve and become a member of HCAA.

The three major challenges in operating an ambulance service responsibly are revenue projection, expense management, and personnel. The HCAA board of directors has dedicated itself to each of these components, while consistently sensitive to the financial demands on the communities being served. Since the beginning of its operations, HCAA has requested that communities vote to only level fund ambulance service. After careful review of its increasing costs of operation and cash flow projection from billings, the board of directors has found it necessary to request a \$25,000 increase in the overall subsidy for fiscal year 2006. Even with this increase, the HCAA subsidy request is one of the lowest in all of Massachusetts. The chart below illustrates the subsidy on a per capita basis by community.

Community	* Population	% of Total	Prior Subsidy	FY-06 Subsidy	Increase
Blandford	1,214	14.4%	\$ 6,612.77	\$ 10,212.77	\$ 3,600.00
Chester	1,308	15.5%	\$ 7,117.91	\$ 10,992.91	\$ 3,875.00
Huntington	2,174	25.8%	\$ 11,847.88	\$ 18,297.88	\$ 6,450.00
Montgomery	808	9.6%	\$ 4,408.51	\$ 6,808.51	\$ 2,400.00
Russell	1,657	19.7%	\$ 9,046.63	\$ 13,971.63	\$ 4,925.00
Worthington	1,270	15.0%	\$ 6,888.30	\$ 10,638.30	\$ 3,750.00
Totals	8,431	100.00%	\$ 45,922.00	\$ 70,922.00	\$ 25,000.00

* Based on 2000 Census

Annual Cost Per Person	
FY- 03, 04, 05	\$ 5.45
FY - 06	\$ 8.41

At annual town meetings residents will vote to financially support a primary service provider for ambulance service in its community. HCAA looks forward to your continued support for the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Smith - Blandford
L. Judith Jackson - Chester
Kirk E. Birrell - Huntington

Philip H. Shaw, Jr. - Montgomery
Philip T. Winterson - Russell
J.P. Welch - Worthington

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Ms. Darrow will be the acting interim when Ms. LaScala leaves.

Ms. Crane has started a new program at the library, a pre-school story hour. The story hour is the first and third Thursday of the month at 10 A.M. She will also undertake the Summer Reading Program for the library.

Ms. Darrow and Ms. Montanaro are working on the library's shelf list, or making certain the library's inventory is accurate. This is a special project that needs to be done. This year the library hosted the book club, the Brownies, the knitting group and the Coop pre-order meetings.

Until such time as a new director is hired, the planning for expansion of the library is on hold. Trustees are seeking a new director who must have a four-year college degree.

The trustees are responsible for the management of the Utley Fund, which this year earned \$204.93 from June 30, 2003 to June 30, 2004. This is a restricted fund and only the interest may be used for library materials and programs. Interest on the Utley Fund Interest earned \$59.32

The Tiffany/Porter/Haight fund earned \$287.00 from June 30, 2003 to June 30, 2004. The interest on the checking account (Schwab) earned \$25.09; \$465.00 was expended and new income was \$215.00 from donations and book sales. The Schwab Balanced Account increased in value by \$1,358.94.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kronholm, Chairman
Chuck Benson
Christine Keenan

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Board was, once again, busy reviewing and signing ANR plans and permits for building new homes, garages and additions.

The year saw the completion of the Community Development Plan. Numerous meetings of the committee with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission representatives finally came to fruition and the report was sent to the printer at year's end.

The CD Plan, funded by EO418, is the basis for the Commonwealth's Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant Program. The Planning Board applied for this funding and was one of 41 of 73 proposals to be funded.

The scope of work, to be completed before June 30, 2005, includes a comprehensive zoning review of the current bylaws. A Village Center District Bylaw and Site Plan Review Bylaw will also be undertaken. Finally, an Agricultural/Forestry Overlay District Bylaw will be developed and will include a GIS map to define the boundaries of the overlay district.

We want to thank Mary Brainerd for her many years of dedicated service to the Planning Board. She was always the quiet voice of reason and her experience was invaluable to us all. We will miss her. Greg Garfield was appointed by the Selectmen to fill out Mary's term and we welcome him as the fifth member of the Board.

The Planning Board now meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Appointments are encouraged if plans are to be signed, but anyone is welcome to attend any meeting. Suggestions and ideas on planning issues are encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliana Mueller, Chair
Opal Geanne Poteat, Secretary
John Bianco
John Caswell
Greg Garfield

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR

There were 7 plumbing permits issued and 13 inspections made. There were 10 gas permits issued and 10 inspection made.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Gardner

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

(no report submitted)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This was another busy year for the Board of Selectmen. We thank all town employees, elected officers, and appointed officials. Town residents are well served by their neighbors who give their time in their official capacities in Blandford, and we encourage more people to step forward to do their part for our town through positive support, volunteering, and making it a point to get the whole story with accurate facts on issues that affect us all.

Tom Ackley retired as Fire Chief, and we thank him for his many years of service to the town. We welcomed Don Carpenter as Chief, who has capably stepped into that role. We also thank Sean Cloutier for his work for the town in the Highway Department and Doug Emo for his efforts in Watson Park. Nicole Geary is now looking after things at the park.

The Blandford Elementary School has reopened for our town's children. It is wonderful to have our school back in use for our young people. We are pleased that this important meeting place in Blandford is again available for us all, since it also provides a regular gathering area for town residents.

The personnel policy has been reviewed and has gone to Town Counsel for final evaluation. If everything is in order, the policy will be voted into place for the new fiscal year. It should provide a comprehensive guide for all town workers.

Many of our town roads have suffered from the harsh winter this year. We are looking to repairing Gore Road and as much of North Blandford Road as possible. In addition, we look to resolving our issues with Springfield Water and Sewer Commission to receive the money to repair Beech Hill Road.

Another area we hope to address relating to roads is the strengthening of our bylaws. We particularly need to approach the issue of appropriate bonds for the use of our town roads by companies using heavy trucks. Such bonds would insure that payment would be made to cover potential damage done to any town roads.

Our other major focus has been the continuing efforts to upgrade computer use at the Town Offices. We have a new server, and now we are waiting to have the money for a tape back up to allow town officials to consistently maintain accurate information in a safe manner. Plus, we need the money for Internet service for all major boards at the Town Offices. In many cases, the State is now requiring that business be conducted via computer. Having inconsistent and incomplete computer service not only makes jobs more difficult and the work sometimes inefficient, but reports and figures may be inaccurate, so things for Blandford are much more likely to be delayed.

One thing that would help us on many fronts is the hiring of a part-time Town Administrator. The importance of this position revolves around not only having a central contact to coordinate things in town, but also having someone for grant writing with knowledge of state government. With so many state and federal regulations to deal with, progress on projects and problems is slow. Having an experienced person assisting the town would benefit every resident.

Finally, related to this, we continue to actively seek ways to increase revenues coming into the town. Back taxes owed to the town are being collected regularly, investigation proceeds into ways to receive our fair share of PILOT monies, and our state officials are assisting us on several larger issues, including on-going interaction with Springfield Water and Sewer Commission.

Please do your part. Blandford needs more people working together to solve the issues we face.

Respectfully submitted,
Chet Broughton, Chair
Bill Devin, Clerk
Elaine Kelly, Member

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

MOTOR VEHICLE Y-T-D- TOTAL REPORT

Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2004

Net Amounts	Debits	Credit	Total
Taxes	124,934.05	101,522.59	
Interest	4.18	4.18	
Abatements	0.00	2077.83	
Exemptions	0.00	0.00	
Adjustments	0.00	0.00	
Credits	0.00	0.00	
Demand	0.00	0.00	
Warrant	0.00	0.00	
Other Charges	5.00	5.00	
Refunds Issued	472.40	0.00	
Refunds Possible	897.09	0.00	
Grand Totals	126,312.72	103,609.60	22,703.12

WATER/SEWER BILLING Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT

Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2004

Net Amounts	Debits	Credit	Total
Taxes	202,759.37	130,839.51	
Interest	683.11	683.11	
Abatements	0.00	250.00	
Exemptions	0.00	0.00	
Adjustments	0.00	0.00	
Credits	0.00	0.00	
Demand	0.00	0.00	
Warrant	0.00	0.00	
Other Charges	5.00	5.00	
Refunds Issued	0.00	0.00	
Refunds Possible	950.79	0.00	
Grand Totals	204,398.27	131,527.62	72,870.65

PERSONAL PROPERTY Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT
Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2004

Taxes	127,004.11	112,523.53	
Interest	24.71	24.71	
Abatements	0.00	0.00	
Exemptions	0.00	0.00	
Adjustments	0.00	0.00	
Credits	0.00	0.00	
Demand	0.00	0.00	
Warrant	0.00	0.00	
Other Charges	0.00	0.00	
Refunds Issued	0.00	0.00	
Refunds Possible	51.12	0.00	
Grand Totals	127,079.94	112,548.24	14,531.70

REAL ESTATE Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT
Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2004

Taxes	1,380,985.32	1,277,060.48	
Interest	3,008.44	3,008.44	
Betterments/liens	70,040.29	58,093.11	
Committed Interest	0.00	0.00	
Abatements	0.00	3,272.12	
Exemptions	0.00	6,700.00	
Adjustments	0.00	0.00	
Credits	0.00	0.00	
Demand	0.00	0.00	
Warrant	0.00	0.00	
Other Charges	10.00	10.00	
Refunds Issued	9,753.31	0.00	
Refunds Possible	3,816.84	0.00	
Grand Total	1,467,614.20	1,348,144.15	- 119,470.05

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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FY2004 Expense Report (All Entries) - General Fund

Expense Category / Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% Exp
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Moderator's Salary 015114-000		46.00		46.00	46.00		100
Moderator Expenses 015114-001		25.00		25.00		25.00	0
Selectmen's Salaries 015122-000		4,326.00		4,326.00	3,173.43	1,152.57	73
Selectmen's Secretary 015122-001		6,180.00		6,180.00	6,180.00		100
Selectmen's Expense 015122-002		1,800.00		1,800.00	1,720.12	79.88	96
ENCUMBER SELECTMEN'S E 015122-999	30.67			30.67	30.67		100
Finance Committee 015131-000		245.00		245.00	105.00	140.00	43
Town Accountant Salary 015135-000		8,640.00		8,640.00	8,640.00		100
Town Accountant's Expe 015135-001		1,330.00		1,330.00	1,320.48	9.52	99
Assessor's Salaries 015141-000		3,708.00		3,708.00	3,708.00		100
Assessor's Expense 015141-001		4,940.00		4,940.00	4,680.15	259.85	95
Assessor's Clerk Salar 015141-002		10,400.00		10,400.00	8,767.50	1,632.50	84
Assessors Reval 015141-006	7,500.00	15,000.00		22,500.00	22,441.33	58.67	100
Assessors Contract Ser 015142-000		7,060.00		7,060.00	7,060.00		100
Treasurer's Salary 015145-000		7,210.00		7,210.00	7,210.00		100
Treasurer's Clerk 015145-001		772.00		772.00	603.00	169.00	78
Treasurer's Expense 015145-002		2,150.00	900.00	3,050.00	3,033.45	16.55	99
Tax Title Legal Fees 015145-005			20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00		100
ENCUMB.TAX TITLE LEGAL 015145-999	8,192.50			8,192.50	8,192.50		100
Tax Collector's Salary 015146-000		9,270.00	2,730.00	12,000.00	12,000.00		100
Tax Collector's Expens 015146-001		10,000.00	2,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00		100
Tax Coll Special Tax P 015146-002			4,000.00	4,000.00	1,524.00	2,476.00	38
ENCUMB TAX COLL EXPENS 015146-999	29.21			29.21	29.21		100
Town Counsel 015151-000		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00		100
Town Clerk's Salary 015161-000		3,090.00		3,090.00	3,090.00		100
Town Clerk's Expense 015161-001		750.00		750.00	708.99	41.01	95
Street & Dog List Sala 015161-002		489.00		489.00	489.00		100
Street & Dog List Expe 015161-003		250.00		250.00	87.57	162.43	35
Vital Statistics Salar 015161-004		26.00		26.00	26.00		100
ENCUMB TOWN CLERK'S EX 015161-999	210.00			210.00	210.00		100
Election & Registratio 015162-000		1,450.00		1,450.00	1,124.49	325.51	78
Bd of Registrars Salar 015163-000		51.00		51.00	51.00		100
Conservation Commissio 015171-000		1,600.00		1,600.00	719.80	880.20	45
Conservation Maps 015173-000		250.00		250.00	250.00	250.00	0
Planning Board 015175-000		320.00		320.00	320.00		100
Zoning Board of Appeal 015176-000		350.00		350.00	147.88	202.12	42
Town Office Expense 015192-000		8,600.00		8,600.00	8,600.00		100
Town Insurance 015192-009		20,000.00	1,120.00	21,120.00	21,120.00		100
ART 1 STM 9/03 TOWN EX 015192-101			681.25	681.25	681.25	681.25	0
Town Reports Salary 015195-000		592.00		592.00	592.00		100
Town Reports Expenses 015195-001		1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00		100
Audit - Town Records 015199-000		14,000.00		14,000.00	13,664.40	335.60	98
ENCUMB AUDIT-TOWN RECO 015199-998	5,000.00			5,000.00	5,000.00		100
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	20,962.38	156,020.00	31,431.25	208,413.63	199,515.97	8,897.66	96
PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY							
Police Salaries 015210-000		5,047.00		5,047.00	4,445.78	601.22	88

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Police Expense 015210-001		2,875.00	132.89	3,007.89	2,119.25	888.64	70
Cruiser Maintenance 015210-002		1,000.00		1,000.00	373.48	626.52	37
Police Dept. Utilities 015210-003		675.00		675.00	273.19	401.81	41
ART 2 STM 9/03 POLICE 015210-103			33.33	33.33		33.33	1
Police Fair Duty 015211-000		950.00		950.00	950.00		100
Police Dept. Court Tim 015211-001		500.00		500.00		500.00	100
Fire Chief Salary 015220-000		1,030.00		1,030.00	1,030.00		100
Forest Warden Salary 015220-002		515.00		515.00	515.00		100
Fire Dept. Utilities 015220-003		3,800.00		3,800.00	3,800.00		100
Fire Dept. Maint/Repai 015220-004		3,800.00		3,800.00	3,799.67	0.33	100
Radio Maintenance 015220-005		1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00		100
Dispatch 911 015220-007		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,880.52	119.48	97
Fire Training/Supplies 015220-008		9,000.00	2,465.00	11,465.00	10,851.53	613.47	94
Fire Gas/Oil 015220-009		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		100
ENCUMB. FIRE DEPT UTIL 015220-999	231.24			231.24	231.24		100
Hilltown Comm. Ambulan 015231-000		6,612.00		6,612.00	6,611.00	1.00	100
Otis Ambulance Service 015232-000		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		100
ENCUMB. OTIS AMBULANCE 015232-999	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00		100
Building Insp. Salary 015241-000		1,236.00		1,236.00	1,236.00		100
Building Insp. Fees 015241-001		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,175.00	325.00	78
Plumbing Insp Salary 015243-000		51.00		51.00	51.00		100
Plumbing Insp Fees 015243-001		750.00	400.00	1,150.00	1,129.50	20.50	98
Electrical Insp Salary 015245-000		51.00		51.00	51.00		100
Electrical Insp Fees 015245-001		1,500.00		1,500.00	850.00	650.00	57
Inspector of Animals 015249-010		500.00		500.00	500.00		100
Emergency Management 015291-000		100.00		100.00		100.00	0
Dog Officer Salary 015292-000		772.00		772.00	772.00		100
Dog Officer Expense 015292-003		200.00		200.00		200.00	100
Tree Warden Salary 015294-000		1,030.00		1,030.00	1,030.00		100
Tree Warden Expense 015294-001		1,000.00	641.55	358.45	358.45		10
Tree Warden Outside Sv 015294-002		7,400.00	641.55	8,041.55	7,699.66	341.89	96
TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,731.24	61,794.00	3,031.22	66,556.46	61,133.27	5,423.19	92
EDUCATION							
GATEWAY REG SCHOOL DIS 015300-000		853,709.00		853,709.00	853,709.00		100
GATEWAY TRANSP & DEBT 015300-002		269,299.00		269,299.00	269,299.00		100
TOTAL EDUCATION	0.00	1,123,008.00	0.00	1,123,008.00	1,123,008.00	0.00	100
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES							
Highway Salaries 015422-000		95,000.00		95,000.00	88,234.46	6,765.54	93
Highway Overtime Salar 015422-001		4,200.00		4,200.00	3,229.30	970.70	77
Highway Expenses 015422-002		3,500.00	798.85	4,298.85	4,298.85		100
Highway Utilities 015422-003		7,800.00		7,800.00	5,952.58	1,847.42	76
Hwy Equipment/Maint 015422-004		37,000.00	32,000.00	69,000.00	69,000.00		100
Salt & Sand 015422-005		20,000.00		20,000.00	29,553.39	(9,553.39)	14
Highway Gas & Oil 015422-006		15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00		100

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Road Maintenance 015422-007		20,000.00	16,221.65	36,221.65	35,092.90	1,128.75	97
Highway P/T Salaries 015422-008		5,000.00		5,000.00	3,760.34	1,239.66	75
Snow & Ice Labor 015422-011		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00		100
Highway Building 015422-016			1,701.15	1,701.15	1,701.15		100
ART 3 STM 9/03 HIGHWAY 015422-103			37.69	37.69		37.69	0
Street Lights 015424-000		3,500.00		3,500.00	3,035.62	464.38	87
Transfer Station Salar 015433-000		10,485.00		10,485.00	9,662.75	822.25	92
Cartage/Tipping 015433-001		40,000.00		40,000.00	40,000.00		100
Transfer St Expenses 015433-002		5,000.00	3,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00		100
Transfer St Utilities 015433-004		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,454.46	45.54	97
Hazardous Waste 015433-005		500.00		500.00	220.40	279.60	44
ENCUMB TRANSFER STA UT 015433-998	21.41			21.41	21.41		100
ENCUMB CARTAGE/TIPPING 015433-999	461.60			461.60	461.60		100
Transfer St Gen. Maint 015439-000		5,000.00	(3,000.00)	2,000.00	1,905.39	94.61	95
Cemetery Commission 015491-000		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		100
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	483.01	295,985.00	50,759.34	347,227.35	343,084.60	4,142.75	99
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>							
Board of Health Salari 015510-000		1,596.00		1,596.00	1,000.00	596.00	63
Bd of Health Sec. Sala 015510-001		2,575.00		2,575.00	2,575.00		100
BOH Contracted Service 015510-002		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		100
BOH Expenses 015510-003		800.00		800.00	800.00		100
Perc Tests 015510-004		1,500.00		1,500.00	50.00	1,450.00	3
Lee Visiting Nurses 015522-000		3,700.00		3,700.00	2,775.00	925.00	75
Council on Aging Serv. 015541-000		1,300.00		1,300.00	785.00	515.00	60
Council on Aging Expen 015541-001		300.00		300.00		300.00	0
Veterans Administratio 015543-000		300.00		300.00	300.00		100
Veteran's Benefits 015543-001		300.00		300.00	100.50	199.50	34
Memorial Day 015543-004		600.00		600.00	600.00		100
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	0.00	14,171.00	0.00	14,171.00	10,185.50	3,985.50	72
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>							
Library Salaries 015610-000		18,547.00		18,547.00	18,045.71	501.29	97
Library Expenses 015610-001		2,300.00		2,300.00	2,299.69	0.31	100
Library Outside Svcs. 015610-002		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,499.50	0.50	100
Library Utilities 015610-003		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		100
Library Books & Videos 015610-004		7,341.00		7,341.00	7,341.00		100
Park & Recreation 015630-000		3,100.00		3,100.00	3,100.00		100
Town Common 015650-000		300.00		300.00	300.00		100
Historical Commission 015651-000		750.00		750.00	282.70	467.30	38
ENCUMBER HISTORICAL CO 015651-999	603.25			603.25	603.25		100
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	603.25	37,838.00	0.00	38,441.25	37,471.85	969.40	97
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>							
Long Term Debt Interes 015751-000			57,133.69	57,133.69	57,133.69		100

Expense Category / Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% Exp
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	0.00	0.00	57,133.69	57,133.69	57,133.69	0.00	100
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES</u>							
St Assmnt MV Ex Tax Bi 015821-000			1,060.00	1,060.00	860.00	200.00	81
St Assmnt Air Pollutio 015822-000			270.00	270.00	270.00		100
PIONEER PLANNING COMM 015823-000			182.10	182.10	182.10		100
Cnty Assmnt Count Tax 015830-000			97.00	97.00	97.00		100
STRAP REPAY 015840-000			7,574.00	7,574.00	7,574.00		100
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	9,183.10	9,183.10	8,983.10	200.00	98
<u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</u>							
Stabilization 015901-000	20,000.00		752.27	20,752.27	20,752.27		100
Hampden County Retirem 015911-000		19,178.00		19,178.00	19,178.00		100
Worker's Compensation 015912-000		4,800.00		4,800.00	4,384.00	416.00	91
Unemployment Compensat 015913-000		8,750.00		8,750.00	8,439.20	310.80	96
Group Insurance 015914-000		33,360.00	2,039.80	35,399.80	33,738.06	1,661.74	95
FICA - Town Share 015919-000		13,500.00		13,500.00	13,344.33	155.67	99
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	20,000.00	79,588.00	2,792.07	102,380.07	99,835.86	2,544.21	98
TOTAL EXPENSES:	43,779.88	1,768,404.00	154,330.67	1,966,514.55	1,940,351.84	26,162.71	99

Revenue Category / Account	Estimated Revenue	Revenue Revisions	Revised Estimated Rev.	Actual Revenue	Balance	% Rec
TAXES and EXCISES						
Personal Property Taxes (01-4-110-000)	125,329.00		125,329.00	84,998.06	40,330.94	68
Real Estate Taxes (01-4-120-000)	1,362,772.00		1,362,772.00	1,300,995.86	61,776.14	95
Tax Liens Redeemed (01-4-142-000)				24,204.83	(24,204.83)	0
Motor Vehicle Excise (01-4-150-000)	87,000.00		87,000.00	128,863.33	(41,863.33)	148
Penalty & Int. on Taxes (01-4-171-000)	6,300.00		6,300.00	14,837.59	(8,537.59)	236
Penalty & Int. Excise (01-4-172-000)				858.71	(858.71)	0
Penalty & Int Tax liens (01-4-173-000)				34,603.05	(34,603.05)	0
In Lieu of Taxes (01-4-180-000)	102,000.00		102,000.00	11,367.84	90,632.16	11
TOTAL TAXES and EXCISES:	1,683,401.00	0.00	1,683,401.00	1,600,729.27	82,671.73	95
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE						
Fees - Tax Liens (01-4-320-000)				782.51	(782.51)	0
Fees - Fire Dept. (01-4-321-000)				50.00	(50.00)	0
Fees - Dump Stickers (01-4-324-000)	28,000.00		28,000.00	37,389.00	(9,389.00)	134
Fees - Health Board (01-4-325-000)	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,475.00	525.00	83
Fees - Planning Board (01-4-327-000)				45.00	(45.00)	0
Fees - Town Clerk (01-4-329-000)				223.00	(223.00)	0
Fees - Zoning Board (01-4-330-000)				120.00	(120.00)	0
Police Revolving Surcharg (01-4-331-000)				600.00	(600.00)	0
FEES - OTHER (01-4-332-000)				272.83	(272.83)	0
Rentals (01-4-360-000)	9,000.00		9,000.00	9,875.04	(875.04)	110
Licenses - Liquor (01-4-410-000)	7,000.00		7,000.00	750.00	6,250.00	11
Licenses - Other (01-4-442-000)				60.00	(60.00)	0
Permits - Building Dept. (01-4-450-000)				7,035.05	(7,035.05)	0
Permits - Police Dept. (01-4-451-000)				825.00	(825.00)	0
Permits - Plumbing (01-4-452-000)				1,075.00	(1,075.00)	0
Permits - Wiring (01-4-453-000)				1,405.00	(1,405.00)	0
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE:	47,000.00	0.00	47,000.00	62,982.43	(15,982.43)	134
STATE REVENUE						
Abatements Vets, Blind, S.S (01-4-615-000)	1,225.00		1,225.00	1,150.00	75.00	94
Abatements to the Elderly (01-4-616-000)	2,474.00		2,474.00		2,474.00	0
Lottery Aid (01-4-661-000)	101,161.00		101,161.00	101,161.00		100
CS STATE OWNED LAND (01-4-664-000)	4,395.00		4,395.00		4,395.00	0
TOTAL STATE REVENUE:	109,255.00	0.00	109,255.00	102,311.00	6,944.00	94
OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV						
Fines - District Court (01-4-771-000)	6,500.00		6,500.00	8,258.72	(1,758.72)	127
TOTAL OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV:	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	8,258.72	(1,758.72)	127
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES						
Earnings of Investments (01-4-820-000)	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,161.60	838.40	79
Miscellaneous Revenue (01-4-840-000)				72,327.87	(72,327.87)	0
TRANSFER FR STABILIZATION (01-4-890-000)		45,239.96	45,239.96		45,239.96	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:	4,000.00	45,239.96	49,239.96	75,489.47	(26,249.51)	153
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,850,156.00	45,239.96	1,895,395.96	1,849,770.89	45,625.07	98

Fund Number / Expense Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
FUND 22						
Water Dept Supt Salary 225450-000		9,270.00		9,270.00	9,250.00	20.00
Water Dept Clerk 225450-001		618.00		618.00	618.00	
Water Dept Utilities 225450-002		7,792.00		7,792.00	6,538.23	1,253.77
Water Dept Chemicals 225450-004		6,000.00		6,000.00	4,981.61	1,018.39
Water Dept Breaks 225450-005		23,500.00		23,500.00	21,775.80	1,724.20
Water Dept Testing 225450-006		5,500.00		5,500.00	3,531.00	1,969.00
Water Dept System Upgrade 225450-007		50,000.00		50,000.00	39,917.12	10,082.88
Water Dept Loan 225450-008		8,402.00		8,402.00	8,402.00	
Water Dept. Expenses 225450-010		4,500.00		4,500.00	3,381.08	1,118.92
Water Dept. Secr. Salary 225450-011		2,575.00		2,575.00	3,667.50	(1,092.50)
Water Dept. Security 225450-012					1,807.60	(1,807.60)
Software/Support 225450-015		800.00		800.00	800.00	
Water Commissioner Salary 225450-017		1,545.00		1,545.00	500.00	1,045.00
Water Education & Train. 225450-018		600.00		600.00	444.47	155.53
Water Dept. Supplies 225450-019		1,000.00		1,000.00	543.31	456.69
ENCUMB WATER DEPT BREAKS 225450-994	49.90			49.90	49.90	
ENCUMBER WATER DEPT EXP 225450-995	74.75			74.75	74.75	
ENCUMB WATER DEPT TESTING 225450-996	132.00			132.00	132.00	
ENCUMBER WATER DEPT CHEM. 225450-997	970.95			970.95	970.95	
ENCUMBER WATER SYS UPGRAD 225450-998	662.28			662.28	662.28	
ENCUMB WATER DEPT UTILITY 225450-999	392.61			392.61	392.61	
Water Proj Short Term Int 225460-000					29,422.16	(29,422.16)
TOTAL FUND 22:	2,282.49	122,102.00	0.00	124,384.49	137,862.37	(13,477.88)
FUND 23						
Chapter 150 235422-008					3,800.00	(3,800.00)
TOTAL FUND 23:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	(3,800.00)
FUND 24						
ARTS LOTTERY EXPENSES 245001-000					1,655.00	(1,655.00)
TOTAL FUND 24:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,655.00	(1,655.00)
FUND 31						
WATER ENG.SERV.PHASE I 315110-101	5,582,322.44			5,582,322.44	1,268,927.62	4,313,394.82
WATER ENG.SERV. PHASE 2 315110-201					713,875.40	(713,875.40)
TOTAL FUND 31:	5,582,322.44	0.00	0.00	5,582,322.44	1,982,803.02	3,599,519.42
TTL OTHER FUND EXPENSES:	5,584,604.93	122,102.00	0.00	5,706,706.93	2,126,120.39	3,580,586.54

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FY2004 Revenue Report (All Entries) - Other Funds

Fund Number / Revenue Account	Estimated Revenue	Revenue Revisions	Revised Estimated Rev.	Actual Revenue	Balance
FUND 22			122,102.00	145,361.29	(23,259.29)
Water Rates (22-4-120-000)	122,102.00			27,305.51	(27,305.51)
Penalty & Int. on Water (22-4-170-000)				352.74	(352.74)
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS (22-4-820-000)				2,004.37	(2,004.37)
Misc. Revenue (22-4-840-000)					
TOTAL FUND 22:	122,102.00	0.00	122,102.00	175,023.91	(52,921.91)
FUND 23				4,377.66	(4,377.66)
Chapter 53B (23-4-680-006)					
TOTAL FUND 23:	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,377.66	(4,377.66)
FUND 24				2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Arts Lottery (24-4-001-000)				137.50	(137.50)
Conservation Wetland Acct (24-4-004-000)				1,877.88	(1,877.88)
State Aid to Libraries (24-4-005-000)				168.00	(168.00)
EXTENDED POLLING HOURS (24-4-007-000)				48,776.04	(48,776.04)
MTA TURNPIKE GRANT-WATER (24-4-200-000)				435.26	(435.26)
SEPTIC BANK INTEREST (24-4-820-000)					
TOTAL FUND 24:	0.00	0.00	0.00	53,394.68	(53,394.68)
FUND 31				5,679.12	(5,679.12)
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS (31-4-820-000)					
TOTAL FUND 31:	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,679.12	(5,679.12)
TTL OTHER FUND BALANCES:	122,102.00	0.00	122,102.00	238,475.37	(116,373.37)

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ASSETS

Cash Unrestricted Checkng	511,452.23	

Subtotal Cash		511,452.23
Personal Property Tax Receivable:	66,543.80	
Real Estate Tax Receivable:	430,244.58	
Allowance for Abatements:	-152,339.92	
Tax Titles and Possessions:	119,271.09	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable:	113,872.03	
Classified Forest Lands Tax Recv.:	55,995.29	

Subtotal Taxes		633,586.87
Departmental Receivables		471.29
Tax Possessions		1,848.95

Total Assets		1,147,359.34
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LIABILITIES

Def Rev Real & Prop. Tax	-200,301.27
Def Rev Tax Liens	-119,271.09
Def Rev Tax Foreclosures	-1,848.95
Def Rev Motor Vehicle Ex	-110,879.97
Def Rev Forest Products	-55,995.29
Def Rev Departmental	-471.29

Subtotal Liabilities	-488,767.86

FUND BALANCE

FB Res for Encumbrances	-48,478.12
FB Res for Expenditures	-42,021.65
FB Undesignated Fund Bal	-347,444.44
FB Unres Approp Deficits	1,060.00
F/B RESERVED FOR SCH DEBT	-264,935.01
Appropriations	-1,977,767.61
Budgetary Fund Balance	42,021.65
Budgetary Control	1,935,745.96
Revenue	-1,943,696.66
Other Financing Sources	-45,239.96
Expenditures (Control)	2,032,164.36

Subtotal Fund Balance	-658,591.48

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-1,147,359.34
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FUND 22

ASSETS

Cash	52,162.83
Water Rates 2002	11,134.76
Water Rates 2003	27,898.24
WATER RATES 2004	-4,504.91
Water Liens - 2001	1,926.83
Water Liens - 2002	1,175.68

Total Assets	89,793.43
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LIABILITIES

Def Revenue Water Rates	-37,630.60
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Subtotal Liabilities	-37,630.60
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FUND BALANCE

FB Reserved for Encumbr.	-2,282.49
FB Undesignated	-12,718.80
Revenue	-175,023.91
Expenditures (Control)	137,862.37

Subtotal Fund Balance	-52,162.83
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Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-89,793.43
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FUND 23

ASSETS

Pooled Cash	-100,764.73
Strap Grant	-1,408.58
Chapter 53B	32,748.28
Chapter 150	40,519.78
Chapter 235	67,813.68
CH 53C REC.	67,419.54
FB CH 246	134,839.09

Total Assets	241,167.06
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LIABILITIES

Def Rev Highway	-355,290.37
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Subtotal Liabilities	-355,290.37
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FUND BALANCE

FB MASS TURNPIKE GRANT	94,715.22
FB Comm. Policing Grant	-12,000.00
FB FIRE SAFETY GRANT	2,776.00
FB FIRE SAFETY GRANT 2003	1,908.90
FB CHAPTER 235 FUND BAL	25,187.60
Revenue	-2,264.41
Expenditures	3,800.00

Subtotal Fund Balance	114,123.31
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Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-241,167.06
FUND 24	=====
ASSETS	
Pooled Cash	140,087.17
Total Assets	----- 140,087.17
FUND BALANCE	=====
Library Building	-560.78
Cemetery Sale of Lots	-1,175.89
FB Arts Council	-1,772.06
FB Sale of Lots	-6,862.58
EOCD SEPTIC	-33,139.47
FB State Aid to Libraries	-4,193.35
FB Council on Aging	-9,600.84
FB Friends of Library	-87.16
FB Bequeath C. Keene	-2,199.51
FB Wetland Protection	-883.27
FB Conservation Fund	-850.00
FB Misc. Library	-1,600.00
STRAP GRANT FUND BALANCE	1,408.58
FB OPEN SPACE GRANT	-5,000.00
MIIA LIBRARY GRANT	1,600.00
TRUST OF RESERV HIST GRNT	-3,500.00
REVENUE	-53,394.68
Expenditures	1,655.00
Subtotal Fund Balance	----- -120,156.01
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	----- -120,156.01
FUND 31	=====
ASSETS	
CASH WATER IMPROV.PROJECT	226,506.54
Total Assets	----- 226,506.54
LIABILITIES	=====
SHORT TERM NOTE PAYABLE	-3,152,368.00
Subtotal Liabilities	----- -3,152,368.00
FUND BALANCE	-----
FB WATER IMP.CAPITAL PROJ	948,737.56
REVENUE CONTROL	-5,679.12
EXPENDITURE(CONTROL)	1,982,803.02
Subtotal Fund Balance	----- 2,925,861.46
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	----- -226,506.54
FUND 82	=====
ASSETS	

Cash Trust Funds	145,495.81
Utley Library Investments	2,604.59
Total Assets	148,100.40
FUND BALANCE	=====
FB Exp. Cemetery 1 & 2	-865.11
FB Exp. Soenburger Cem.	-1,448.75
FB Exp. Susan Tiffany Cem	-23,177.54
FB Cemetery Care	-447.70
FB Utley Library	-5,704.85
FB Exp. Taggart School	-2,257.81
FB Nye School	-5,849.23
FB Exp. Watson School	-1,092.23
FB Exp. Electa-Watson	-15,341.87
FB Exp. Arms Bicentennial	-32,721.97
Exp. Watson Dean Park	-19,466.08
FB Stabilization	-36,227.38
FB Exp. Library Building	-2,730.24
FB Exp Lot Sale Perp Care	-769.33
Other Financing Sources	-0.31
Subtotal Fund Balance	-148,100.40
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-148,100.40
FUND 83	=====
ASSETS	
Trust Fund Cash Non-Exp.	71,764.02
Trust Fund Investments	459,753.91
Total Assets	531,517.93
FUND BALANCE	=====
Nonexp. Arms Bicentennial	-14,500.00
Nonexp. Watson Dean Park	-216,504.54
FB Nonexp. Cemetery 1&2	-10,550.00
FB Nonexp. Soenburger Cem	-2,500.00
FB Nonexp. Susan Tiffany	-222,295.47
FB Nonexp. Cemetery Care	-7,452.00
Nonexp. Utley Library	-10,000.00
FB Nonexp. Library Bldg.	-1,088.98
FB Nonexp. Taggart School	-4,985.95
FB Nonexp. Nye School	-1,000.00
FB Nonexp. Watson School	-2,965.68
FB Nonexp. Electa-Watson	-31,850.31
FB Nonexp Lot Sales PCare	-5,825.00
Subtotal Fund Balance	-531,517.93
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-531,517.93
FUND 89	=====
ASSETS	

Pooled Cash	12,436.60
Total Assets	12,436.60
LIABILITIES	=====
Deputy Collector's Fees	-3,552.00
Collector's Fees	-375.00
Town Clerk's Fees	-28.01
Police Dept Firearms Fund	-1,275.00
Conservation Fees	-20.00
Federal Withhold.	-2,354.00
FICA Withhold.	-1,985.65
State Withhold.	-1,514.73
Retirement Withhld.	-1,218.36
Grp. Ins. Withhld.	-113.85
Subtotal Liabilities	-12,436.60
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-12,436.60
FUND 90	=====
ASSETS	
LOANS AUTHORIZED	6,538,561.00
LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISSU	-6,538,561.00
Amounts to be provided	411,548.44
Total Assets	411,548.44
LIABILITIES	=====
FIRE TRUCK BONDS PAYABLE	-20,000.00
DUMP TRUCK PAYABLE	-74,499.00
LANDFILL CAP BOND PAYABLE	-208,000.00
WATER BON PAYABLE	-109,049.44
Subtotal Liabilities	-411,548.44
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-411,548.44
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The following is the birth, deaths and marriages for Blandford in 2004.

Births:

May 27	Son of Krista Lawrence-Villagomez and Nathan Villagomez, Jr.
June 15	Son of Laurie and Foster Webster
July 4	Daughter of Lori and Roy Squires, Jr.
October 3	Son of Michele and William Hicks, Jr.

Deaths:

April 6	Alice A Shepard of 80 years
April 23	Sarah Quinn of 64 years
July 9	Kathleen Ann Weaver of 50 years
August 21	Benjamin Leroy Bragg III of 88 years
September 23	Dorothy P. Lemme of 78 years

Marriages:

September 3	Jennifer Lynn Bodendorf to Nathan Christopher Houle
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The total population in Blandford as of December 31, 2004 was 1,181.

Respectfully submitted,
Staci Iglesias

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

CASH ON HAND 07-01-2003	\$ 523,931.06	PAYMENTS 7/1/03-6/30/04	\$7,515,654.77
RECEIPTS FY 2004	7,757,180.91	CASH ON HAND 06-30-04	765,457.20

TOWN DEBT

WATER LOAN for CONSTRUCTION OF CHLORINE CT REACTION PIPE

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION BOND \$129,000.00 @4.875% FOR 29 YEARS

PAYMENT #10 DUE FY 2006 PRINCIPAL \$3,243.39 INTEREST \$5,158.61

LANDFILL CAP-\$249,600 FINANCED BY STATE HOUSE NOTES FOR 24 YEARS BEGINNING FY2001@ 5.95%

INTEREST DUE FY 2006 \$11,757.20 - PRINCIPAL REDUCTION \$10,400.00

DUMP TRUCK LOAN - CURRENTLY FINANCED (for the 2nd year) WITH ONE YEAR BOND ANTICIPATION

NOTE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \$74,499.00 @ 1.52% INTEREST DUE FY05 \$1,129.24

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- APPROVED AMOUNT AT TOWN MEETING \$6,531,060. RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS APPROVED AT THIS TIME \$2,022,937.
- VARIOUS SHORT TERM BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AND FEDERAL AID ANTICIPATION NOTES WERE ISSUED IN FY 2005. TOTAL INTEREST PAID IN FY 2005 \$14199.99.
- PERMANENT BOND FOR PHASE 1, GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,183,803 @ 4.375% FOR 38 YEARS - FIRST PAYMENT DUE 6/8/2005 \$51,791.38 INTEREST, \$31,153.00 PRINCIPAL SECOND PAYMENT DUE 6/8/2006 \$50,428.22 INTEREST, \$31,153 PRINCIPAL
- PERMANENT BOND FOR PHASE 2 GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,288,697 @4.5% FOR 39 YEARS - FIRST PAYMENT DUE 12/16/05 \$12,706.63 PRINCIPAL, \$57,991.37 INTEREST

SECURITIES, TRUSTS AND OTHER FUNDS

CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>
Sarah Shepard	100.00	Camilla A. Tiffany	1,000.00
Frank Terrel	100.00	Julette Lloyd	200.00
O.B. Brockett & Maria Knox	100.00	Henry Blair	100.00
C. Hall, Henry or H.C. Moore	150.00	Electa B. Watson	1,000.00
Susan & Belle Tiffany	1,000.00	George D. Lloyd	100.00
James Babb	102.00	Percy Shurtleff	50.00
Maria Sennet	100.00	Edna Lloyd	500.00
Lester Moore	100.00	Hattie Herrick Brockett	100.00
Sylvester Peebles	100.00	Katherine Loomis Keene	100.00
Noah Nye	100.00	Anna & Amos Loomis, Sr.	100.00
Alman W. Lloyd	500.00	Frederick Ebel	100.00
John B. Riley	100.00	Jackson & Robert Kraushar	200.00
William Bates	100.00	Irving Bryan	100.00
Elisha Walker Shepard	1,000.00	Sven & Mae Anderson	200.00
Seymour Babb	100.00	Vernon & Florence Bodurtha	200.00
Wallace Heady	100.00	Howard & Christine Wyman	100.00
Franklin J. Hall	100.00	North Blandford Old Home Day	
George B.S. Lloyd	100.00	and Lorinda Gibbs	100.00
Lester W. Lloyd	50.00	Mildred H. Mason	500.00
Grace E. Raymond	100.00	Harold G. & Hazel I. Wyman	300.00
Dennison Loomis	100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Waite	300.00
Taggart Prentice	200.00	Ester & David Ripley	100.00
Fayette E. Sheldon	100.00	Mark B. Cloutier	200.00
H.L. Hayden	300.00	Pauline S. Kuznicki	100.00
Berta E. Cross	200.00	Sarah H. Robbins	100.00
Albert D. Snow	50.00	Harold Gibbs	500.00
Winfield D. Healy	150.00	Ernest C. & Ruby J. Wyman	250.00
Nora Babb	100.00	Elwin W. & Ruth E. Wyman	250.00
C.R. Ripley	200.00	Milton Ripley	500.00
Mordecai Babb	300.00	Richard Robinson	500.00
C.W. Bates	100.00	John & Thelma Lathrop	200.00
Anna M. Hiland	100.00	Winifred Arms	2,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Weed	50.00	Total (Cemetery 1&2)	\$10,550.00
M.D. & B.T. Sornborger	300.00		
Charles W. Shepard	100.00	Mr. & Mrs. L.M. Sornborger	2,500.00
Achsah Shepard	100.00		
Frank B. Cook	100.00		
Percy Richard	100.00		
William Keene	100.00		
Leslie A. & Anna S. Miller	200.00	Susan B. Tiffany	1,826.00
Charles D. & Barbara R. Wilson	100.00		
Benjamin Scott	150.00	Lot Sale Perpetual Care Principal	5,825.00
Total (Cemetery Care)	\$ 7,602.00		

SECURITIES, TRUST FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS

Library Building Fund	4,380.00	Taggart School Fund	7,243.76
Robert A. Arms Bicentennial Park Fund	47,221.97	Watson School Fund	4,111.19
Susan Tiffany Stock Dividend Fund	50,052.89	Nye School Fund	6,849.23
Electa Watson Stock Dividend Fund	17,835.73	Sornberger Cemetery Fund	1,448.75
Watson Park Dividend Fund	28,953.58	Stabilization Fund	36,227.38
Cemetery 1 & 2 Fund	885.11	Cemetery Care Fund	447.70
Water Department Enterprise Fund	39,878.77	Lot Sale Perpetual Care Fund	445.22
Septic Repair Grant Fund	33,574.73		
Wallace Dean Watson Fund - Fleet Bank, Trustees Book Value as of 6/30/04			216,504.54

Utley Library Fund - In Custody of Library Trustees

ELECTA WATSON SCHOOL FUND-STOCKS:

403	Shares SBC
216	Shares Bellsouth Corporation
12	Shares Avaya
85	Shares Qwest
168	Shares Verizon
44	Shares AT&T
120	Shares Vodaphone
7	Shares NCR
152	Shares Lucent Technologies
1	Share Agere Class A
40	Shares Agere Class B
71	Shares AT&T Wireless
72	Shares Comcast

Value of Fund \$29,356.45

SUSAN TIFFANY CEMETARY FUND STOCKS:

161	Shares SBC
20	Shares AT&T
88	Shares Bellsouth
34	Shares Qwest
70	Shares Verizon
5	Shares Avaya
147	Shares J P Morgan Chase
112	Shares Pepco
160	Shares Dynergy
2304	Shares General Electric
1812	Shares Citicorp
115	Shares Dow
144	Shares Praxair (split)
0	Shares Conesco (declared worthless)
50	Shares Vodaphone
68	Shares Lucent Technologies
17	Shares Agere Class B
32	Shares AT&T Wireless
32	Shares Comcast
102	Shares St. Paul/Travelers
	(from Class A & B)

Value of Fund \$193,892.92

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne M. Holliday, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners are pleased to announce that no major water breaks occurred in the year 2004, and the number of water leaks, mainly due to old pipes, have been kept to a minimum. A special thank you to all those whose hard work in the previous few years have kept the Town's spending on water breaks at a low level while maintaining the Town's most important resource, its water. A very special thank you goes to our Water Superintendent, Bernie St. Martin, for his continued dedication to keep Blandford's water flowing. He has been an asset for both the Water Department and the Town.

The new meter system is almost complete with all but 2 meters in place. Because of the information provided by the meters at the Massachusetts Turnpike and the Service Areas, the Water Department has been able to separate the water users into two groups; commercial and residential. This resulted in a decrease of \$200.00 per residential water customer and a waiver for all the Town buildings.

The repair and construction of the access road and the dam at Long Pond are nearly finished with an estimated completion date of late Spring (weather permitting). The extremely heavy rain in the late Fall and the intense snowfall this past winter have limited the work schedule, but we anticipate good working conditions this Spring and a timely completion of this phase of the Water Project.

The commencement of the construction of the new Water Filtration Plant has been approved by the U.S.D.A. Rural Development and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The bidding procedure for the plant is progressing and the permitting process has begun. The actual construction of the Water Filtration Plant is expected to start in late Spring or early Summer 2005, with a completion date of Spring 2006.

The Board of Water Commissioners would like to extend their sincere thanks to LeeAnn Thompson for her diligence in collecting some long overdue water bills and for her persistence in collecting numerous late fees for the Water Dept. Also, a very warm thanks to our secretary, Elaine Kelly for filling out the mountains of paperwork and the numerous reports and forms that both the Federal and State government have mandated that the Water Dept. comply with.

And finally, the Water Commissioners would like to extend their gratitude to former Water Commission member and Chairman, Bill Levakis, who has helped the Board enormously with his expertise and knowledge in solving some of the many problems that the Water Department has faced in recent times, especially the year 2004.

Respectfully submitted:

Les Eldridge - Chairman

Steve Bragg - Clerk

Frank Verderber - Member

REPORT OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

The Veterans' Department is available to all Veterans and their dependents (including widows of Veterans). The past Fiscal Year brought us into war and war is still on – God Bless Our Veterans who are fighting for us. Please contact your Veterans' Agent at 413-323-0409, if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Messier
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (no report submitted)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF BLANDFORD MAY 3, 2004

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Town moderator, David Hopson. A quorum being declared present, the following matters were acted upon:

- Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officials and act thereon.
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.
- Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer and/or Tax Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2005 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 53F, except to exempt the Water Department from this article since the Town voted on October 26, 1987 to accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F½ for the purpose of establishing a separate account classified as an enterprise fund for the operation of the Water Department.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.
- Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2005, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 17.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, sums of money as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005. (See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)
- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$10,000 for the Reserve Account.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.
- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$10,000 for the Stabilization Account.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of money (\$203,283) to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 or take any other action relative thereto.

AMENDED:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of money (\$205,283) to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money (\$1,167,442) for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money (\$102,204) for the Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Blandford Bylaws, Part III: Committees, Section E: Recreation Committee to replacing "Elected by ballot" with "Appointed by Selectmen".

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 23A to empower the Selectmen to appoint a town administrator who may be appointed by them for a term of one to three years and to remove him at their discretion. A Town Administrator appointed under the provisions of this section shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. During the time that he holds office he shall hold no elective town office, but he may be appointed by the Selectmen or, with their approval, by any other town officer, board, committee or commission, to any other town office or position consistent with his office...He shall act by and for the Selectmen in any matter which they may assign to him relating to the administration of the affairs of the town or of any town office or department under their supervision and control, or, with the approval of the selectmen, may perform such other duties as may be requested of him by any other town officer, board, committee or commission.

AMENDED:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 23A to empower the Selectmen to appoint a town administrator who may be appointed by them for a term of one to three years and to remove him at their discretion. A Town Administrator appointed under the provisions of this section shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. During the time that he holds office he shall hold no elective town office, but he may be appointed by the Selectmen or, with their approval, by any other town officer, board, committee or commission, to any other town office or position consistent with his office...He shall act by and for the Selectmen in any matter which they may assign to him relating to the

administration of the affairs of the town or of any town office or department under their supervision and control, or, with the approval of the selectmen, may perform such other duties as may be requested of him by any other town officer, board, committee or commission; *provided that, prior to posting for such position, an advisory meeting of the Board of Selectmen should be held for the purpose of discussing the duties of said Town Administrator.*

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 12: To see if the Town will accept a by-law for Numbering of all houses, businesses and other structure with the following language:

- A. Numbers of each swelling, business, or other structure in the Town of Blandford shall be designated to the owners of such structures. It shall be the responsibility of each property owner to obtain and install the number or numbers assigned to their affected structure or structures. After approval of this by-law by the Office of the Attorney General each property owner shall have sixty (60) days to comply.
- B. The owner of any property seeking a building permit for a new building or structure shall apply for and receive a building number designation from the Fire Chief, unless the lot already has a designated number. Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until a number or numbers is designated by the Fire Chief and installed by property owner.
- C. Highly visible numbers shall be placed near the main entrance to the structure; that is, on the structure or on a suitable support. The numbers shall be no less than four (4) inches high and must be visible from the street.
- D. This by-law shall be enforced by the Building Inspector of the Town of Blandford. Failure to comply with this by-law shall subject the offending property owner to a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) per day, after a proper warning.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of \$63.02 to the Fire Department expense account in order to balance the FY2003 budget.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the amount of \$7,501.00 from Article 7 at Annual Town Meeting dated May 13, 2002 from \$82,000 to \$74,499 which was for the purchase of a new highway dump truck.


PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

There being no further business to come before the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Total Attendance: 95 people

A True Copy.

ATTEST:


Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

MAY 8, 2004

* Denotes Incumbent

Assessor for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>	Vote	Recreation Committee for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>	Vote
JENI MASIUK, 41 Woronoco Rd.	159	None	
Others - 9/Blank - 64			
Assessor for One Year <u>Vote for One</u>		Recreation Committee for Two Years <u>Vote for One</u>	
FRANK BURKOTT, 157 Otis Stage Rd.	114	None	
Others-35/Blank - 83			
Cemetery Commissioner for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>		Recreation Committee for One Year <u>Vote for One</u>	
Blank	210	None	
Others	24		
Cemetery Commissioner for One Year <u>Vote for One</u>		School Committee for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>	
Blanks	213	Andrew Iglesias	3
Others	19	Others/Blank - 229	
Board of Health for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>		Selectmen for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>	
Christ Smith	19	*CHESTER BROUGHTON, 16 Kaolin Rd.	115
Steve Jemiolo	8	DEBRA FORISH, 127 Chester Rd.	83
Others/Blank - 205		STEPHEN W. BRAGG, 28 Huntington Rd.	27
		Blank	1
Library Trustee for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>		Selectmen for Two Years <u>Vote for One</u>	
*CHUCK BENSON, 9 Haight Rd.	178	ELAINE M. KELLY, 61 Gibbs Rd.	112
Others/Blank - 54		WILLIAM LEVAKIS, 19 Russell Stage Rd.	105
		Blank	15
Planning Board for Five Years <u>Vote for One</u>		Treasurer for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>	
*JULIE MUELLER, 9 Sunset Rd.	174	*ANNE M. HOLLIDAY, 9 N. Blandford Rd.	156
Others/Blank - 58		Others/Blank - 76	
Recreation Committee for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>		Water Commissioner for Three Years <u>Vote for One</u>	
*STACI IGLESIAS, 7 Beagle Club Rd.	187	STEPHEN W. BRAGG, 28 Huntington Rd.	101
Others/Blank - 45		Bill Levakis	62
		Others/Blank	69

Levy Limit Override (G.L. Ch. 59 Sec. 21C(g):

Question 1: Shall the Town of Blandford be allowed to assess an additional \$300,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the Gateway Regional School Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

YES: 71

NO: 139

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**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
JULY 24, 2004**

MAKE A CROSS (X) IN THE APPROPRIATE QUESTION.

Levy Limit Override (G.L. Ch. 59 Sec. 21C(g):

Question 1: Shall the Town of Blandford be allowed to assess an additional \$125,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of balancing the town budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

YES: 64

NO: 246

CERTIFIED VOTE

I, Staci E. Iglesias, Clerk of the Town of Blandford hereby certify that the following is a true and attested copy of Article 1 as voted at Special Town meeting held on November 8, 2004.

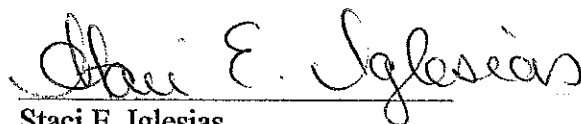
Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote under Article 4 of the May 3, 2004, Annual Town Meeting by supplementing and/or reducing certain line items so as to provide for a balanced budget, and further, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money for such purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Amended to:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote under Article 4 of the May 3, 2004, Annual Town Meeting by reducing certain line items so as to provide for a balanced budget, and further, to transfer a sum of \$20,000 from stabilization to reduce the tax rate.

PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE. 41 YES, 2 NO

A True Copy:
ATTEST:



Staci E. Iglesias
Town Clerk of Blandford

WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.
TOWN OF BLANDFORD

TO: One of the Constables of the Town of Blandford, in said County and State.

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Blandford qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Blandford Elementary School on May 2, 2005 next, at 7:30 P.M., then and thereto to act on the following matters:

- Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officials and act thereon.
- Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer and/or Tax Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2006 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 53F, except to exempt the Water Department from this article since the Town voted on October 26, 1987 to accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F½ for the purpose of establishing a separate account classified as an enterprise fund for the operation of the Water Department.
- Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 17.
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, sums of money as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. (See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)
- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money for the Reserve Account or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money for the Stabilization Account or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of money to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money (\$1,311,735) for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.
- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money (\$74,610) for the Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.
- Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Blandford Bylaws, Part X: Highways, Section A to replace bond amount of \$2,000 per mile to \$5,000 per mile.
To read:
A. Any person using a public way to transport loads in excess of ten (10) tons for a five day period or more, shall post with the Town a bond or cash in the amount of \$5,000 (five

thousand dollars) per mile. Said public way shall be inspected by the highway superintendent to determine the cost of repair by the hauler, for damages caused by transportation of loads, which shall be borne by the hauler.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, a revolving fund for the Fire Department for the purpose of depositing receipts received in connection with inspections and fees received from the Massachusetts turnpike Authority for the purpose of paying costs and expenses related to the purchase of gear, equipment, and building maintenance, said sum not to exceed \$10,000 in FY06, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Fire Chief; or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Town Bylaws, Part X: Highways, Section C X. Highway By-laws

C. Except in the event of a bona fide emergency, no person other than an employee in the service of the Highway Department of the Town of Blandford, will conduct excavation on a Town public way without obtaining a special permit from the Town of Blandford authorizing such activity. The Permit will be in a form approved by the Board of Selectman. The Board of Selectman may authorize the Highway Superintendent to specify the conditions under which such activity is conducted and may require a bond to ensure compliance with the permit and the conditions contained therein.

In the event of a bona fide emergency the requirement to obtain a permit prior to excavation activity is waived. Any individual acting in response to a bona fide emergency is required to contact the Highway Superintendent as soon as is practical and will follow instructions provided by the Highway Superintendent.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,875.00 to pay the towns share of a \$150,000.00 4x4 rescue pumper/brush truck if the grant is awarded to the Fire Department.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 to buy hose and equipment for the Fire Department's new rescue pumper if the grant is awarded.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested Copies seven (7) days at least before the time of the meeting in three (3) public places in Blandford. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of Said Town at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Blandford this 22nd day of April, 2005.

I have served this Warrant as directed.

Constable

Date

TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

	2005 REVISED BUDGET	2006 REQUESTED BUDGET	2006 RECOMM BUDGET
TOWN DEPARTMENTS			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Moderator's Salary	46	46	
Moderator's Expense	0	0	
Selectboard Salaries	10,506	10,506	
Selectmen's Expenses	1,800	1,800	
Finance Committee	245	245	
Town Accountant Salary	8,640	8,640	
Town Accountant Expenses	1,330	1,330	
Assessor's Dept. Salaries	14,108	16,238	
Assessor's Expenses	4,940	5,000	
Assessor's Contract Services	21,690	19,500	
Vision Re-Evaluation	15,000	15,000	
Treasurer's Dept. Salaries	7,982	8,275	
Treasurer's Expenses	2,150	2,300	
Tax Title Legal Fees	10,000	15,000	
Tax Collector's Salary	12,270	12,270	
Tax Collector's Expenses	10,000	12,000	
Town Counsel	10,000	10,000	
Town Clerk's Salary	3,090	3,090	
Town Clerk's Expenses	750	1,250	
Street & Dog List Salary	489	489	
Street & Dog List Expenses	250	500	
Vital Statistics Salary	26	26	
Election & Registration	1,450	1,500	
Board of Registrar's Salary	51	51	
Conservation Commission	1,600	1,600	
Conservation Maps	250	250	
Planning Board	320	320	
Zoning Board of Appeals	350	350	
Town Office Expense	8,600	9,600	
Town Insurance	20,000	27,000	
Town Reports Salary	592	592	
Town Reports Expenses	1,100	1,400	
Town Administrator Salary	0	0	
Audit - Town Records	14,000	14,000	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	183,625	200,168	16,543
			increase

TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

	2005 REVISED BUDGET	2006 REQUESTED BUDGET	2006 RECOMM BUDGET
PROTECT, PERSONS & PROPERTY			
Police Salaries	5,047	5,900	
Police Expenses	5,050	9,980	
Fire Dept. Salaries	1,545	1,545	
Fire Department Expenses	25,000	26,500	
Ambulance Service	8,112	10,212	
Building Inspector Salary	1,236	1,236	
Building Inspector Fees	1,500	1,500	
Plumbing Inspector Salary	51	51	
Plumbing Inspector Fees	750	750	
Electrical Inspector Salary	51	51	
Electrical Inspection Fees	1,500	1,500	
Inspector of Animals	500	500	
Emergency Management	100	100	
Dog Officer Salary	772	772	
Dog Officer Expenses	200	200	
Tree Warden Salary	1,030	1,030	
Tree Warden Expenses	8,400	8,400	
TOTAL PROTECT, PERSONS & PROP.	60,844	70,227	9,383
			increase
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES			
Highway Salaries	95,000	98,000	
Highway Overtime Salaries	3,200	4,500	
Highway P/T Salaries	0	5,000	
Snow & Ice Labor	20,000	24,000	
Highway Expenses	82,000	104,000	
Sand & Salt	20,000	25,000	
Street Lights	3,500	3,500	
Transfer Station Salaries	5,243	10,000	
Transfer Station Expenses	45,500	52,000	
Cemetery Commission	2,500	2,500	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FAC.	276,943	328,500	51,557
			increase

TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

	2005 REVISED BUDGET	2006 REQUESTED BUDGET	2006 RECOMM BUDGET
HUMAN SERVICES			
Board of Health Salaries	4,171	4,600	
Board of Health Expenses	3,500	3,500	
Lee Visiting Nurses	3,700	3,700	
Council on Aging	1,600	1,600	
Council on Aging Expenses	0	0	
Veterans' Administration	300	300	
Veterans' Benefits	300	300	
Memorial Day	600	600	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	14,171	14,600	429
			increase
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Library Salaries	18,547	19,583	
Library Expenses	15,983	16,388	
Recreation Committee	500	500	
Town Common	300	300	
Historical Commission	750	750	
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	36,080	37,521	1,441
			increase
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES			
Hampden County Retirement	19,178	21,685	
Workers' Compensation	4,800	6,000	
Unemployment Compensation	8,750	500	
Group Insurance	35,400	38,000	
FICA - Town Share	13,500	14,000	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	81,628	80,185	1,443
			decrease
TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS	653,291	731,201	77,910
			increase
WATER DEPARTMENT			
Water Department Salaries	14,008	no request	
Water Department Expenses	76,102	turned in	
Water Department Phase One	109,906		
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	200,016	0	