

TOWN OF BLANDFORD
MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORT
2005-2006

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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 Airoldi Building 45 Railroad Street Lee, MA 01238 Tel: (413) 243-5534 |
| Senator: District | Michael R. Knapik (R) Room 421 Boston, MA 02133 Tel: (617) 722-1415 | Second Hampden & Hampshire 57 North Elm St. Westfield, MA 01085 Tel: (413) 562-6454 MKnapik@senate.state.ma.us |
| 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 |
| District Attorney | William M. Bennett One Bulfinch Place, Suite 202 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 723-0642 | Hall of Justice 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Tel: (413) 747-1000 webmail@daa.state.ma.us |

Representatives in United States Congress

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| U.S. Senator: | Edward M. Kennedy (D) 315 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Tel: (202) 224-4543 http://kennedy.senate.gov/contact.html | Senator Kennedy 2400 J.F.K. Federal Building Boston, MA 02108 (617) 565-3170 – Telephone |
| U.S. Senator: | John Kerry (D) One Bowdoin Square, 10 th Fl. Boston, MA 02114 Tel: (617) 565-8519 | Senator Kerry One Financial Plaza Springfield, MA 01103 Tel: (413) 747-3942 john_kerry@kerry.senate.gov |
| Secretary of the Commonwealth | William Francis Galvin State House, Room 337 Boston, MA 02133 Tel: (617) 727-7030 cis@sec.state.ma.us | |

Also, Please check out the Massachusetts website for more information: www.state.ma.us

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS**May 8, 2005-May 14, 2006****(In Alphabetical Order)**

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>TERM EXPIRES</u> | <u>TITLE</u> | <u>TERM EXPIRES</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Assessors (3 years) | | Cemetery Commissioners (3 years) | |
| Vacant | 2006 | T.J. Cousineau | 2006 |
| Laura Lee Bertram | 2007 | Vacant | 2007 |
| Frank Burkott | 2008 | Vacant | 2008 |
| Fence Viewer (3 years) | | Field Driver (3 years) | |
| George Reichert | 2006 | George Reichert | 2006 |
| Andy Iglesias | 2008 | | |
| Health, Board of (3 years) | | Library Trustees (3 years) | |
| Mike Wojcik | 2006 | Chris Keenan | 2006 |
| Joan Levakis | 2007 | Chuck Benson | 2007 |
| Kate Kletcher | 2008 | Mary Kronholm | 2008 |
| Moderator (3 years) | | Planning Board (5 years) | |
| David Hopson | 2006 | John Bianco | 2006 |
| | | John Caswell | 2007 |
| School Committee (3 years) | | Opal Poteat | 2008 |
| Vacant | 2006 | Juliana Mueller | 2009 |
| Vacant | 2007 | Greg Garfield | 2010 |
| Selectmen (3 years) | | Tax Collector (3 years) | |
| Elaine Kelly | 2006 | Lee Ann Thompson | 2008 |
| Chet Broughton | 2007 | | |
| Tony Van Werkhoven | 2008 | Treasurer (3 years) | |
| Town Clerk (3 years) | | Anne Holliday | 2007 |
| Staci Iglesias | 2008 | Water Commissioners (3 years) | |
| Tree Warden (3 years) | | Vacant | 2006 |
| Michael Wojcik | 2006 | Vacant | 2007 |
| | | Joan Levakis | 2008 |

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

June 30, 2005 – July 1, 2006

(In Alphabetical Order)

Aging. Council on (3 years)

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Summer Robbins | 2006 |
| Jo Taudel | 2006 |
| Linda VanWerkhoven | 2006 |

Building Inspector (1 year)

| | |
|--------|------|
| Vacant | 2006 |
|--------|------|

Burial Agent (1 year)

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| T. J. Cousineau | 2006 |
|-----------------|------|

Chief Procurement Officer (1 yr)

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Chet Broughton | 2006 |
|----------------|------|

Conservation Commission (3 yrs)

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Pete Sutherland | 2006 |
| Laura Scalise Kadzik | 2006 |
| Robin Stevens | 2008 |
| Rosemary Arnold | 2008 |
| John Caswell | 2008 |

Dog Officer (1 year)

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Brenda Blood | 2006 |
|--------------|------|

Election Clerk (1 year)

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Cheryl Hopson | 2006 |
|---------------|------|

Election Warden (1 year)

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Kim Blanchette | 2006 |
|----------------|------|

Emergency Mgmt Co-Dirs (1 yr)

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Don Carpenter | 2006 |
| Keith Ackley | 2006 |

Fire Chief & Forest Wdn (3 yrs)

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|---------------|------|
| Don Carpenter | 2008 |
|---------------|------|

Hazardous Waste Coord. (1 yr)

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| Don Carpenter | 2008 |
|---------------|------|

Historical Commission (3 years)

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Peter Milford | 2006 |
| Becky McAvoy | 2006 |
| Julie Mueller | 2007 |
| LeeAnn Thompson | 2007 |
| Katy Milford | 2008 |
| Rosemary Arnold | 2008 |
| Terri Garfield | 2008 |

Arts Council (2 years)

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Joan Levakis | 2006 |
| Mary Martin | 2006 |
| Darlene Horne | 2007 |
| Robin Stevens | 2007 |
| Mary Jo Litchard | 2007 |

Building Inspector, Assistant (1 yr)

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| Vacant | 2006 |
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Burial Agent, Asst. (1 year)

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| Vacant | 2006 |
|--------|------|

Constables (3 years)

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| John Haight | 2006 |
| Tate Walker | 2008 |
| Andrew Iglesias | 2008 |

Dog Officer, Assistant (1 year)

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| Vacant | 2006 |
|--------|------|

Election Officers (1 year)

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Pamela Darrow | 2006 |
| Sandra Wyman | 2006 |
| Kim Blanchette | 2006 |
| Jo Taudel | 2006 |
| Mary Kronholm | 2006 |

Election Warden, Alternate (1 yr)

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Pamela Darrow | 2006 |
|---------------|------|

Finance Committee (3 years)

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Theodore Jensen | 2006 |
| Vacant | 2006 |
| Sue Racine | 2007 |
| Co Cousineau | 2008 |
| John Kelly | 2008 |

Highway Superintendent (1 year)

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Keith Ackley | 2006 |
|--------------|------|

Insp. of Animals & Slaughter (1 yr)

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Brenda Blood | 2006 |
|--------------|------|

Insp. of Servicemen's Graves (1 yr)

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Michael Wojcik | 2006 |
|----------------|------|

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|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Measurer of Wood & Bark (1 yr) Michael Wojcik | 2006 | Pest Control Officer (1 year) Michael Wojcik | 2006 |
| Pioneer Valley Plan. Comm (1 yr) Julianna Mueller | 2006 | PVPC, Alternate (1 year) Opal Poteat | 2006 |
| Plumbing & Gas Inspector (1 yr) Robert Gardner | 2006 | Plumbing & Gas Insp., Asst, (1yr) David Ritchie | 2006 |
| Police Chief (3 years) Charles Harner | 2006 | Police Officers (3 years) Vacant | 2006 |
| Police Officer, Special (1 year) Vacant | 2006 | Vacant | 2007 |
| | | Scott King | 2008 |
| Registrars of Voters (1 year) Pamela Darrow | 2006 | Recreation Committee (3 years) Vacant | 2006 |
| Jo Taudel | 2006 | Vacant | 2006 |
| Mary Kronholm | 2006 | Staci Iglesias | 2007 |
| Kim Blanchette | 2006 | Vacant | 2008 |
| Sandy Wyman | 2006 | Vacant | 2008 |
| Town Accountant (1 year) Staci Iglesias | 2006 | Town Counsel (1 year) Kopelman & Paige | 2006 |
| Veteran's Agent (1 year) Robert Messier | 2006 | Watson Park Super. (1 year) Nicole Geary | 2006 |
| Wiring Inspector (1 year) Edward LaPlante | 2006 | Wiring Inspector, Assistant (1 yr) Michael Dintzner | 2006 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals (3 years) Don Brainerd | 2006 | | |
| Summer Robbins | 2007 | | |
| James Kronholm | 2008 | | |

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE BLANDFORD ARTS COUNCIL

This was another busy yet productive year for the Arts Council. Although we received level funding from last year, an amount that had been previously reduced, the Council was able to use some excess funds in our account to fund additional projects. As in the past, the Council placed the highest priority on local artists and organizations in the Hilltowns. The Council also believes in granting with a multidisciplinary view.

In addition to the local organizations such as the Blandford Fair, Gateway and Blandford schools, Sevenars, the White Church Bel Canto Opera, and the miniature theatre of Chester we also are supporting some new works. Specifically, the Council is supporting the North Hall Association's Season of Plays professionally produced and performed by local equity artists. As a way of introducing something unique, the Council granted funds to the Buck Expeditions Youth Explorer Program. This project is a presentation given by Phil Buck, a professional explorer, who is preparing for his third ocean voyage, a 7000 mile journey from Boston to Egypt aboard a primitive reed ship, hand-built by ancient methods. This should be a very compelling presentation.

The Blandford Cultural Council would like to thank the community for its support of our programs. We urge anyone interested to write your congressman to encourage funding of the arts and humanities. After all, in this world of such turmoil, the arts keep us humane.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Horne, Chair
Mary Jo Litchard
Mary Martin
Robyn Stevens
Joan Levakis

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The current-year Board of Assessors consists of Frank Burkott (Chairman), Laura Lee Bertram, Julie Mueller and Joanne Grybosh (Assessors Assistant).

The office is open Monday evening 7PM- 9 PM and Saturday 9AM – 1PM as well as by appointment. To help accommodate the many requests we receive for information, property record cards are now available online at <http://www.townofblandford.org>. We encourage all property owners to visit and inspect their property record cards for discrepancies. The information on these cards is used to calculate property taxes. Please call the Assessors office at 848-2791 with any errors or omissions you may see on these cards and we will make appropriate changes.

At this time, we would like to thank Joanne Grybosh, Assessors Assistant, who has been working diligently in organizing our office and increasing the accuracy of the data in our system.

There are a minimum of two monthly Board of Assessors meetings which are posted on the Town Office bulletin board 48 hours in advance. In the event that someone needs to speak with the Board, our office may be contacted to arrange a meeting.

This will be another challenging year for the Assessors as the Town enters its value certification period as mandated by Massachusetts law. This certification requires the Department of Revenue to inspect all property values every three years for accuracy and consistency to ensure all taxpayers are fairly assessed.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Burkott, Chairman
Laura Lee Bertram, Member
Juliana Mueller, Member

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The total of forty-two permits were issued at an estimated cost of \$2,489,055.00 for the year 2005.

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|----|-----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1. | New Dwellings | 8 | \$1,120,000 |
| 2. | Addition and Remodel | 9 | \$ 396,755 |
| 3. | Decks and Porches | 2 | \$ 33,000 |
| 4. | Garage and Sheds | 7 | \$ 90,300 |
| 5. | Pools | 2 | \$ 49,000 |
| 6. | Water Treatment Plant | 2 | <u>\$ 800,000</u> |
| | Total | 30 | \$2,489,055 |

Special Notes

1. Office hours: By appointment, call the Town Hall
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 started, new or old work, repairs, additions or garden sheds, 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 Mass Building Code, Section 120.1. It is the homeowner responsibility to see that this is obtained.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric R. Munson, Jr.

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2005 was a busy and rewarding year for Blandford Conservation Commission as we saw the town vote overwhelmingly to purchase a conservation restriction on the Etta Knittel Property on Herrick Road. Financing was available through a \$246,400.00 self help grant and the deal was assisted tremendously by Winding River Land Conservancy & the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission.

This is a Win-Win situation for all parties.

253 acres of prime farmland and forest will be permanently protected from development when the transaction is finalized in spring 2006. The neighboring SWSC Watershed is effectively enlarged while the house and approximately 9 acres will be sold to a private buyer and will remain on Blandford's tax rolls. Most of the remainder will be opened to townsfolk for passive recreation once management plans are completed.

Similar plans are in the works for other town properties, most notably The Dover Trust Parcel (formerly Shepard Hill School) on Route 23, now known as Shepard Farm. We believe these properties have great potential for hiking, bird watching, nature workshops and the like. Please stay tuned!

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

Associate members:
Chuck Benson
Alyssa Lovell
Pat O'Neill

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The COA has had a very successful year with many seniors attending a variety of events arranged by the Board members who meet the second Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall. Representatives of the COA also attend monthly meetings of the Hilltown COA consortium.

We hosted a monthly BP /coffee hour on the third Tuesday of each month in co-operation with the Lee VNA and we've seen an increase in the number of attendees. Two flu clinics were sponsored with the Lee VNA & a health fair was well attended. The cost of van services & weekly yoga classes in Huntington were supplemented to reduce the cost for any town seniors participating. Various lunches, pizza parties, pot luck luncheons and picnics were had. Guest speakers were invited in to these events such as the SHINE representative, the town Fire Chief, representatives from the Mass Elder law attorneys and the MA State Police among others. The COA worked with the town Fire Chief to coordinate efforts to enable the 911 emergency response indicator forms that were sent to all town residents. Lunches at a nominal fee continue to be available to seniors in town at the Blandford Elementary School. One only needs to call the school in the morning to advise them of your coming.

We wish to thank the school, the historical society and the Blandford church for their cooperation in hosting these events for us. We also wish to thank Fran & Rosemary Arnold for their donation of chairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-chairs, Jo Taudel & Linda Van Werkhoven

Secretary, Anita Forish

Advisory Board Members, Grace Anable, Corry Lucia, Bernice Rabideau, Pamela Rideout, Sarah Robbins, Sumner Robbins, Ed Trusty, Kay Walsh

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

2005 Electrical Inspections

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| New House Inspections | 17 |
| New Additions | 10 |
| Service inspections new/upgrades | 10 |
| Misc. inspections | <u>9</u> |
| Total Inspections | 46 |

Respectfully submitted,

Edward LaPlante

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,

Co Cousineau

John Kelley

Ted Jensen

Sue Racine

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2005 the Fire Department responded to 46 medical calls, 15 motor vehicle accidents, 7 vehicle fires, 5 structure fire, 3 leaks/spills, 14 smoke alarms, 2 wild land fires, and 31 other types of calls for a total of 123. We responded 5 times to other towns for mutual aide, and received mutual aide from other towns and services on 59 different occasions.

To the 12 members of the Blandford Volunteer Fire Department, I cannot thank you enough for the dedication to training and the time spent responding to calls, regardless of the weather or the time of day or night.

We always need more volunteers, especially during the day. If you are the type of person that works well with others and can join us on Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 for training we could use your help. We welcome men, women and juniors, age 16 to 18.

I would like to thank Jo Taudel, Correy Lucia, Linda Van Werkhoven, and the Council on Aging for the work they did preparing and distributing the 911 Disability Indicator forms. These forms go to our dispatch center. When they receive a 911 call, Dispatch notifies the Fire Department of any disabilities at that residence. If anyone needs one of these forms now or in the future, please call the Blandford Fire Department.

In 2005 we purchased a vehicle exhaust removal system with a Public Safety Equipment Grant. The system automatically disconnects from the trucks as they leave the building, preventing the build up of exhaust inside. We also purchased a new pump to run our hydraulic tools. The new pump will run two tools at once, making a vehicle extrication much faster.

Burning Permits are issued on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., January 15 to April 30. Permits of any type will not be issued if you do not have 4 inch address numbers clearly visible from the street.

In closing I wish to inform all homeowners of the emergency regulation passed by the Board of Fire Prevention Regulation, known as Nicol's Law. The regulation requires all homeowners in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to install Carbon Monoxide Detectors. The regulation went into effect March 31, 2006. If you have any questions about the type or their placement please call the Blandford Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Carpenter

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The state recently issued its list of top recycling communities. Blandford had the highest percentage of recycled residential material with an impressive 70%. A hearty "job well done" to the residents of Blandford for this accomplishment. This diligence not only benefits the environment by reducing solid waste sent to the landfills but also reduces the ever increasing burden on the towns tax dollars.

A special thanks goes out to the transfer station attendants Al Flyte and Josh Taudel. These gentlemen offer direction and assistance to the residents throughout the year. Neither snow, wind, rain nor the aroma of a mid summer heat wave can deter these men from making sure that the refuse is properly segregated into the appropriate containers. Thank you gentlemen for your time, effort and energy.

The board has bought two new dumpsters to replace those that Waste Management deemed unsafe and would no longer haul. The electrical service has also been upgraded to allow the compactor to work more efficiently. A special thank you goes to Rick Bertram and Bob Costa.

Hogweed, a dangerous invasive plant, was identified in several locations in town. An intensive and aggressive regiment must be used to eradicate this specie of plant. BBOH has sprayed all of the known plants. We need your help in keeping it under control by reporting any new plants you may have seen. Please contact the board for pictures and more information.

The board meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Wojcik, Chair
Kate Fletcher
Joan Levakis

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The fiscal year 2006 has been a tough one. With deep budget cuts and only being a two person crew from August to November this department has tried its hardest to keep up with the 65 miles of roadway needing to be maintained.

Our temporary employee Rick Mazza who worked from this past May until August 5th, was called up for active duty in Iraq. Our thoughts and prayers are with him until his return.

As of November we welcomed Brad Curry as our third Highway Department member. He has proven to be a terrific asset to the department.

Our equipment is showing its age. A big piece of our equipment and maintenance budget has been spent on keeping our grader running since this is a valuable piece of equipment needed for many applications of road maintenance year round. This piece and others should be replaced soon. We need the Towns support and approval to bring the Highway Department up to standard.

Hopefully by the time this report is read the final layer of asphalt will be down and in place on Gore Road and North Blandford Road sections and by mid May the shoulder work done.

I would like to thank all of the part time help from this past fall and winter for a job well done and also to the members of the Highway crew, Thank You BOTH for your hard work and input that keeps our department running.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Ackley

REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. (HCAA) is now in its fifth year of operation. Each year HCAA has provided an increasing volume of emergency medical service to the six communities it serves. We responded to 434 calls in 2002; 465 in 2003; in 513 in 2004; 530 in 2005.

Our dedicated staff of full-time and volunteer EMTs provide high quality care. They respond at all hours of the day and night in all types of weather to treat and transport accident and injury victims and people suffering from various medical emergencies.

We are proud of the professional service and compassionate care they deliver. Overwhelmingly positive feedback from patients justifies that pride.

We want to continue to increase the size of our staff. If you are an EMT or would like to become one, please call us at 413-667-3277. We offer local certification and continuing education programs for qualified persons willing to serve with the Hilltown squad.

HCAA is fortunate to have a good working relationship with local fire and police departments as well as the Massachusetts State Police. They act as first responders and facilitate the work of the ambulance staff. In many cases, firefighters, who are also EMTs, join with HCAA staff to transport patients to the hospital. Their support is invaluable.

In keeping with that spirit of cooperation, HCAA offers CPR, defibrillator qualification, D.O.T. Refresher and continuing education programs that are open to members of local fire and police departments and area EMTs. We also provide TB testing each year, which is a state requirement for first responders and EMTs.

HCAA staff offers blood pressure checks for local residents. They also participate in local health fairs and school safety days.

HCAA operates two Class I ambulances. They are needed to cover what is the largest service area (more than 200 square miles) in Massachusetts. It is vital to have at least one ambulance ready to respond. If one out of service for repair or maintenance, the other is available. Also, there were 29 occasions in 2004 and 32 in 2005 when both vehicles were needed to respond to calls that came in at or about the same time.

One ambulance, a 1997 model was acquired from the Huntington Lions Club. Cost was \$55,000.00, which was appropriated by the towns. The other, a 2000 model, was purchased in 2003 for \$80,000.00. Financing was obtained through a five-year bank loan. The outstanding balance as of January 2006 was \$41,500.00.

In January, the HCAA board of directors decided to conduct a capital campaign to retire the loan. This was done for two reasons.

First, financial management of the ambulance service has become and will continue to grow more complex and challenging. Increased volume has resulted in higher cost for labor and medical supplies. Cost of fuel has sharply increased. Liability insurance premiums have risen. Reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid and other insurers have not kept pace with cost increases. In fact, Medicare and Medicaid have decreased some reimbursements. Not having loan payments will help us meet these challenges.

Second, we are looking ahead to the time when the 1997 ambulance will have to be replaced. It is nine years old and has been driven more than 85,000 miles. Repair and maintenance costs are increasing. A replacement will be needed in the next 2-3 years, and will cost up to \$150,000.00, possibly more. The prudent course is to begin to set aside funds for another ambulance. This cannot be done while the present loan is outstanding.

To date more than \$12,500.00 has been received. We ask and hope that all residents will participate in the campaign. Contributions are tax deductible. Please send them to Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 351, Huntington, MA 01050.

This year, HCAA will again offer its emergency response subscription service. It covers emergency transport and physician-ordered, non-emergency transport. Payment of the subscription fee is considered payment in full for HCAA provided service which is not covered by the patient's insurance. Be on the lookout for information about the program, which will be mailed to households in May.

HCAA is requesting that the towns appropriate \$72,500.00 for ambulance service in FY 2007. This is an increase of 2.23% over the amount approved for FY 2006. The cost will be \$8.60 per person, which is lower than any other per capita ambulance cost we are aware of. The board has worked hard to minimize ambulance costs to the towns. Examples include fund raising, obtaining grants, the subscription program, and receiving use of our building, free of charge, from Western Massachusetts Electric Company.

As in previous years, the request to each town is based on census figures. The amounts are:

| <u>TOWN</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| Blandford | \$10,439.28 |
| Chester | 11,247.65 |
| Huntington | 18,694.85 |
| Montgomery | 6,948.40 |
| Russell | 14,249.15 |
| Worthington | 10,920.67 |

We are grateful for the support the towns, their officials and fire and police departments have given HCAA. It has helped us provide quality ambulance service for residents of the hilltowns.

Respectfully submitted.

The Hilltown Community Ambulance Association Board of Directors

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission seeks to inform townspeople about our history through several means, including building a collection of books of a historical nature at the library as well as planning some fun activities for children relating to how parts of nature can hold important historical information. The Commission continues its efforts to restore the Watson Park landscape. Our town has such a rich history, and the gathering and dissemination of materials serves as a wonderful way to share this history as we continue working on our inventory of homes, buildings, and landscapes for the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

At Watson Park, our professional arborist has restored several more perennial flower and plant beds. We hope to continue this work, using grant monies, until all the beds are completed and restored. Following a two-session shrub pruning workshop conducted by the arborist, a "pruning posse" team of volunteers from the Historical Commission, the Historical Society, Nicole Geary (Watson Park Superintendent), and the Garden Club successfully tried its hands on another shrub bed. A few weeks later, another volunteer crew organized by the Historical Commission and Nicole spread mulch around that pruned bed. We would like to thank the Selectmen (who also serve as the Trustees of Watson Park) and the Highway Department for having the highway crew truck the mulch, Andy Oleksak of Oleksak Lumber in Westfield for donating it, and, as always, Nicole Geary for her help, enthusiasm, and good work.

We donated two books to the Library this year. The first is a stone wall field guide for use in recognizing different types of stones and stone work. It is a companion text to last year's donation of Stone By Stone. The second book given this year is a terrific children's book entitled Stone Wall Secrets. This will be used in relation to future activities, now in the planning stages, for our local children.

We thank Mike Urbanski for his interest in and involvement on our commission and wish him and his family well in their new community. We welcome new members, Terri Garfield and Becky McAvoy. We are delighted to have them on board as we look forward to another fruitful year. Residents are encouraged to contact us at the Town Offices with any questions and/or relevant town historical information.

Respectfully submitted,
 LeeAnn Thompson
 Peter Milford
 Julie Mueller
 Rosemary Arnold
 Katy Milford
 Terri Garfield
 Becky McAvoy

REPORT OF THE LEE VISITING NURSES

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Blandford during the fiscal year 7/1/2004 – 6/30/2005.

| Home Visits | | Visits |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Skilled Nursing | | 13 |
| Physical Therapy | | 11 |
| Occupational Therapy | | 0 |
| Speech Therapy | | 0 |
| Medical Social Work | | 0 |
| Maternal Child Health | | 1 |
| Nutrition Services | | 0 |
| Home Health Aide | | 0 |
| Non-Billable Home Visits | | 1 |
| Clinics | Sessions | Attendance |
| Flu/Pneumonia | 2 | 42/2 |
| Blood Pressure | 11 | 134 |

Respectfully submitted,
 Paula Schutzmann

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The Porter Memorial Library continues its mission serving the Blandford community. We continue to add to our collection of nonfiction, fiction, reference and children's books as well as our collection of classic and popular movies on DVD.

Librarians Pamela Darrow and Cindy Montanaro have done a great job cleaning, updating and rearranging, particularly in the children's area. Their hard work is evident the moment you walk in. Everything is much more open and accessible. Officer John Crane of the State Police provided us with important safety tips that we have also implemented, for the welfare of our patrons as well as our staff.

Children's Librarian Michele Crane continues to engage our younger patrons with our twice-a-month Story Hours and the Summer Reading program. Special guests this year included a real-life train engineer, two hot-air balloonists, the Ripleys (who talked about producing maple syrup) and our own Fire Chief Don Carpenter, who drove over the town's big fire truck and showed the kids how some of the equipment works. It was very exciting! This upcoming Summer Reading Program—"What's Buzzin' At Your Library"—will focus on all manner of creepy-crawlies, so squeamish parents are forewarned!

A special note must be made of the entire library staff, who continues to smile no matter what is thrown at them. Mary Martin and Heidi Taberman round out this devoted team that keeps our beautiful building open and running smoothly. Hats off to everyone for jobs well done!

Thanks to everyone who has donated materials throughout the year, and to everyone who has given their support and friendship!

Circulation Statistics

| | | | |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Adult Fiction | 1,840 | Videos | 2,512 |
| Adult Nonfiction | 980 | DVDs | 2,682 |
| Juvenile Fiction | 1,738 | Audios | 230 |
| Juvenile Nonfiction | 348 | CDs | <u>110</u> |
| YA Fiction | 446 | Total Nonprint | 5,534 |
| YA Nonfiction | 208 | | |
| Periodicals | <u>110</u> | | |
| Total Print | 5,670 | <u>TOTAL CIRCULATION</u> | <u>11,204</u> |

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Place, Director

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Library Trustees hired Mary Jo Place of Crooks Road as the new Library Director last June. A Blandford resident for seven years, she served at the Mount Holyoke library as Media Resources Director and Foreign Language Resource Center Director. She brings a vast background in technology to the Porter Memorial and trustees see this as an extremely vital asset for library patrons. One of her visions for the library is making patrons more aware of the technological resources that are available to them. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, with departmental honors in Media Studies and an emphasis in journalism, from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. Since joining the library, Mary Jo has had several staff meetings, incorporating these into the routine; she has instituted new safety procedures and has made the library a warm, welcoming place. The trustees are pleased to have her. Trustees throughout the year have advocated for libraries at the state and local levels, maintained vigilance over privacy issues and in general have worked hard to maintain the best possible services for the community. The library is the heart of its community serving everyone, from cradle to grave, regardless of income, nationality, sex or creed. During difficult fiscal times, the library is the most used town facility, providing reading material, movies, Compact Disks and computer access; and if what a patron needs is not in our library, it can easily be obtained through Inter Library Loan. This free service can bring material from anywhere in the state or nation, at no cost to the patron. For every dollar a community invests in its library, the value returned is 700 percent, an awesome service and an unusual bargain.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kronholm, Chairman
Charles Benson, Treasurer
Christine Keenan, Secretary

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Our principle focus this year was on the writing of new zoning bylaws. This was in keeping with the results of the Community Development Plan survey which showed that, by far, most residents want to keep the rural, small town atmosphere of Blandford. This includes maintaining open space and the quality of life we now share. To this end, the Zoning Review Committee worked diligently to create three new bylaws, the Agricultural/Forestry Protection Bylaw, the Mixed Use Village Center Bylaw, both of which failed to pass Town Meeting and Site Plan Review, which did pass. Other articles also passed that, while making no changes, will make the current Zoning Bylaw more readable and easily referenced.

The Planning Board, along with the Zoning Review Board continue, under a second round of grant money from the Commonwealth and the Hilltown Communities Initiative, to write bylaws which will benefit Blandford now and in the years to come. An optional Open Space Residential Development bylaw is in process as well as a Light Industrial/Office Park District bylaw. We welcome any comments and suggestions from interested residents.

Finally, numerous plans for houses and additions, as well as ANR plans were reviewed and signed by the board. The Planning Board meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Town Office. Appointments for the signing of plans should be made in advance by calling the chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mueller, Chair
Opal Poteat, Secretary
John Caswell

John Bianco
Greg Garfield

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR

During the fiscal year 2005, there were 27 permits issued, 16 for gas and 11 for plumbing. 45 inspections were made. Your inspector remained current with regard to the Commonwealths requirements for continuing education by attending necessary classes.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Gardner

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bill Devin completed his term of office, and we thank him for his contributions to the town. We also thank all town employees, elected officers, and appointed officials. Tony van Werkhoven was elected to the Board of Selectmen and we look forward to his involvement on the board.

In our continuing efforts to update our computer capabilities, we have hired a company to assist in creating a web page for the town. The server at the Town Offices will allow departments to conduct business across the state. This should save time for everyone.

We are trying to form a better working relationship with Springfield Water and Sewer Commission. They have been working with the Board of Selectmen recently to help resolve several issues such as the Beech Hill Road upgrade.

The Board still believes that the hiring of a part-time Town Administrator having knowledge of state government to coordinate things in town and write grants would help the town immensely. There continue to be state and federal regulations to deal with, and with very part time workers, it is difficult to keep up on new developments. The town is missing out on opportunities that would benefit every resident. Having even a part-time administrator would be an improvement and would allow more service to townspeople.

As always, we continue to actively seek ways to increase revenues coming into the town. Back taxes owed to the town are being collected regularly and investigation proceeds into ways to receive our fair share of state monies.

We encourage residents to get involved with town government. We wish more people would volunteer to share the burden. Just ask how you can help, and if you cannot take an active role, be supportive of your town officials.

Respectfully submitted,
Chet Broughton, Chair
Elaine Kelly, Clerk
Tony van Werkhoven, Member

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

MOTOR VEHICLE Y-T-D- TOTAL REPORT Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2005

| Net Amounts | Debits | Credit | Total |
|------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Taxes | 107,570.00 | 97,035.77 | |
| Interest | 111.11 | 111.11 | |
| Abatements | 0.00 | 4,002.01 | |
| 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 | 820.00 | 820.00 | |
| Refunds Issued | 886.67 | 0.00 | |
| Refunds Possible | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| Grand Totals | 109,397.78 | 101,968.89 | 7,428.89 |

PERSONAL PROPERTY Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2005

| | | | |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Taxes | 117,124.18 | 107,087.51 | |
| Interest | 223.09 | 223.09 | |
| 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 | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| Refunds Issued | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Refunds Possible | 491.71 | 0.00 | |
| Grand Totals | 117,853.98 | 107,325.60 | 10,528.38 |

WATER/SEWER BILLING Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2005

| Net Amounts | Debits | Credit | Total |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Taxes | 492,400.00 | 317,908.28 | |
| Interest | 1,791.38 | 1,791.38 | |
| Abatements | 0.00 | 114,900.00 | |
| 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 | 45.00 | 45.00 | |
| Refunds Issued | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Refunds Possible | 405.34 | 0.00 | |
| Grand Totals | 494,641.72 | 434,644.66 | 59,997.06 |

REAL ESTATE Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2005

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Taxes | 1,294,744.31 | 1,206,992.47 | |
| Interest | 4,381.38 | 4,381.38 | |
| Betterments/liens | 41,200.70 | 22,593.58 | |
| Committed Interest | 265.00 | 155.00 | |
| Abatements | 0.00 | 16,049.10 | |
| Exemptions | 0.00 | 6,950.00 | |
| Adjustments | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Credits | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Demand | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Warrant | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Other Charges | 115.00 | 115.00 | |
| Refunds Issued | 7,432.83 | 0.00 | |
| Refunds Possible | 8,398.54 | 0.00 | |
| Grand Total | 1,356,537.76 | 1,257,236.53 | 99,301.23 |

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

04/17/06

Town of Blandford

FY2005 Expense Report (All Entries) - General Fund

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| Expense Category / Account | | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|--|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | | | | |
| Moderator's Salary | 015114-000 | | 47.00 | (1.00) | 46.00 | 46.00 | | 100 |
| Moderator Expenses | 015114-001 | | 25.00 | (25.00) | | | | 0 |
| Selectmen's Salaries | 015122-000 | | 4,456.00 | (130.00) | 4,326.00 | 4,241.39 | 84.61 | 98 |
| Selectmen's Secretary | 015122-001 | | 6,365.00 | (185.00) | 6,180.00 | 6,180.00 | | 100 |
| Selectmen's Expense | 015122-002 | | 1,800.00 | | 1,800.00 | 1,062.38 | 737.62 | 59 |
| Finance Committee | 015131-000 | | 245.00 | | 245.00 | 110.00 | 135.00 | 45 |
| Reserve Account | 015132-000 | | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 0 |
| Town Accountant Salary | 015135-000 | | 8,899.00 | (259.00) | 8,640.00 | 8,640.00 | | 100 |
| Town Accountant's Expe | 015135-001 | | 1,330.00 | | 1,330.00 | 1,353.94 | (23.94) | 102 |
| Assessor's Salaries | 015141-000 | | 3,819.00 | (110.00) | 3,709.00 | 2,763.00 | 946.00 | 74 |
| Assessor's Expense | 015141-001 | | 4,940.00 | | 4,940.00 | 6,234.03 | (1,294.03) | 126 |
| Assessor's Clerk Salar | 015141-002 | | 10,712.00 | (313.00) | 10,399.00 | 6,375.00 | 4,024.00 | 61 |
| Assessors Contract Ser | 015142-000 | | 21,690.00 | | 21,690.00 | 20,990.00 | 700.00 | 97 |
| Treasurer's Salary | 015145-000 | | 7,426.00 | (219.00) | 7,207.00 | 7,207.00 | | 100 |
| Treasurer's Clerk | 015145-001 | | 795.00 | (20.00) | 775.00 | 583.20 | 191.80 | 75 |
| Treasurer's Expense | 015145-002 | | 2,150.00 | | 2,150.00 | 2,036.31 | 113.69 | 95 |
| Tax Title Legal Fees | 015145-005 | | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 8,860.99 | 1,139.01 | 89 |
| Tax Collector's Salary | 015146-000 | | 12,360.00 | (90.00) | 12,270.00 | 12,270.00 | | 100 |
| Tax Collector's Expens | 015146-001 | | 12,000.00 | (2,000.00) | 10,000.00 | 9,286.23 | 713.77 | 93 |
| Tax Coll Special Tax P | 015146-002 | 2,476.00 | | | 2,476.00 | 1,356.00 | 1,120.00 | 55 |
| Town Counsel | 015151-000 | | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 13,437.58 | (3,437.58) | 134 |
| Town Clerk's Salary | 015161-000 | | 3,183.00 | (93.00) | 3,090.00 | 3,090.00 | | 100 |
| Town Clerk's Expense | 015161-001 | | 1,250.00 | (500.00) | 750.00 | 755.27 | (5.27) | 101 |
| Street & Dog List Sala | 015161-002 | | 504.00 | (15.00) | 489.00 | 489.00 | | 100 |
| Street & Dog List Expe | 015161-003 | | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 415.63 | (165.63) | 166 |
| Vital Statistics Salar | 015161-004 | | 27.00 | (1.00) | 26.00 | 26.00 | | 100 |
| Election & Registratio | 015162-000 | | 1,503.00 | | 1,503.00 | 2,271.87 | (768.87) | 151 |
| Bd of Registrars Salar | 015163-000 | | 53.00 | (2.00) | 51.00 | 51.00 | | 100 |
| Conservation Commissio | 015171-000 | | 1,600.00 | | 1,600.00 | 735.60 | 864.40 | 46 |
| Conservation Maps | 015173-000 | | 250.00 | | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 0 |
| Planning Board | 015175-000 | | 320.00 | | 320.00 | 444.97 | (124.97) | 139 |
| Zoning Board of Appeal | 015176-000 | | 350.00 | | 350.00 | 176.70 | 173.30 | 50 |
| Town Office Expense | 015192-000 | | 10,600.00 | (2,000.00) | 8,600.00 | 12,760.72 | (4,160.72) | 148 |
| Town Insurance | 015192-009 | | 21,120.00 | (1,120.00) | 20,000.00 | 21,960.00 | (1,960.00) | 110 |
| Town Reports Salary | 015195-000 | | 610.00 | (18.00) | 592.00 | 592.00 | | 100 |
| Town Reports Expenses | 015195-001 | | 1,100.00 | | 1,100.00 | 1,625.21 | (525.21) | 148 |
| Audit - Town Records | 015199-000 | | 14,000.00 | | 14,000.00 | 4,500.00 | 9,500.00 | 32 |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | 2,476.00 | 185,779.00 | (7,101.00) | 181,154.00 | 162,927.02 | 18,226.98 | 90 |
| PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY | | | | | | | | |
| Police Salaries | 015210-000 | | 5,198.00 | (151.00) | 5,047.00 | 4,886.00 | 161.00 | 97 |
| Police Expense | 015210-001 | | 3,580.00 | (1,655.00) | 1,925.00 | 1,925.00 | | 100 |
| Cruiser Maintenance | 015210-002 | | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 962.10 | 37.90 | 96 |
| Police Dept. Utilities | 015210-003 | | 675.00 | | 675.00 | 675.00 | | 100 |
| ENCUMB. POLICE EXPENSE | 015210-999 | 829.94 | | | 829.94 | | 829.94 | 0 |
| Police Fair Duty | 015211-000 | | 950.00 | | 950.00 | 948.00 | 2.00 | 100 |

FY2005 Expense Report (All Entries) - General Fund

| Expense Category / Account | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Police Dept. Court Tim 015211-001 | | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 194.30 | 305.70 | 39 |
| Fire Chief Salary 015220-000 | | 1,061.00 | (1,060.50) | 0.50 | | 0.50 | 0 |
| Forest Warden Salary 015220-002 | | 530.00 | (529.50) | 0.50 | | 0.50 | 0 |
| Fire Dept. Utilities 015220-003 | | 3,800.00 | (921.00) | 2,879.00 | 2,786.37 | 92.63 | 97 |
| Fire Dept. Maint/Repai 015220-004 | | 3,800.00 | | 3,800.00 | 3,800.00 | | 100 |
| Radio Maintenance 015220-005 | | 1,400.00 | | 1,400.00 | 663.73 | 736.27 | 47 |
| Dispatch 911 015220-007 | | 4,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | | 100 |
| Fire Training/Supplies 015220-008 | | 11,465.00 | | 11,465.00 | 10,867.33 | 597.67 | 95 |
| Fire Gas/Oil 015220-009 | | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | | 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 |
| 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 | 1,620.00 | (120.00) | 108 |
| Plumbing Insp Salary 015243-000 | | 51.00 | | 51.00 | 51.00 | | 100 |
| Plumbing Insp Fees 015243-001 | | 925.00 | (175.00) | 750.00 | 1,458.56 | (708.56) | 194 |
| Electrical Insp Salary 015245-000 | | 51.00 | | 51.00 | 51.00 | | 100 |
| Electrical Insp Fees 015245-001 | | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 | 1,170.00 | 330.00 | 78 |
| 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 | | 795.00 | (23.00) | 772.00 | 750.00 | 22.00 | 97 |
| Dog Officer Expense 015292-003 | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 0 |
| Tree Warden Salary 015294-000 | | 1,061.00 | (31.00) | 1,030.00 | 1,000.00 | 30.00 | 97 |
| Tree Warden Expense 015294-001 | | 358.00 | | 358.00 | 211.48 | 146.52 | 59 |
| Tree Warden Outside Sv 015294-002 | | 8,042.00 | | 8,042.00 | 7,957.10 | 84.90 | 99 |
| TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY | 829.94 | 65,390.00 | (4,546.00) | 61,673.94 | 58,823.97 | 2,849.97 | 95 |
| EDUCATION | | | | | | | |
| GATEWAY REG SCHOOL DIS 015300-000 | | 1,167,442.00 | | 1,167,442.00 | 1,154,955.00 | 12,487.00 | 99 |
| VOCATIONAL EDUCATION 015301-000 | | 102,204.00 | | 102,204.00 | 45,794.00 | 56,410.00 | 45 |
| TOTAL EDUCATION | 0.00 | 1,269,646.00 | 0.00 | 1,269,646.00 | 1,200,749.00 | 68,897.00 | 95 |
| PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES | | | | | | | |
| Highway Salaries 015422-000 | | 97,850.00 | (2,850.00) | 95,000.00 | 86,093.44 | 8,906.56 | 91 |
| Highway Overtime Salar 015422-001 | | 4,326.00 | (1,126.00) | 3,200.00 | 1,461.85 | 1,738.15 | 46 |
| Highway Expenses 015422-002 | | 4,000.00 | (700.00) | 3,300.00 | 3,039.14 | 260.86 | 92 |
| Highway Utilities 015422-003 | | 7,800.00 | (1,400.00) | 6,400.00 | 5,344.25 | 1,055.75 | 84 |
| Hwy Equipment/Maint 015422-004 | | 50,000.00 | (9,000.00) | 41,000.00 | 50,926.84 | (9,926.84) | 124 |
| Salt & Sand 015422-005 | | 20,000.00 | | 20,000.00 | 45,014.00 | (25,014.00) | 225 |
| Highway Gas & Oil 015422-006 | | 17,000.00 | (3,000.00) | 14,000.00 | 14,000.00 | | 100 |
| Road Maintenance 015422-007 | | 20,000.00 | (3,500.00) | 16,500.00 | 16,500.00 | | 100 |
| Highway P/T Salaries 015422-008 | | 5,000.00 | (5,000.00) | | | | 0 |
| Snow & Ice Labor 015422-011 | | 22,000.00 | (2,000.00) | 20,000.00 | 25,193.94 | (5,193.94) | 126 |
| Highway Building 015422-016 | | 1,000.00 | (200.00) | 800.00 | 753.08 | 46.92 | 94 |
| Street Lights 015424-000 | | 3,500.00 | | 3,500.00 | 3,168.02 | 331.98 | 91 |
| Transfer Station Salar 015433-000 | | 10,800.00 | (5,557.00) | 5,243.00 | 6,023.37 | (780.37) | 115 |
| Cartage/Tipping 015433-001 | | 42,000.00 | (6,100.00) | 35,900.00 | 52,314.97 | (16,414.97) | 146 |

| Expense Category / Account | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Transfer St Expenses 015433-002 | | 6,000.00 | (900.00) | 5,100.00 | 5,100.00 | | 100 |
| Transfer St Utilities 015433-004 | | 2,000.00 | (290.00) | 1,710.00 | 1,804.67 | (94.67) | 106 |
| Hazardous Waste 015433-005 | | 1,300.00 | (220.00) | 1,080.00 | (94.67) | 1,174.67 | -9 |
| Transfer St Gen. Maint 015439-000 | | 2,000.00 | (290.00) | 1,710.00 | 1,118.23 | 591.77 | 65 |
| Cemetery Commission 015491-000 | | 2,500.00 | | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | | 100 |
| TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES | 0.00 | 319,076.00 | (42,133.00) | 276,943.00 | 320,261.13 | (43,318.13) | 116 |
| HUMAN SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| Board of Health Salari 015510-000 | | 1,644.00 | (47.00) | 1,597.00 | 979.18 | 617.82 | 61 |
| Bd of Health Sec. Sala 015510-001 | | 2,652.00 | (78.00) | 2,574.00 | 2,574.00 | | 100 |
| BOH Contracted Service 015510-002 | | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 | 187.58 | 1,012.42 | 16 |
| BOH Expenses 015510-003 | | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 800.00 | | 100 |
| Perc Tests 015510-004 | | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 | 175.00 | 1,325.00 | 12 |
| Lee Visiting Nurses 015522-000 | | 3,700.00 | | 3,700.00 | 3,700.00 | | 100 |
| ENCUMB. LEE VISIT NURS 015522-999 | 925.00 | | | 925.00 | 925.00 | | 100 |
| Council on Aging Serv. 015541-000 | | 1,300.00 | | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | | 100 |
| Council on Aging Expen 015541-001 | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 254.93 | 45.07 | 85 |
| Veterans Administratio 015543-000 | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 300.00 | | 100 |
| Veteran's Benefits 015543-001 | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 17.00 | 283.00 | 6 |
| Memorial Day 015543-004 | | 600.00 | | 600.00 | 600.00 | | 100 |
| TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES | 925.00 | 14,296.00 | (125.00) | 15,096.00 | 11,812.69 | 3,283.31 | 78 |
| CULTURE AND RECREATION | | | | | | | |
| Library Salaries 015610-000 | | 19,103.00 | (556.00) | 18,547.00 | 16,160.18 | 2,386.82 | 87 |
| Library Expenses 015610-001 | | 2,455.00 | 541.00 | 2,996.00 | 2,996.00 | | 100 |
| Library Outside Svcs. 015610-002 | | 2,500.00 | | 2,500.00 | 2,301.41 | 198.59 | 92 |
| Library Utilities 015610-003 | | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 2,173.11 | 826.89 | 72 |
| Library Books & Videos 015610-004 | | 7,487.00 | | 7,487.00 | 7,487.00 | | 100 |
| Park & Recreation 015630-000 | | 3,100.00 | (2,600.00) | 500.00 | 484.73 | 15.27 | 97 |
| Town Common 015650-000 | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 300.00 | | 100 |
| Historical Commission 015651-000 | | 750.00 | | 750.00 | 165.95 | 584.05 | 22 |
| ENCUMBER HISTORICAL CO 015651-999 | 467.30 | | | 467.30 | | 467.30 | 0 |
| TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION | 467.30 | 38,695.00 | (2,615.00) | 36,547.30 | 32,068.38 | 4,478.92 | 88 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | | | |
| Long Term Debt Interes 015751-000 | | 43,063.18 | | 43,063.18 | 43,073.18 | (10.00) | 100 |
| Temporary Loan Interes 015752-000 | | | | | 1,129.24 | (1,129.24) | 0 |
| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE | 0.00 | 43,063.18 | 0.00 | 43,063.18 | 44,202.42 | (1,139.24) | 103 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
| St Assmnt MV Ex Tax Bi 015821-000 | | 860.00 | | 860.00 | 600.00 | 260.00 | 70 |
| St Assmnt Air Pollutio 015822-000 | | 277.00 | | 277.00 | 277.00 | | 100 |
| PIONEER PLANNING COMM 015823-000 | | | | | 182.10 | (182.10) | 0 |
| St. Assmt. Reg. Transi 015835-000 | | 760.00 | | 760.00 | 746.00 | 14.00 | 98 |

Town of Blandford
FY2005 Expense Report (All Entries) - General Fund

| Expense Category / Account | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
| STRAP REPAY 015840-000 | | 7,574.00 | | 7,574.00 | 7,574.00 | | 100 |
| TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES | 0.00 | 9,471.00 | 0.00 | 9,471.00 | 9,379.10 | 91.90 | 99 |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</u> | | | | | | | |
| Stabilization 015901-000 | | 20,000.00 | | 20,000.00 | | 20,000.00 | 0 |
| Hampden County Retirem 015911-000 | | 19,178.00 | | 19,178.00 | 19,848.00 | (670.00) | 103 |
| Worker's Compensation 015912-000 | | 4,800.00 | | 4,800.00 | 5,260.00 | (460.00) | 110 |
| Unemployment Compensat 015913-000 | | 8,750.00 | | 8,750.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,750.00 | 46 |
| Group Insurance 015914-000 | | 35,400.00 | | 35,400.00 | 32,257.86 | 3,142.14 | 91 |
| FICA - Town Share 015919-000 | | 13,500.00 | | 13,500.00 | 16,227.10 | (2,727.10) | 120 |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | 0.00 | 101,628.00 | 0.00 | 101,628.00 | 77,592.96 | 24,035.04 | 76 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | 4,698.24 | 2,047,044.18 | (56,520.00) | 1,995,222.42 | 1,917,816.67 | 77,405.75 | 96 |

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| Revenue Category / Account | Estimated Revenue | Revenue Revisions | Revised Estimated Rev. | Actual Revenue | Balance | % Rec |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| <u>TAXES and EXCISES</u> | | | | | | |
| Personal Property Taxes (01-4-110-000) | 117,124.18 | | 117,124.18 | 156,025.68 | (38,901.50) | 133 |
| Real Estate Taxes (01-4-120-000) | 1,294,744.31 | | 1,294,744.31 | 1,418,457.59 | (123,713.28) | 110 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise (01-4-150-000) | 121,000.00 | | 121,000.00 | 199,861.43 | (78,861.43) | 165 |
| Penalty & Int. on Taxes (01-4-171-000) | 6,300.00 | | 6,300.00 | 14,099.51 | (7,799.51) | 224 |
| Penalty & Int. Excise (01-4-172-000) | | | | 4,803.87 | (4,803.87) | 0 |
| In Lieu of Taxes (01-4-180-000) | 121,000.00 | | 121,000.00 | 242,015.46 | (121,015.46) | 200 |
| TOTAL TAXES and EXCISES: | 1,660,168.49 | 0.00 | 1,660,168.49 | 2,035,263.54 | (375,095.05) | 123 |
| <u>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE</u> | | | | | | |
| Fees - Fire Dept. (01-4-321-000) | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 1,040.00 | (40.00) | 104 |
| Fees - Dump Stickers (01-4-324-000) | 37,000.00 | | 37,000.00 | 18,905.00 | 18,095.00 | 51 |
| Fees - Health Board (01-4-325-000) | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 2,580.00 | 420.00 | 86 |
| Fees - Planning Board (01-4-327-000) | | | | 10.00 | (10.00) | 0 |
| Fees - Town Clerk (01-4-329-000) | | | | 631.30 | (631.30) | 0 |
| Fees - Zoning Board (01-4-330-000) | | | | 345.00 | (345.00) | 0 |
| FEES - OTHER (01-4-332-000) | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 103.49 | 396.51 | 21 |
| Rentals (01-4-360-000) | 9,800.00 | | 9,800.00 | 9,725.04 | 74.96 | 99 |
| Licenses - Liquor (01-4-410-000) | 11,100.00 | | 11,100.00 | 750.00 | 10,350.00 | 7 |
| Permits - Building Dept. (01-4-450-000) | | | | 3,747.75 | (3,747.75) | 0 |
| Permits - Police Dept. (01-4-451-000) | | | | 3,775.00 | (3,775.00) | 0 |
| Permits - Plumbing (01-4-452-000) | | | | 2,120.60 | (2,120.60) | 0 |
| Permits - Wiring (01-4-453-000) | | | | 2,010.00 | (2,010.00) | 0 |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE: | 62,400.00 | 0.00 | 62,400.00 | 45,743.18 | 16,656.82 | 73 |
| <u>STATE REVENUE</u> | | | | | | |
| Abatements Vets, Blind, S.S (01-4-615-000) | 1,150.00 | | 1,150.00 | | 1,150.00 | 0 |
| Abatements to the Elderly (01-4-616-000) | 2,514.00 | | 2,514.00 | | 2,514.00 | 0 |
| Lottery Aid (01-4-661-000) | 101,161.00 | | 101,161.00 | 101,161.00 | | 100 |
| Chapter 70 School Aid (01-4-662-000) | 34,629.00 | | 34,629.00 | 34,629.00 | | 100 |
| CS STATE OWNED LAND (01-4-664-000) | 6,877.00 | | 6,877.00 | 6,870.00 | 7.00 | 100 |
| TOTAL STATE REVENUE: | 146,331.00 | 0.00 | 146,331.00 | 142,660.00 | 3,671.00 | 97 |
| <u>OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV</u> | | | | | | |
| Fines - District Court (01-4-771-000) | 6,500.00 | | 6,500.00 | 8,286.39 | (1,786.39) | 127 |
| TOTAL OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV: | 6,500.00 | 0.00 | 6,500.00 | 8,286.39 | (1,786.39) | 127 |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES</u> | | | | | | |
| Earnings of Investments (01-4-820-000) | 4,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | 7,342.09 | (3,342.09) | 184 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue (01-4-840-000) | 72,331.00 | | 72,331.00 | 20,022.51 | 52,308.49 | 28 |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES: | 76,331.00 | 0.00 | 76,331.00 | 27,364.60 | 48,966.40 | 36 |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 1,951,730.49 | 0.00 | 1,951,730.49 | 2,259,317.71 | (307,587.22) | 116 |

Town of Blandford
FY2005 Expenses Report (All Entries) - Other Funds

| 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 | | 9,548.00 | | 9,548.00 | 9,548.00 | |
| Water Dept Clerk 225450-001 | | 2,636.00 | | 2,636.00 | 2,636.00 | |
| Water Dept Utilities 225450-002 | | 8,500.00 | | 8,500.00 | 5,611.57 | 2,888.43 |
| Water Dept Chemicals 225450-004 | | 7,000.00 | | 7,000.00 | 3,533.59 | 3,466.41 |
| Water Dept Breaks 225450-005 | | 6,000.00 | | 6,000.00 | 7,036.11 | (1,036.11) |
| Water Dept Testing 225450-006 | | 8,000.00 | | 8,000.00 | 4,969.00 | 3,031.00 |
| Water Dept System Upgrade 225450-007 | | 30,000.00 | | 30,000.00 | 29,884.18 | 115.82 |
| Water Dept Loan 225450-008 | | 8,402.00 | | 8,402.00 | 8,402.00 | |
| Water Dept. Expenses 225450-010 | | 4,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | 2,303.20 | 1,696.80 |
| Water Dept. Secr. Salary 225450-011 | | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 4,989.50 | 10.50 |
| Water Dept. Security 225450-012 | | | | | (113.36) | 113.36 |
| Software/Support 225450-015 | | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| Water Commissioner Salary 225450-017 | | 1,591.00 | | 1,591.00 | 1,591.00 | |
| Water Education & Train. 225450-018 | | 2,000.00 | | 2,000.00 | 425.00 | 1,575.00 |
| Water Dept. Supplies 225450-019 | | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| Water Dept. Meter Readers 225450-020 | | 500.00 | | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Water Proj Short Term Int 225460-000 | | 30,000.00 | | 30,000.00 | 14,199.99 | 15,800.01 |
| WATER PROJ LOAN PHASE ONE 225470-000 | | 79,906.00 | | 79,906.00 | 82,944.38 | (3,038.38) |
| TOTAL FUND 22: | 0.00 | 205,283.00 | 0.00 | 205,283.00 | 180,160.16 | 25,122.84 |
| FUND 31 | | | | | | |
| WATER ENG.SERV.PHASE I 315110-101 | 3,599,519.42 | | | 3,599,519.42 | 90,593.10 | 3,508,926.32 |
| WATER ENG.SERV. PHASE 2 315110-201 | | | | | 676,996.80 | (676,996.80) |
| TOTAL FUND 31: | 3,599,519.42 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,599,519.42 | 767,589.90 | 2,831,929.52 |
| TTL OTHER FUND EXPENSES: | 3,599,519.42 | 205,283.00 | 0.00 | 3,804,802.42 | 947,750.06 | 2,857,052.36 |

Town of Blandford
FY2005 Revenue Report (All Entries) - Other Funds

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| Fund Number / Revenue Account | Estimated Revenue | Revenue Revisions | Revised Estimated Rev. | Actual Revenue | Balance |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <u>FUND 22</u> | | | | | |
| Water Rates (22-4-120-000) | 245,124.14 | | 245,124.14 | 412,431.54 | (167,307.40) |
| Penalty & Int. on Water (22-4-170-000) | | | | 4,977.74 | (4,977.74) |
| EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS (22-4-820-000) | | | | 549.93 | (549.93) |
| TOTAL FUND 22: | 245,124.14 | 0.00 | 245,124.14 | 417,959.21 | (172,835.07) |
| <u>FUND 24</u> | | | | | |
| TOTAL FUND 24: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <u>FUND 31</u> | | | | | |
| TOTAL FUND 31: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TTL OTHER FUND BALANCES: | 245,124.14 | 0.00 | 245,124.14 | 417,959.21 | (172,835.07) |
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ASSETS

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cash Unrestricted Checkng | 879,174.00 | |
| | ----- | |
| Subtotal Cash | | 879,174.00 |
| Personal Property Tax Receivable: | 27,642.30 | |
| Real Estate Tax Receivable: | 256,701.48 | |
| Allowance for Abatements: | -131,613.33 | |
| Tax Titles and Possessions: | 65,895.83 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable: | 44,268.06 | |
| | ----- | |
| Subtotal Taxes | | 262,894.34 |
| Departmental Receivables | | 471.29 |
| Tax Possessions | | 52,053.20 |
| | | ----- |
| Total Assets | | 1,194,592.83 |
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LIABILITIES

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|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Def Rev Real & Prop. Tax | -152,730.45 | |
| Def Rev Tax Liens | -65,895.83 | |
| Def Rev Tax Foreclosures | -52,053.20 | |
| Def Rev Motor Vehicle Ex | -44,268.06 | |
| Def Rev Departmental | -471.29 | |
| | ----- | |
| Subtotal Liabilities | | -315,418.83 |
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FUND BALANCE

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|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| FB Res for Encumbrances | -1,482.54 | |
| FB Undesignated Fund Bal | -734,683.17 | |
| FB Unres Approp Deficits | 42,378.00 | |
| FB Res. for Snow & Ice | 21,586.72 | |
| F/B RESERVED FOR SCH DEBT | -206,973.01 | |
| | ----- | |
| Subtotal Fund Balance | | -879,174.00 |
| | | ----- |
| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | | -1,194,592.83 |
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OTHER FUNDS FY2005
BALANCE SHEET

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FUND 22

ASSETS

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Cash | 279,647.90 |
| Water Rates 2002 | 194.48 |
| Water Rates 2003 | 2,407.07 |
| WATER RATES 2004 | 18,561.06 |
| Water Rates 2005 | 59,591.72 |
| Water Liens - 2001 | 1,926.83 |
| Water Liens - 2002 | 853.01 |
| Water Liens - 2004 | 12,299.39 |
| Water Liens - 2005 | 18,607.12 |

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| Total Assets | 394,088.58 |
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LIABILITIES

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| WD COLLECTOR'S FEES | -105.00 |
| Def Revenue Water Rates | -80,754.33 |
| Def Revenue Water Liens | -33,686.35 |

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| Subtotal Liabilities | -114,545.68 |
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FUND BALANCE

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| FB Undesignated | -283,617.39 |
| APPROPRIATION DEFICIT | 4,074.49 |

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| Subtotal Fund Balance | -279,542.90 |
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| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | -394,088.58 |
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FUND 23

ASSETS

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| Pooled Cash | -328,661.85 |
| Strap Grant | 249,991.42 |
| Chapter 53B | 28,370.62 |
| Chapter 150 | 40,519.78 |
| Chapter 235 | 67,813.68 |
| CH 53C REC. | 67,419.54 |
| CH 246 | 134,839.09 |

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| Total Assets | 260,292.28 |
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LIABILITIES

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Def Rev Highway | -588,954.13 |
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| Subtotal Liabilities | -588,954.13 |
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FUND BALANCE

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| FB Highway Chapter 113 | 9,166.94 |
| FB Comm. Policing Grant | -7,610.39 |
| FB CHAPTER 53A FUND BAL | 11,408.00 |
| FB CHAPTER 235 FUND BAL | 12,100.00 |

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| FB CH 53C | 3,500.00 |
| FB CH 246 | 38,532.39 |
| FB STRAP GRANT | 261,564.91 |
| Subtotal Fund Balance | 328,661.85 |
| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | -260,292.28 |
| FUND 24 | |
| ASSETS | |
| Pooled Cash | 52,740.82 |
| Total Assets | 52,740.82 |
| FUND BALANCE | |
| Library Building | -560.78 |
| FB FEMA Snow Grant | -8,621.22 |
| FB Arts Council | -2,267.06 |
| FB Sale of Lots | -8,904.49 |
| EOCD SEPTIC | -34,095.47 |
| FB State Aid to Libraries | -8,420.74 |
| FB Council on Aging | -9,192.74 |
| FB Friends of Library | -87.16 |
| FB Bequeath C. Keene | -2,199.51 |
| FB Wetland Protection | -1,258.27 |
| FB Conservation Fund | -987.50 |
| FB MASS TURNPIKE GRANT | 24,795.02 |
| FIRE SAFETY GRANT FUND BA | -151.40 |
| FB EXTENDED POLLING HRS | -72.00 |
| FB OPEN SPACE GRANT | -500.00 |
| TRUST OF RESERV HIST GRNT | -217.50 |
| Subtotal Fund Balance | -52,740.82 |
| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | -52,740.82 |
| FUND 31 | |
| ASSETS | |
| CASH WATER IMPROV.PROJECT | -8,063.10 |
| Total Assets | -8,063.10 |
| FUND BALANCE | |
| FB WATER IMP.CAPITAL PROJ | 8,063.10 |
| Subtotal Fund Balance | 8,063.10 |
| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | 8,063.10 |
| FUND 82 | |
| ASSETS | |
| Cash Trust Funds | 144,542.82 |
| Utley Library Investments | 2,604.59 |
| Total Assets | 147,147.41 |

FUND BALANCE

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|---------------------------|------------|
| FB Exp. Cemetery 1 & 2 | -658.12 |
| FB Exp. Soenburger Cem. | -1,530.47 |
| FB Exp. Susan Tiffany Cem | -27,228.80 |
| FB Cemetery Care | -667.70 |
| FB Utley Library | -5,704.85 |
| FB Stabilization | -50.11 |
| FB Exp. Taggart School | -2,431.26 |
| FB Nye School | -5,967.70 |
| FB Exp. Watson School | -1,102.84 |
| FB Exp. Electa-Watson | -16,711.80 |
| FB Exp. Arms Bicentennial | -33,538.13 |
| Exp. Watson Dean Park | -21,055.60 |
| FB Stabilization | -26,747.30 |
| FB Exp. Library Building | -2,798.18 |
| FB Exp Lot Sale Perp Care | -954.55 |

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| Subtotal Fund Balance | -147,147.41 |
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| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | -147,147.41 |
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FUND 83

ASSETS

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| Trust Fund Cash Non-Exp. | 74,718.34 |
| Trust Fund Investments | 459,753.91 |

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| Total Assets | 534,472.25 |
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FUND BALANCE

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| 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 | -222,784.79 |
| 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 | -32,915.31 |
| FB Nonexp Lot Sales PCare | -7,225.00 |

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| Subtotal Fund Balance | -534,472.25 |
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| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | -534,472.25 |
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FUND 89

ASSETS

| | |
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| Pooled Cash | 5,183.06 |
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| Total Assets | 5,183.06 |
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LIABILITIES

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Deputy Collector's Fees | -1,667.00 |
| Collector's Fees | -1,512.00 |
| Town Clerk's Fees | -103.01 |
| Police Dept Firearms Fund | -1,275.00 |
| Conservation Fees | -20.00 |
| Federal Withhold. | -107.00 |
| FICA Withhold. | -95.41 |
| State Withhold. | -59.56 |
| Retirement Withhld. | -45.00 |
| Grp. Ins. Withhld. | -299.08 |

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| Subtotal Liabilities | -5,183.06 |
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| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | -5,183.06 |
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FUND 90

ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| LOANS AUTHORIZED | 2,847,861.05 |
| LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISSU | -2,847,861.05 |
| Amounts to be provided | 2,819,336.78 |
| Total Assets | 2,819,336.78 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| DUMP TRUCK PAYABLE | -74,499.00 |
| LANDFILL CAP BOND PAYABLE | -197,600.00 |
| WATER BON PAYABLE | -2,547,237.78 |
| Subtotal Liabilities | -2,819,336.78 |
| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | -2,819,336.78 |

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The following is the birth, deaths and marriages for Blandford in 2005.

Births:

| | |
|-------------|--|
| June 26 | Daughter of Emma & William Hynes |
| June 29 | Son of Cori & Jared Heeter |
| July 12 | Daughter of Christine & Christopher Dame |
| July 14 | Daughter of Michelle & Michael Urbanski |
| October 9 | Son of Kathleen & James Stockseth |
| November 1 | Son of Nicole & Peter Thayer |
| November 27 | Daughter of Kelly & Kristopher Lewandowski |

Deaths:

| | |
|------------|--|
| March 12 | Robin Marie Pierce-Dukette of 45 years |
| April 11 | Agnes Platt of 96 years |
| May 22 | Margaret Ann Robitaille of 66 years |
| June 7 | Timothy A. Montanaro of 15 years |
| July 6 | Lois C. Minkley of 69 years |
| October 12 | Maria Maris of 81 years |

Marriages:

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| May 7 | Wendy Sue Plumadore to Brian Bouglas Boisseau |
| June 18 | Shannon Lee Hyland to Vicent C. Provenzano |
| September 18 | Kelly Jean Gogol to Kristopher Michael Lewandowski |
| October 15 | Amanda Faith Paddock to Michael Christopher Rocke |
| October 15 | Heather Marie Machler to Jason William Savage |

The total population in Blandford as of December 31, 2005 was

Respectfully submitted,
Staci Iglesias

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

CASH ON HAND 07-01-2004 \$ 765,457.20 PAYMENTS 7/1/04-6/30/05 \$4,161,712.36
 RECEIPTS FY 2005 3,852,825.64 CASH ON HAND 06-30-04 456,570.48

TOWN DEBT

WATER LOAN for CONSTRUCTION OF CHLORINE CT REACTION PIPE
 FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION BOND \$129,000.00 @4.875% FOR 29 YEARS
 PAYMENT #11 DUE FY 2007 PRINCIPAL \$3,397.77 INTEREST \$5,004.23
 LANDFILL CAP-\$249,600 FINANCED BY STATE HOUSE NOTES FOR 24 YEARS BEGINNING FY2001@ 5.95%
 INTEREST DUE FY 2007 \$11,138.40 - PRINCIPAL REDUCTION \$10,400.00
 DUMP TRUCK LOAN - CURRENTLY FINANCED (for the 3rd year) WITH ONE YEAR BOND ANTICIPATION
 NOTE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \$49,499.00 @ 3.69% INTEREST DUE FY06 \$913.26
 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
 - APPROVED AMOUNT AT TOWN MEETING \$6,531,060. RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS APPROVED
 AT THIS TIME \$2,022,937.
 - ONE SHORT TERM BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES WAS ISSUED IN FY 2006 @ 3.60%. TOTAL INTEREST
 PAID IN FY 2006 \$12,500.
 - PERMANENT BOND FOR PHASE 1, GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,183,803 @ 4.375% FOR 38
 YEARS - THIRD PAYMENT DUE 6/8/2007 \$49,065.49 INTEREST, \$31,153.00 PRINCIPAL
 PERMANENT BOND FOR PHASE 2 GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,288,697 @4.5% FOR 39
 YEARS - SECOND PAYMENT DUE 12/16/06 \$13,278.43 PRINCIPAL, \$57,491.57 INTEREST

SECURITIES, TRUSTS AND OTHER FUNDS

CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS:

| ACCOUNT | DEPOSIT | ACCOUNT | DEPOSIT |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 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. Somborger | 300.00 | | |
| Charles W. Shepard | 100.00 | Mr. & Mrs. L.M. Somborger | 2,500.00 |
| Achsah Shepard | 100.00 | | |
| Frank B. Cook | 100.00 | | |
| Percy Richard | 100.00 | | |
| William Keene | 100.00 | Susan B. Tiffany | 1,826.00 |
| Leslie A. & Anna S. Miller | 200.00 | | |
| Charles D. & Barbara R. Wilson | 100.00 | Lot Sale Perpetual Care Principal | 7,025.00 |
| Benjamin Scott | 150.00 | | |
| Total (Cemetery Care) | \$ 7,602.00 | | |

SECURITIES, TRUST FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS

| | | | |
|--|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Library Building Fund | 4,447.94 | Taggart School Fund | 7,417.21 |
| Robert A. Arms | | | |
| Bicentennial Park Fund | 48,131.88 | Watson School Fund | 4,211.16 |
| Susan Tiffany Stock Dividend Fund | 57,836.59 | Nye School Fund | 6,967.70 |
| Electa Watson Stock Dividend Fund | 20,270.76 | Sornberger Cemetery Fund | 1,540.59 |
| Watson Park Dividend Fund | 21,423.39 | Stabilization Fund | 36,789.21 |
| Cemetery 1 & 2 Fund | 740.16 | Cemetery Care Fund | 675.99 |
| Water Department Enterprise Fund | 376,452.76 | Lot Sale Perpetual Care Fund | 930.44 |
| Septic Repair Grant Fund | 34,095.47 | | |
| Wallace Dean Watson Fund - Fleet Bank, Trustees Book Value as of 6/30/04 | | | 216,504.54 |

Utleys 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
 (6/30/04)

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 Consecro (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
 (6/30/04)

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne M. Holliday, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

In our past fiscal year, terrorists have continued to place havoc within their countries and continued to kill our Soldiers. Continue to support our Troops.

Please contact your Veteran's Agent Bob Messier 24/7 with any questions, at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Messier

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Blandford Water Department has recently undergone some new and revitalizing changes. To begin with, we would like to introduce and welcome our new members, Joan Levakis, Darlene Horne, and Rick Bertram. Together, they bring to the department an extensive array of ideas and qualifications. As a result, this board will allow the Water Department to tighten and refurbish it's financial and operational practices.

Our new secretary, Alyshia Horvath, complements the team with her exceptional clerical and organizational skills. This will allow for a higher level of efficacy in both record keeping and correspondence.

During 2005, Phase II of the water project proceeded in a timely manner. However, our infamous New England weather conditions made way for some unforeseen delays. Nevertheless, we are anticipating a productive and prosperous spring season!

Moreover, the Department successfully handled and repaired various water main breaks, including several private ruptures. Additionally, the necessary paperwork has been submitted for grants to assist with the soaring costs for major improvements to the system.

Although the town water rates were regrettably increased, due to the Phase II project costs, we anticipate the rate will remain stable for the next fiscal year.

In close, the Blandford Water Department wishes to fervently extend our thanks to the many Blandford residents, who voluntarily gave their time and expertise to aid in improving our water system. Special thanks and gratitude goes out to Bill Levakis and Mike Wojcik, for their gratis assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Levakis, Chairman
Darlene Horne, Clerk
Rick Bertram, Member

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The following is a list of the applications processed by the Board:

1. Granted a Special Permit for a chimney sweep business and a dog treat business at 29-31 Russell Stage Road.
2. Granted a Special Permit to Verizon to remove whip antennas and add a platform with 9 panel antennas on the tower at the Mass Pike maintenance facility at Old Chester Road.
3. As allowed by the Blandford Wireless Communication Facility By-Law the Board waived application requirements for Omnipoint Holdings, Inc. to add a platform with 9 panel antennas to their facility on H.B. Sperry Road.
4. Granted a variance to Cori and Jared Heeter to build a home on Beagle Club Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Sumner Robbins
Donald Brainerd
James Kronholm

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 2, 2005

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 UNANIMOUS 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 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.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - Recommends
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, 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.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - Recommends
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.
2/3 Vote Passed
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (\$704,980), to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. (See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – Recommends with an override vote
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE CONTINGEND ON AN OVERRIDE VOTE.
- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money for the Reserve Account.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
VOTED TO POSTPONE INDEFINATELY BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money for the Stabilization Account.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
VOTED TO POSTPONE INDEFINATELY BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of \$324,400 to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
FAILED 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 (\$1,311,735) for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.
Amended on the floor to: 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 contingent on an prop. 2 ½ override ballot question.
AMENDMENT FAILED, 18 YES, 40 NO.
Original article voted:
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – do not recommend
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE, 50 YES, 9 NO
- 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 or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – Recommends
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

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 WAS TABLED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

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.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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 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.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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 or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION -

Amended on the floor to:

To see if the Town will vote to borrow a 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - Recommends

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

2/3 Vote Passed.

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 or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Amended on the floor to:

To see if the town will vote to borrow a of \$5,000.00 to buy hose and equipment for the Fire Department's new rescue pumper if the grant is awarded.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

2/3 Vote Passed.

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MAY 14, 2005

TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE, MARK A CROSS (X) IN THE SQUARE AT THE RIGHT OF THE NAME

. (Use extra space below candidate's name if you wish to vote for a write-in.)

* Caucus Nominee

** Nomination Papers

| | | | |
|--|-------------|---|-------------|
| Assessor for Three Years Vote for One | Vote | Recreation Committee for Three Years Vote for One | Vote |
| *FRANK BURKOTT, 157 Otis Stage Rd. | 174 | Mark Blanchette | 2 |
| Others/Blank | 79 | Others/Blank | 251 |
| Assessor for Two Years Vote for One | | Recreation Committee for Two Years Vote for One | |
| *LAURA LEE BERTRAM, 57 Chester Rd. | 180 | Others/Blank | 253 |
| Others/Blank | 73 | | |
| Cemetery Commissioner for Three Years Vote for One | | Recreation Committee for One Year Vote for One | |
| Others/Blank | 249 | Others/Blank | 253 |
| | | | |
| Cemetery Commissioner for Three Years Vote for One | | School Committee for Three Years Vote for One | |
| Others/Blank | 253 | Others/Blank | 253 |
| | | | |
| Fence Viewer for Three Years Vote for One | | School Committee for Two Years Vote for One | |
| *ANDREW IGLESIAS, 7 Beagle Club Rd. | 188 | Others/Blank | 253 |
| Others/Blank | 65 | | |
| Board of Health for Three Years Vote for One | | Selectmen for Three Years Vote for One | |
| *LESTER ELDRIDGE, 34 Woronoco Rd. | 89 | *ANTHONY VAN WERKHOOVEN, 25 George Millard Rd. | 156 |
| *KATHRYN FLETCHER, 19 N. Blandford Rd. | 137 | *WILLIAM LEVAKIS, 19 Russell Stage Rd. | 95 |
| Others/Blank | 27 | Others/Blank | 2 |
| Board of Health for Two Years Vote for One | | Tax Collector for Three Years Vote for One | |
| *STEVEN JEMILLO, 51 Beech Hill Rd. | 113 | *LEEANN THOMPSON, 14 Kaolin Rd. | 203 |
| **JOAN LEVAKIS, 19 Russell Stage Rd. | 120 | Others/Blank | 50 |
| Others/Blank | 20 | | |
| Library Trustee for Three Years Vote for One | | Town Clerk for Three Years Vote for One | |
| *MARY KRONHOLM, 89 Main St. | 205 | *STACI IGLESIAS, 7 Beagle Club Rd. | 200 |
| Others/Blank | 48 | Others/Blank | 53 |
| Planning Board for Five Years Vote for One | | Water Commission of Three Years Vote for One | |
| *GREG GARFIELD, 4 Julius Hall Rd. | 189 | **RICK BERTRAM, 57 Chester Rd. | 105 |
| Others/Blank | 64 | *JOAN LEVAKIS, 19 Russell Stage Rd. | 122 |
| Recreation Committee for Three Years Vote for One | | Others/Blank | 25 |
| Others/Blank | 253 | | |
| | | | |

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 28, 2005

The Special 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 rescind the vote taken under Article 4 of the May 23, 2005 Annual Town Meeting; further, to raise and appropriate a sum of \$610,030.00, more or less, to defray the expenses for the Town operating budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006; and further, to appropriate the additional sum of \$75,000.00, said additional appropriation to be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 59, sec. 21C; or take any other action relative thereto.
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Department receipts the sum of \$324,400 to defray the cost of operating the Water Department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE
- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Department free cash a sum \$29,422.16, to the General Fund account to cover a FY04 deficit or take any other action relative thereto.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

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 by the Special Town meeting held on August 1, 2005.

- Article 1: To see if the Town will vote as follows: that \$1,600,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the completion of the construction and equipping of a new water filtration plant; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1,600,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended or any other enabling authority; that while such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town, it is the intent of the Town that the principal of and interest on such bonds or notes shall be paid from water system revenues; and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from Rural Development or otherwise, and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement or other similar agreement with Rural Development and otherwise to contract with Rural Development with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; provided, however, that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of any federal aid received from Rural Development prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote or take any other action thereto.
Passed: 36 YES, 6 NO

A True Copy:

ATTEST:

Staci E. Iglesias
Town Clerk of Blandford

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

September 27, 2005

The Special 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 raise and appropriate a sum of \$10,000 for Highway Salaries.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$4,000 for Snow & Ice Labor.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$40,000 for Highway Expenses.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$13,242 for Transfer Station Expenses.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Vocational Education as sum of \$7,758 for Transfer Station Expenses.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey all or a portion of a town-owned parcel of land located on Chester Road and described more particularly in a deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2171, Page 510, on such terms and conditions and for such monetary consideration as the Selectmen deem appropriate.
PASSED 19 YES, - 0 NO

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2005

Continued NOVEMBER 1, 2005

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Andrew Iglesias. A quorum being declared present, the following matters were acted upon:

- Article 1: To see if the town will vote to create a table of dimensional requirements as follows:
Table of Dimensional Requirements

| Zoning District | Minimum Required Lot | | Minimum Setback* | | | Maximum Building Height* |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|------|------|--------------------------|
| | Area (sq. ft.) | Frontage* | Front | Side | Rear | |
| Agricultural | 87,120 | 300 | 30 | 15 | 15 | <u>35</u> |
| Residential | 30,000 | 150 | 30 | 15 | 15 | <u>35</u> |
| Business | N/A | 100 | 30** | 10 | 10 | <u>35</u> |

(Underlined text denotes PVPC recommended requirements not currently specified in the Blandford Zoning Bylaw)

* Measured in Feet

** See Section 4.2.2 of the Blandford Zoning Bylaw

VOTED OCTOBER 25, 2005 - FAILED BY 28 YES, 40 NO

VOTE WAS RECONSIDERED NOVEMBER 1, 2005 - 29 YES, 25 NO

VOTED NOVEMBER 1, 2005 – FAILED BY 33 YES, 26 NO – NO 2/3 VOTE ACHIEVED

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to create a "Schedule of Uses" table. (see attached)

VOTED OCTOBER 25, 2005 – PASSED 49 YES, 24 NO – 2/3 VOTE

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to amend Section IV, Provisions for Districts, of the Blandford Zoning Bylaw by adding the following new overlay district:

4.5 MIXED USE VILLAGE CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT

4.5.1 Intent

The intent of the Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District is to foster well-planned, mixed-use, compact developments in the village center in the Town of Blandford, in keeping with the character of traditional Western Massachusetts villages, in order to create a place with a unique and positive local identity, and provide opportunities for development to expand the town's economic diversity and vitality.

4.5.2 Goals

Development within this district shall provide commercial, civic, residential uses and public open space within easy, safe walking distance of each other. Vehicular circulation should be safe and well organized, with the use and visual impact of cars minimized. There should be tree lined streets, sidewalks, well-designed architecture, and common interconnected open public spaces. Property developers are encouraged to provide amenities such as protected open space, increased landscaping, street furniture, public spaces, and greater integration of mixed uses.

4.5.3 Purposes

The purposes of this bylaw are to encourage vital and innovative development projects and uses in the village center that:

- 4.5.3.1 Provide a compact and diverse mix of housing, office, retail, service and civic uses, including a mixture of uses in the same building;
- 4.5.3.2 Exhibit the design features of traditional villages and small towns in Western Massachusetts;
- 4.5.3.3 Facilitate more efficient provision and maintenance of public services and infrastructure;
- 4.5.3.4 Blend well with the existing landscape and help preserve sensitive environmental features such as large historic trees, stonewalls, scenic views and viewsheds, etc.;
- 4.5.3.5 Provide the opportunity for people to work, shop, and utilize services in the vicinity of their residences;
- 4.5.3.6 Preserve and restore the overall character of the village center;
- 4.5.3.7 Promote a pedestrian-friendly environment in the village center;
- 4.5.3.8 Encourage the growth of the local economy and jobs, including development of flexible space for small and emerging businesses;
- 4.5.3.9 Encourage the development of open spaces and parks within the village center to accommodate workers, residents, pedestrians and shoppers; and
- 4.5.3.10 Preserve and regulate areas of historical significance.

4.5.4 District Boundaries

Said District is located and bounded as shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map of Blandford, Massachusetts", dated June 15, 2005, and on file with the Town Clerk. The Zoning Map, with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this bylaw.

4.5.5 Use Regulations

4.5.5.1 Permitted Uses

- (a) Single family residential dwellings are permitted by right in the Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District.
- (b) The uses noted in Table One are permitted with Site Plan Review from the Planning Board in the Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District:

Table One - Uses Permitted with Site Plan Review in Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District

| RESIDENTIAL USES | COMMERCIAL USES | CIVIC USES |
|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Townhouses; 2) Elderly congregate housing; 3) Accessory apartments, within single family residences; 4) Apartments on the second floor of commercial uses; 5) Semi detached dwellings; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Professional offices, including law or medical offices; 2) Business offices and support services; 3) Banks or financial services; 4) General retail sales; 5) Personal services (laundry, hair salon, barber shop or similar); 6) Health club, indoor sports and recreation; 7) Grocery or convenience store; 8) Restaurant or delicatessen (but not including drive-in service); 9) Consumer repair services; 10) Theater or indoor entertainment; 11) Agriculture, horticulture, floriculture and viticulture; 12) Farmstands; 13) Mixed uses, wherein a combination of permitted uses are permitted in the same building; 14) Bed and breakfast; 15) Artist studio or gallery; 16) Inn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Municipal or governmental facilities, such as post office or administrative offices; 2) School or educational institution; 3) Church or religious uses; 4) Library or museum; 5) Utility services; 6) Community park or recreation facilities; 7) Public transit facilities; 8) Pedestrian or bicycle facilities; 9) Day care services for children or elderly; 10) Lodge or club; |

4.5.5.2 Prohibited Uses

The following uses are prohibited within the Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District:

- (a) Drive-in or drive-through restaurant;
- (b) Lodging house;
- (c) Communications or television tower;
- (d) Self-service storage facility;
- (e) Commercial fuel oil storage;
- (f) Commercial earth removal operation;
- (g) Industrial or manufacturing use;
- (h) Freight or trucking terminal;
- (i) Warehousing;
- (j) Residential apartment building;
- (k) Commercial kennel;
- (l) Lumber mill;
- (m) Miniature golf courses;
- (n) Adult entertainment uses;
- (o) Junkyards;
- (p) Other uses not specifically permitted in Table One above.

4.5.6 Dimensional Requirements

The following dimensional and density requirements shall apply to developments in the Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District, except as otherwise noted:

Table Two - Dimensional Requirements in the Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District

| <u>Requirement</u> | <u>Minimum Lot Size</u> | <u>Minimum Lot Frontage/Width</u> | <u>Minimum Lot Depth</u> | <u>Minimum Front & Side Yard Setback*</u> | <u>Maximum Front Yard Setback</u> | <u>Minimum Rear Yard Setback</u> |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Single family detached residential dwelling | 15,000 square feet | 50 feet | 100 feet | 10 feet, except 20 feet from collector streets and from the edge of the MUV zone | 35 feet | 15 feet, except 20 feet from collector streets and from the edge of the MUV zone |
| Semi detached dwelling | 10,000 square feet | 35 feet | 100 feet | 10 feet, except 20 feet from collector streets and from the edge of the MUV zone | 35 feet | 15 feet, except 20 feet from collector streets and from the edge of the MUV zone |
| Townhouse | 10,000 square feet per structure, plus 2,000 square feet per unit in structure | 20 feet | 100 feet | 10 feet, except 20 feet from collector streets and from the edge of the MUV zone | 35 feet | 15 feet, except 20 feet from collector streets and from the edge of the MUV zone |
| Commercial or civic or mixed use building | 30,000 square feet | 60 feet | 140 feet | 10 feet, except 20 feet from collector streets and from the edge of the MUV zone | 25 feet | 15 feet, except 20 feet from collector streets and from the edge of the MUV zone |

* All setbacks shall be measured from the property line. Front yard setbacks shall be measured from the right-of-way line.

Table Three - Additional Dimensional Regulations for All Uses in the Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District

| Requirement | Maximum or Minimum Standard |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Building Height | 35 feet maximum |
| Impervious Coverage, including buildings, parking lots, roads | 50% maximum |
| Open Space Percentage | 25% minimum |

4.5.7 Miscellaneous Provisions

4.5.7.1 Conflict with other laws

All development activities within the Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District shall comply with applicable laws, regulations, and standards of the town, except that in the event of a conflict between this bylaw and any such laws and regulations, the provisions of this Bylaw shall control, provided that they are consistent with state and federal law.

4.5.7.2 Severability

If any section or provision of this bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision of this Bylaw.

OTHER REQUIRED ZONING AMENDMENTS

(Note: ***Bold italic text*** denotes proposed new text; text with a strikethrough denotes text to be deleted)

Amend Section 3.1, Types of Districts, of the Blandford Zoning Bylaw by adding "Mixed Use Village Center (MUV) Overlay District" so that it reads as follows:

SECTION III – Establishment of Districts

1.661 TYPES OF DISTRICTS

In accordance with the purpose of this Bylaw, the Town of Blandford is hereby divided into the following districts:

Residential (R)
Business (B)
Agricultural (AG)
Long Pond Watershed Protection District (LPWP)
Mixed Use Village Center (MUV) Overlay District

Amend Section 3.3 of the Blandford Zoning Bylaw by adding a description of the new Mixed Use Village Center Overlay District to read as follows:

BOUNDARIES OF THE MIXED USE VILLAGE CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT

Beginning at the intersection of Route 23 and Kaolin Road; thence extending 300 feet north from the centerline of Route 23; thence extending northwesterly 300 feet from centerline of Route 23 to the intersection of the 300 foot buffer line from the centerline of Russell Stage Road; thence extending northeasterly 300 feet from the centerline of Russell Stage Road to the intersection of the Interstate 90 Highway right-of-way (ROW) line; thence extending 300 feet from the centerline of Russell Stage Road to southeast corner of Map 109, Lot 35; thence extending northwesterly along property line approximately 915 feet to the northeast corner of Map 109, Lot 30; thence extending southeasterly along property line approximately 92.54 feet; thence southeasterly along property line approximately 194.65 feet; thence extending southwesterly along property line approximately 135.89 feet to the northern ROW line of Maple Lane; thence extending northwesterly approximately 150 feet to northwest corner of ROW of Maple Lane; thence extending southwesterly approximately 69.4 feet to northern property line of Map 109, Lot 29; thence extending northwesterly approximately 628.19 feet to eastern property line of Map 108, Lot 5 (Fairgrounds); thence extending north approximately 838.4 feet; thence extending northwesterly along property line approximately 181.5 feet; thence extending westerly along property line approximately 47.6 feet; thence extending along property line of Map 108, Lot 5 to the centerline of North Street; thence extending southerly approximately 245 feet to north property line of Map 108, Lot 1; thence extending westerly along property line approximately 300 feet to

northwest corner of Map 108, Lot 1; thence extending southwesterly along property line approximately 600 feet to northeast corner of Map 109, Lot 3; thence extending along northern property line of Map 109, Lot 3 to centerline of North Blandford Road; thence extending southeasterly approximately 250 feet to northwest corner of Map 109, Lot 2; thence extending along western property line of Map 109, Lot 2 to the centerline of Route 23 (Otis Stage Road); thence extending westerly approximately 250 feet to northwest corner of Map 110, Lot 25; thence extending southerly along property line approximately 215.6 feet to southwest corner of said lot; thence extending easterly along property line approximately 170 feet to northwest corner of Map 110, Lot 21; thence extending southwesterly along property line approximately 273.4 feet to north property line of Map 110, Lot 20.2; thence extending westerly along property line approximately 400 feet to northwest corner of said lot; thence extending southerly along property line approximately 535.54 feet; thence extending easterly along property line to the centerline of Herrick Road; thence extending northeasterly to northwest corner of Map 110, Lot 7; thence extending southeasterly along property line approximately 187.8 feet to northwest corner of Map 110, Lot 8; thence extending southeasterly along property line approximately 236.21 feet to southeast corner of Map 110, Lot 5.1; thence extending southeasterly along property line approximately 258.63 feet to southeast corner of Map 110, Lot 1; thence extending northwesterly along property line approximately 75 feet to southwest corner of Map 11, Lot 48; thence extending easterly along property line approximately 132 feet to the centerline of Wyman Road; thence extending 300 feet from the centerline of Route 23 easterly to the point of beginning.

Amend Section VII of the Blandford Zoning Bylaw by adding the following definitions:

ACCESSORY APARTMENT - An independent self-contained dwelling unit within a single-family residence consisting of one or more rooms, with private bath and kitchen facilities. Only one accessory apartment may be created within a single-family house, and it shall be clearly subordinate to the main unit. In no case shall it be more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the building's total floor area, nor greater than eight hundred (800) square feet, nor have more than one bedroom. The accessory apartment shall be designed so that, to the degree reasonably feasible, the exterior appearance of the entire house remains that of a one-family residence. If a second exterior entrance is provided for the accessory unit, it may not be located on the side of the building facing the street, but rather must be located to the side or rear of the structure. Either the principal residence or the apartment must be owner-occupied.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE - A detached subordinate building, the use of which is customarily incidental to that of the main building or to the main use of the land and which is located on the same lot with the main building or use.

APARTMENT ON SECOND FLOOR OF COMMERCIAL USE - One or more rooms with private bath and kitchen facilities comprising an independent self-contained dwelling on the second floor of a building with commercial use or uses on the ground level.

BED-AND-BREAKFAST - Generally small, owner operated businesses providing the primary financial support of the owner. Usually the owner lives on premises. The building's primary usage is for business. They advertise, appropriate taxes, and post signs. Breakfast is the only meal served and only to overnight guests. The Bed-and-Breakfast may host events such as weddings, small business meetings, etc. Room numbers range from three to ten. Reservations may be made directly with the property owner.

BUILDING HEIGHT - The vertical measurement from the midway point between the lowest and highest grade to the highest point of the roof beams in flat roofs; to the highest point on the deck of mansard roofs; to a level midway between the level of the eaves and highest point of pitched roofs or hip roofs; or to a level two-thirds of the distance from the level of the eaves to the highest point of gambrel roofs. For this purpose, the level of the eaves shall be taken to mean the highest level where the plane of the roof intersects the plane of the outside wall on a side containing the eaves.

DUPLEX - A building designed as a single structure, containing two separate living units, each of which is designed to be occupied as a separate permanent residence for one family.

CONGREGATE HOUSING - A lawfully age-restricted dwelling providing shelter and services to eligible persons, which may include meals, housekeeping and personal care assistance.

HOSTEL - A place where travelers may stay for a limited duration, as recognized by the International Hostel Association.

HOTEL - An establishment providing, for a fee, sleeping accommodations and customary lodging services, including maid service, the furnishing and upkeep of furniture and bed linens, and telephone and desk service. Related ancillary uses may include but shall not be limited to conference and meeting rooms, restaurants, bars, and recreational facilities.

INN - Any building or group of buildings in which there are five or fewer guest rooms, used for the purpose of offering public lodging on a day-to-day basis, not including a bed and breakfast home.

LODGE OR CLUB - A facility to house a group of people organized for a common purpose to pursue common goals, interests or activities and usually characterized by certain membership qualifications, payment of dues and fees, regular meetings, and a constitution and bylaws.

LODGING HOUSE - A facility in which temporary rental sleeping accommodations are provided to transient individuals or families, and in which meals also may be provided as part of the fee.

PERSONAL SERVICES - Establishments engaged in providing services involving the care of a person or their apparel. Personal services include the following: laundries, beauty shops, barber shops, shoe repair, funeral services, health clubs, clothing rental, and similar services.

SEMI DETACHED DWELLING - A one-family dwelling attached to one other one-family dwelling by a common fireproof vertical wall, each dwelling located on a separate lot, with front facades offset.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT, SITE PLAN - Any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a site, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure and other improvements on a site including, but not limited to, utilities, drainage, parking, access ways, lighting, landscaping, signage before the improvement or repair is started.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT, STRUCTURE - Any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either (1) before the improvement or repair is started, or (2) if damaged, the value of the structure to be restored prior to being damaged.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT, SUBDIVISION - Substantial improvement of an approved subdivision shall mean that 1) the construction of all approved streets has been completed with the exception of the final coat of paving, and 2) all required utilities have been installed.

TOWNHOUSE - A one-family dwelling in a row of at least three such units in which each unit has its own front and rear access to the outside, no unit is located over another unit, and each unit is separated from any other unit by one or more common fire resistant walls.

UTILITY SERVICES - Establishments engaged in the transmission or distribution of electricity, gas, or steam, or as part of water, sewer and sanitary systems.

VOTED OCTOBER 25, 2005 – FAILED - 41 YES, 30 NO – NO 2/3 VOTE ACHIEVED

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to amend Section VI, Administration, of the Blandford Zoning Bylaw by adding the following new Subsection on Site Plan Review:

6.8 SITE PLAN REVIEW

6.8.1 Purpose

1.661.1.1 To protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Blandford;

1.661.1.2 To promote attractive and viable residential, business, and agricultural districts; and

1.661.1.3 To protect the rural character, aesthetic visual qualities, natural environmental features, historical features and property values of the Town of Blandford and neighboring properties.

1.661.2 Projects Requiring Site Plan Review

No building permit shall be issued and no application for such permits shall be accepted for construction, exterior alteration, relocation, or change in use except where noted in Section 6.8.3, unless a site plan has been approved by the Planning Board, after consultation with other boards, including but not limited to the following: Building Inspector, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Highway Department, Fire Department and Police Department. The Planning Board may waive

any or all requirements of site plan review for exterior enlargements of less than 10 % of the existing floor area.

1.661.3 Exemptions from Site Plan Review

Site plan review shall not be required for:

1.661.3.1 The construction or enlargement of any single family or two family dwelling or building accessory to such dwelling;

1.661.3.2 Any building used exclusively for agriculture, horticulture or floriculture.

1.661.4 Application Procedure

6.8.4.1 Each application for Site Plan Review shall be submitted to the Planning Board by the current owner of record, accompanied by nine (9) copies of the site plan. The applicant shall file a copy of the application with the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector.

6.8.4.2 The Planning Board shall obtain with each submission a deposit sufficient to cover any fees connected with a public hearing and review of plans, including the costs of any engineering or planning consultant services necessary for review purposes.

6.8.4.3 The following information shall be filed at the time of application: a site plan, which shall include landscape, utility and drainage information, building elevations as set forth further in Section 6.8.5, and a traffic plan. An application shall not be considered complete until all required information and fees are submitted.

1.661.5 Required Site Plan Contents

6.8.5.1 An architect, landscape architect, or professional engineer duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall prepare all site plans unless the Planning Board waives this requirement because of unusually simple circumstances. All site plans shall be on standard 24" x 36" sheets at a scale of one inch equaling 20 feet, with additional narrative as necessary. Site plans shall include the following information:

- (a) Name of the project-locus, date and scale plan;
- (b) Name and address of the owner of record, developer, and seal of the engineer, landscape architect or engineer;
- (c) The location and boundaries of the lot, adjacent streets or ways, names of owners and location of all adjacent properties and those within 300 feet of the property line, and any relevant zoning district boundaries;
- (d) Existing and proposed topography at the two foot contour interval the location of wetlands, streams, water bodies, drainage swales, areas subject to flooding and base flood elevations and unique natural land features;
- (e) Existing and proposed structures, including dimensions and elevations; and all exterior entrances and exits;
- (f) The location of existing and proposed parking and loading areas, public and private ways, driveways, walkways, sidewalks, curbing, access and egress points;
- (g) The location and description of all proposed septic systems, a soil percolation test, water supply, storm drainage systems including existing and proposed drain lines, culverts, drainage swales, catch basins, drainage calculations, and sub-drainage along with soil logs, utilities, hydrants, manholes, lighting fixtures, and refuse and other waste disposal methods and facilities;
- (h) Proposed landscape features including the location and a description of buffers, screening, fencing, and plantings, including the size and type of plants material;

- (i) Location, dimensions, height, color, illumination and characteristics of existing and proposed signs;
- (j) The location and a description of proposed open space or recreation areas;
- (k) A lighting plan, including parking lot and building exterior lighting and any provision of light reduction through the use of shields, screening, or similar actions;
- (l) Estimated daily and peak-hour vehicle trips to be generated by the site and traffic flow patterns for vehicles and pedestrians showing adequate access to and from the site and adequate circulation within the site;
- (m) A plan for the control of erosion, dust, and silt, both during and after construction sequencing, temporary and permanent erosion control, and protection of water bodies;
- (n) For commercial uses, maximum areas of the building to be used for selling, offices, business or other uses, number of employees, seating capacity where applicable, and number of parking spaces required for intended use.

The Planning Board may waive any information requirements it determines to be unnecessary to the review of a particular plan. A request for a waiver(s) by an applicant must be made in writing by the applicant to the Planning Board.

1.661.6 Review Procedure

The Planning Board shall transmit one copy each to the Building Inspector, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Highway Department, Historical Committee, Fire Department, and Police Department, who shall review the application and submit their recommendations and comments to the Planning Board concerning:

1.661.6.1 The completeness and adequacy of the data and methodology used by the applicant to determine the impacts of the proposed development;

1.661.6.2 The effects of the projected impacts of the proposed development; and

1.661.6.3 Recommended conditions or remedial measures to accommodate or mitigate the expected impacts of the proposed development.

1.661.6.4 Failure of the above boards, commissions, committees, and town staff to make recommendations within 35 days of the referral of the application from the Planning Board shall be deemed to be lack of opposition.

6.8.7 Planning Board Decision

The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days of the receipt of a completed application and after due consideration of the recommendations received, the Board shall take final action within 90 days of the close of the public hearing. The Planning Board's final action in writing shall consist of either:

1.661.1.1 Approval of the site plan based on a determination that the proposed project will constitute a suitable development and is in compliance with the standards set forth in this bylaw;

1.661.1.2 Disapproval of the site plan based on a determination that the application was incomplete and insufficient information was submitted to review the proposal; or

1.661.1.3 Approval of the project subject to any conditions, modifications and restrictions which will ensure that the project meets the Criteria for Review.

The period of review for a special permit requiring site plan review shall be the same as any other special permit and shall conform to the requirements of state Zoning Act, M.G.L. Chapter 40A. Specifically, a joint public hearing to address the Special Permit application and Site Plan Review application shall be held within sixty-five (65) days of the filing of a special permit application with the Planning Board or Board of Appeals. The Planning Board shall take final action within 90 days of the close of the public hearing.

1.661.2 Criteria for Review

The following criteria and guidelines shall be used by the Planning Board in evaluating the Site Plan and all information submitted as part of the application:

- 1.661.2.1 The site plan conforms with all appropriate provisions of the Zoning Bylaw.
- 1.661.2.2 The site plan minimizes traffic and safety impacts of the proposed development on adjacent highways or roads, and maximizes the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site.
- 1.661.2.3 The proposed development, to the extent feasible: a) is integrated into the existing landscape and protects abutting properties; b) minimizes adverse environmental impacts on such features as wetlands, floodplains, and aquifer recharge areas; c) minimizes obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations; d) preserves unique natural or historical features; e) minimizes removal of trees, vegetation, and soil and grade changes, f) maximizes open space retention; g) screens objectionable features from neighboring properties and roadways; h) complies with all State and Federal requirements for handicap access; and i) controls offsite impacts from noise, temperature and wind conditions.
- 1.661.2.4 The architectural design, layout and landscaping of the proposed development is in harmony with the historic, rural character of the neighborhood and the Town of Blandford.
- 1.661.2.5 The proposed development is served with adequate water supply and waste disposal systems and will not place excessive demands on Town services and infrastructure.
- 1.661.2.6 The site plan shows adequate measures to prevent pollution of surface or groundwater, to minimize erosion and sedimentation, to prevent changes in groundwater levels, and potential for flooding, and a stormwater management plan prepared in accordance with good engineering, hydrologic and pollution control practices.

1.661.3 Enforcement

- 1.661.3.1 The Planning Board may require the posting of a bond or other adequate security to assure compliance with the site plan and conditions.
- 1.661.3.2 Any site plan issued under this section shall lapse within one (1) year if a substantially complete use (as defined in this zoning bylaw) thereof has not commenced sooner except for good cause. The time required to pursue and await determination of a judicial appeal pursuant to Chapter 40A of the General Laws shall be included within the one (1) year time limit.
- 1.661.3.3 The Planning Board may periodically amend or add rules and regulations relating to the procedures and administration of this section.

VOTED OCTOBER 25, 2005 – PASSED – 51 YES, 25 NO – 2/3 VOTE

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to amend the Blandford Zoning Bylaw by adding the following new Section on provisions for agricultural and forestry preservation:

SECTION X – AGRICULTURAL / FORESTRY PRESERVATION

10.1 Purposes

The purposes of Agricultural / Forestry Preservation are to:

- 10.1.1 Protect prime agricultural lands for future food production;
- 10.1.2 Maintain an adequate agricultural and forestry land base in Blandford to ensure continued economic viability for local agriculture and forestry and availability of support services;
- 10.1.3 Promote adequate and efficient provision of public services by preventing unplanned urban growth in areas more appropriate for agriculture and/or forestry;

- 10.1.4 Preserve scenic, historic and other farming/forestry-related values which help define the character of the town's culture and landscape;
- 10.1.5 Allow farmers and owners of forestry lands a reasonable return on the value of their holdings while protecting the majority of existing farmland and forestry land for use by future generations;
- 10.1.6 Promote and protect the practice of farming and forestry;
- 10.1.7 Protect the Town's watershed areas.

10.2 Applicability

Ten Acre Minimum - In any proposed residential development *subdivision which requires approval under M.G.L., Ch. 41* consisting of ten (10) contiguous acres or more in single or consolidated ownership, an applicant shall be required to meet the provisions of this bylaw **and obtain site plan approval from the Planning Board** if any of the following features and/or conditions exists within the subject property:

- 10.2.1 Agricultural land with soils designated as prime or of statewide significance by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service soil surveys;
- 10.2.2 A currently active farm including agriculture, horticulture, and/or floriculture;
- 10.2.3 All lands classified as Chapter 61, 61A, and/or 61B of the M.G.L.;
- 10.2.4 Sites where sixty (60) percent or more of the land area is covered by mature forest.

10.3 Permitted Uses

10.3.1 The following agricultural and forestry uses are permitted as a matter of right within any approved Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) as provided for in Section 10.7.

- (a) Agricultural production, including the raising of crops, livestock, poultry, nurseries, orchards, hay;
- (b) Normal agricultural practices, including but not limited to manure storage, farm machine operation, and fertilizer and pesticide use as regulated by state and federal law;
- (c) Uses accessory to farm operations, including greenhouses, farm animal veterinary facilities, and agricultural processing and storage facilities;
- (d) Farm-related dwelling units owned and occupied by persons actively engaged in farming;
- (e) Forestry management operations (i.e. selected cutting, access road maintenance, etc.);
- (f) Timber harvesting (i.e. the cutting and removal of trees for the purpose of selling said trees or any products derived from them);
- (g) Uses accessory to forestry operations, including the selling of firewood and other products such as maple syrup, and storage facilities.

~~10.3.2 The following uses are only permitted with Site Plan Review, in accordance with the following standards:~~

- ~~(a) Single family homes on frontage lots not requiring approval under the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law, M.G.L., Ch. 41, which comply with the Site Design Standards in Section 10.6 and other dimensional requirements of this bylaw.~~
- ~~(b) All subdivisions that meet the criteria of Section 10.2 of this bylaw which require approval under M.G.L., Ch. 41 shall be laid out in accordance with the Open Space Residential Development Standards in Section 10.7 and the Site Design Standards in Section 10.6.~~

10.4 Additional Requirements for Site Plan Review

In addition to the minimum requirements for Site Plan Review **in Section 6.8 of the Blandford Zoning Bylaw**, the provisions of this bylaw and the Blandford Subdivision Regulations, the applicant shall also submit the following information to the Planning Board:

- 10.4.1 Description or illustration of the physical characteristics within and adjacent to the site, including: prime agricultural soils, soils of state and local importance, other soils and soil characteristics, areas used for crop or other agricultural production, areas used for timber production and management;
- 10.4.2 Description of compliance with all applicable standards in Sections 10.6-10.8 of this bylaw.

10.5 Criteria for Review

In reviewing the Site Plan for any proposed residential development within the Town of Blandford, the Planning Board shall consider whether the following criteria are met:

- 10.5.1 ~~If the~~**The** residential development is a subdivision, it is in compliance with the Open Space Residential Development Standards in Section 10.7;
- 10.5.2 The Development will not interfere with farming or forestry operations on adjacent lands;
- 10.5.3 The Development is situated on the portion of the site with soils least suitable for the production of crops or livestock as well as timber production;
- 1.661.1 The Development is integrated into the existing landscape through features such as vegetative buffers and through retention of open agricultural and/or forestry lands;
- 1.661.2 The Development is in conformance with the Site Design Standards and Dimensional Requirements of this bylaw.

10.6 Site Design Standards

The following standards shall apply to all residential developments that meet the criteria of Section 10.2 of this bylaw:

- 10.6.1 All buildings, homes and structures shall be located a minimum of 400 ~~four~~**fifty (50)** feet from any land used for agricultural or forestry.. The ~~400-50-foot~~ set back shall include a 50-foot-wide buffer strip of trees sufficient to minimize conflicts between farming and forestry operations and residences. In areas where there is no natural buffer of trees, the Planning Board may require the planting of a strip of trees sufficient to provide adequate screening.
- 10.6.2 Each structure shall be integrated into the existing landscape on the property so as to minimize its visual impact and maintain visibility of adjacent agricultural and forestry lands from public ways through use of vegetative and structural screening, landscaping, grading and placement on or into the surface of the lot.

10.7 Open Space Residential Development Standards

Residential subdivision developments shall be laid out according to the Open Space Residential Development standards contained herein. Single-family detached dwellings or lawful accessory buildings in an Open Space Residential Development may be constructed on lots which have less area or frontage than normally required in the underlying district.

- 10.7.1 All buildings and roads shall be located away from soils which are most suitable for agricultural and forestry operations (based on U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service classifications for prime farmland soils, and soils of state and local importance) to the maximum practical extent. This provision does not apply to the location of on-site septic disposal facilities which must be placed in soils meeting Title 5 requirements of the Massachusetts Environmental Code.
- 10.7.2 All roads, drainage systems and utilities shall be laid out in a manner so as to have the least possible impact on agricultural and forestry lands and uses.
- 10.7.3 The following standards shall apply to developments requiring on-site sewage disposal:
 - (a) The applicant shall submit a septic system design prepared by a Professional Engineer and approved by the Board of Health and a plan illustrating the location of water supply wells. Septic systems shall be placed in the development to maximize the distance between systems and may be placed within common areas or on individual lots.

- (b) No Open Space Residential Development shall be approved unless the applicant provides certification that the Board of Health has determined that the system will not result in groundwater pollution. Where necessary, the Planning Board may hire a Professional Engineer to analyze and certify groundwater quality impacts and may charge the applicant for the cost of such analysis.

10.7.4 Open Space Dimensional Requirements

- (a) Allowed Density - The maximum number of dwelling units for an Open Space Residential Development shall be determined by use of a yield plan, which is a conceptual plan showing how the parcel could be subdivided in a conventional manner. Determination of the possible number of conventional lots shall entail the use of site specific soil mapping and soil carrying capacity. For purposes of determining the number of open space dwelling units, each conceptual conventional lot must meet the requirements of a buildable lot for a single family dwelling unit as defined in the zoning district in which the Open Space Residential Development is located and meet all other applicable requirements of the Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Regulations.
- (b) There shall be no further subdivision of an approved Open Space Residential Development.

10.7.5 Flexible Dimensional Requirements

- (a) Frontage - The minimum frontage for a tract on which an Open Space Residential Development is proposed shall be a contiguous one-hundred (100) feet and of sufficient length to provide safe access for a right-of-way of at least fifty (50) feet.

In the interest of flexibility and creative site designs, the Planning Board may waive minimum frontage requirements for individual lots on new subdivision streets within an Open Space Residential Development.

For each lot developed along a public way existing at the time of the application, the minimum frontage, minimum lot size and all other dimensional requirements shall be those which are required in the underlying zoning district in which the Open Space Residential Development is located.

- (b) Lot Size - The minimum lot size for lots within an Open Space Residential Development shall be 30,000 square feet.
- (c) Setbacks - There shall be a minimum setback of twenty-five (25) feet along all property boundaries of the tract for all structures, including accessory structures, parking areas, driveways and internal streets. Entrance streets connecting the Open Space Residential Development to the external street system may cross the setback area.
- (d) Required Protected Land - The required open farmland and/or forestry land within an Open Space Residential Development shall be determined as follows:

To the extent feasible, protected agricultural and/or forestry lands shall be those lands which abut other adjacent protected agricultural and forestry parcels. Agricultural and/or forestry land shall have appropriate acreage, configuration and access to enable continued farming and forestry operations. A minimum of fifty (50) percent of the developable area shall be permanently retained as contiguous open space, open agricultural and/or forestry land.

10.8 Protection of Open Agricultural / Forestry Land

The following standards shall apply to open agricultural and/or forestry lands to be protected as part of the development:

- 10.8.1 Farmland and forestry land owners are not required to sell the part of their property which is to become permanent agricultural / forestry open space, provided that they do convey the development rights of that open space in a conservation easement prohibiting future development of the property to any of the official bodies named in Section 10.8.2 below.
- 10.8.2 All remaining open agricultural / forest land shall be permanently protected by either:
 - (a) A permanent conservation easement or deed restriction conveyed to the Town of Blandford with town approval or a non-profit farmland trust or conservation organization whose principal purpose is to

conserve farmland, forest land and open space. At a minimum, such an easement or restriction shall entail the use of management practices that ensure existing fields or pastures will be plowed or mowed at least once every year, and forest lands are managed through a Management Plan prepared by a Licensed Massachusetts Forester.

- (b) Ownership in fee simple conveyed to the Town of Blandford with town approval or to a non-profit farm trust, open space or conservation organization as a gift or for consideration. In either of these cases, the land shall be protected by a permanent conservation deed restriction and may be made available for lease by farmers and/or owners of forest land.

10.8.3 If a proposed Open Space Residential Development includes Common Facilities to be owned by residents of the development, then the proposed development shall set aside a Common Area within the Developable Area to contain these facilities, and an association shall be formed to manage these Common Facilities and Common Areas as follows:

- (a) A non-profit, incorporated Homeowner's Association shall be established requiring membership of each lot owner in the open space residential community. The Association shall be responsible for the permanent maintenance of all Common Facilities and Common Areas. An Association Agreement or Covenant shall be submitted with the application guaranteeing continuing maintenance of such Common Facilities and Areas and assessing each lot a share of the maintenance expenses. Such Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of Town Counsel and the Planning Board.
- (b) Such agreements or covenants shall provide that, in the event that the Association fails to maintain the Common Facilities and Common Areas in reasonable order and condition in accordance with the Agreement, the Town may after notice to the Association and a Public Hearing, enter upon such land and maintain it in order to preserve the taxable values of the properties within the development and to prevent the such facilities and areas from becoming a public nuisance. The covenants shall also provide that the cost of such maintenance by the town shall be assessed against the record owners of the properties within the development, their successors or assigns.

10.9 Definitions

Common Area: Any land area, other than Open Space, set aside for common ownership as a result of an OSRD, including areas for Common Facilities.

Common Facilities: Built facilities which are commonly owned by the property owners within an OSRD. Common Facilities may be proposed but are not required. They may include streets, rights of way, common buildings, wells, water and waste treatment systems, and recreation facilities.

Conifer: Cone-bearing trees having needles or scale-like leaves, usually evergreen, and producing wood known commercially as 'softwoods'.

Deciduous: Perennial plants which are normally leafless for some time during the year.

Developable Area: Developable Area equals the total area of tract to be developed as an OSRD minus total area of wetlands, minus total area of floodplains as depicted on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for the Town of Blandford, minus total area of steep slopes (Slopes equal to or greater than 25%).

Forest Management: The practical application of scientific, economic and social principles to the administration and working of a forest for specified objectives. Particularly, that branch of forestry concerned with the overall administrative, economic, legal and social aspects and with the essentially scientific and technical aspects, especially silviculture, protection and forest regulation.

Forest Management Plan: A general plan for the management of a forest area, usually for a full rotation cycle, including the objectives, prescribed management activity and standards to be employed to achieve specified goals. It is commonly supported with more detailed development plans.

Forestry: The science, art and practice of managing and using for human benefit the natural resources that occur on and in association with forest lands.

Mature: Trees or stands that are sufficiently developed to be harvestable.

Mature Forest: Stands of timber where the age of the leading species in a stand is greater than the specified cutting age. Cutting ages are established to meet forest management objectives.

Open Space: Undeveloped land set aside for common or individual ownership as a result of an OSRD, with conservation easements and other deeded restrictions to ensure that the land will remain permanently open and undeveloped. A condition of OSRD approval is that Open Space may not be further subdivided.

Open Space Residential Development (OSRD): A form of residential development where the density of dwelling units is no greater than would be permitted in the district in which the OSRD is located, but where the lot size and other dimensional standards may be reduced in exchange for the preservation of permanently protected open space, forests, and/or farmland. Tracts of land developed as an OSRD may be under single or consolidated ownership.

10.10 Miscellaneous Provisions

10.10.1 Conflict with other laws

In the event of a conflict between this bylaw and any other bylaw or regulation of the Town of Blandford, the provisions of this bylaw shall control, provided that they are consistent with state and federal law.

10.10.2 Severability

If any section or provision of this bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision of this Bylaw.

VOTED OCTOBER 25, 2005 – FAILED – 24 YES, 43 NO

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to except the renumbered for the existing zoning bylaw to a simpler, numeric system, replacing the alpha/numeric system.

VOTED OCTOBER 25, 2005 – PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M. OCTOBER 25, 2005 TO RECONVIENE NOVEMBER 1, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting was continued on November 1, 2005 and called to order by Moderator, David Hopson. A quorum being declared present, the following matters were acted upon: 65 people present

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to delete Section VI, 6.1 Plans and Permits, line 6.1.4 reading, "Permits and plans are not required for accessory buildings of less than 300 square feet of floor area, which are not to be used for habitation, business, or public gatherings" so as not to conflict with State law.

VOTED NOVEMBER 1, 2005 – PASSED – 47 YES, 5 NO – 2/3 VOTE

Article 8: to see if the town will vote Section VII, a list of Definitions to the existing zoning bylaw as follows:

SECTION VII – DEFINITIONS

1.661 **ABOVE GROUND LEVEL (AGL):** A measurement of height from the natural grade of a site to the highest point of a structure.

7.2 **APPLICANT, ALSO SUBDIVIDER:** shall include an owner or his agent or representative, or his assigns.

1.661 **BOARD:** shall mean the Planning Board of the Town of Blandford.

1.662 **CO-LOCATE:** A term meaning that more than one wireless communications facility can be installed and operated on a single tower.

1.663 **ELEVATION:** The measurement of height above sea level.

1.664 **GRADE:** The number of feet rise per 100 feet of horizontal distance expressed as a percent.

- 1.665 HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** The superintendent of streets or other official designated by the Board of Selectmen in charge of streets and roadways in the Town of Blandford.
- 1.666 LOT:** shall mean an area of land in single ownership, with definite boundaries, used, or available for use, as the site of one or more buildings.
- 1.667 MONOPOLE:** A style of tower characterized by a single round pole having the general configuration of a flag pole. The monopole does not appear significantly larger at its base than at the point of maximum height.
- 1.668 MUNICIPAL SERVICE:** shall mean public utilities furnished by the city or town in which a subdivision is located, such as water, sewage, gas, or electricity.
- 1.669 RECORDED:** shall mean recorded in the registry of deeds of the county or district in which the land in question is situated, except that as affecting registered land. it shall mean filed with the recorder of the land court.
- 1.670 REGISTER OF DEEDS:** shall mean the register of deeds of the county or district in which the land in question, or the city or town in question, is situated, and, when appropriate, shall include the recorder of the land court.
- 1.671 REGISTERED MAIL:** shall mean registered or certified mail.
- 1.672 S.P.G.A.:** Special Permit Granting Authority. In Blandford, the Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Board serves in this role.
- 1.673 SUBDIVISION:** shall mean the division of a tract of land into two or more lots and shall include resubdivision, and when appropriate to the context, shall relate to the process of subdivision of the land or territory subdivided; provided, however that the division of a tract of land into two or more lots shall not be deemed to constitute a subdivision within the meaning of the Subdivision Control Law if at the time when it is made every lot within the tract so divided has frontage on:
- 7.15.1** A public way or a way which the Town Clerk of the Town of Blandford certifies is maintained and used as a public way, or
 - 1.661.1** A way shown on a plan theretofore approved and endorsed in accordance with the Subdivision Control Law, or
 - 1.661.2** A way in existence when the Subdivision Control Law became effective in the Town of Blandford, having, in the opinion of the Planning Board, sufficient width, suitable grades and adequate construction to provide for the needs of vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed uses of the land abutting thereon or served thereby, and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the building erected or to be erected thereon.
- Such frontage shall be of at least such distance as is required by the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Blandford for erection of a building on such lot. Conveyances or other instruments adding to, taking away from, or changing the size and shape of, lots in such manner as not to leave any lot so affected without the frontage above set forth, of the division of a tract of land on which two or more buildings were standing when the Subdivision Control Law went into effect in the Town of Blandford into separate lots on each of which one of such buildings remains standing, shall not constitute a subdivision.
- 7.16 SUBDIVISION CONTROL:** shall mean the power of regulating the subdivision of land granted by the Subdivision Control Law.
- 7.17 SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT, SITE PLAN:** Any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure or site, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure and other improvements on a site including, but not limited to, utilities, drainage, parking, access ways, lighting, landscaping, signage before the improvement or repair is started.
- 7.18 SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT, STRUCTURE:** Any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either (1) before the improvement or repair is started, or (2) if damaged, the value of the structure to be restored prior to being damaged.

- 7.19 SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT, SUBDIVISION:** Substantial improvement of an approved subdivision shall mean that 1) the construction of all approved streets has been completed with the exception of the final coat of paving, and 2) all required utilities have been installed.
- 7.20 SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS:** The superintendent of streets or other official designated by the Board of Selectmen in charge of streets and roadways in the Town of Blandford.
- 7.21 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER:** A monopole structure with antennas, if any, designed to facilitate the following types of services: cellular telephone service, personal communications services, and/or enhanced specialized mobile radio service.
- 7.22 TOWN:** The Town of Blandford, Massachusetts.
- 7.23 TRAILER:** A vehicle which can be drawn, carried on or incorporated in a motor vehicle whether on temporary or permanent supports, designed for dwelling or sleeping purposes or as a temporary business of construction office.
- 7.24 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY:** Any tower (including antennas, if any), or antenna placed on existing building or structure, or any device, wiring or equipment designed to facilitate or be utilized in connection with the provision of the following types of specialized mobile radio service as well as any structures, buildings and/or appurtenances utilized primarily for the installation and operation of equipment necessary for the provision of such services. This definition does not include an antenna used by a federally licensed amateur radio operator or television antennas or satellite dishes which are accessory to a residential use.

VOTED NOVEMBER 1, 2005 – PASSED – 42 YES, 9 NO – 2/3 VOTE

Article 9: To see if the town will add to Section VI, 6.3 Trailers, line 6.3.4 "The use of a trailer as a residence for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months while a residence which has been destroyed by fire or other natural holocaust is being rebuilt is permitted in all districts".

VOTED NOVEMBER 1, 2005 – PASSED – 65 YES, 0 NO – 2/3 VOTE

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

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 by the Special Town meeting held on December 13, 2005.

Article 1:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectman, to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow according to M.G.L Chapter 44 Section 8C, the sum of \$400,000 or less, for the purchasing for conservation and passive recreation purposes, by negotiated purchase, a certain property together with buildings thereon, known as the Knittel property at 39 Herrick Road, consisting of 263 acres, more or less as shown on a plan entitled Plan of Tax parcels in Blandford, Massachusetts, made by Cartographic Associates, Inc. dated December 31, 2002, shown as Assessor's Map 414 Parcels 4, 5.1, and 6.

Said land to be conveyed to said town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of Blandford, and the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Blandford any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under M.G.L Chapter 132A, Section 11 the Self-Help Act and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Blandford to affect said purchase.

PASSED BY 44 YES, 4 NO

A True Copy:

ATTEST:

Staci E. Iglesias
Town Clerk of Blandford

INFORMATION FOR BLANDFORD RESIDENTS

Business Hours of Town Officers and Committees

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| Aging, Council on | Second Tuesday of each month 10 a.m. at the Town Office |
| Assessors, Board of | Second and Fourth Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices |
| Assessors Clerk | Monday evening 7-9 p.m. Tuesday 9 - 1 p.m. |
| Conservation Commission | First and Third Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices |
| Finance Committee | To be posted |
| Fire Department | Every Tuesday 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Fire Station |
| Health, Board of | First and Third Wednesday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices |
| Historical Commission | Second Tuesday of each month 7:30 at the Town Offices |
| Library Trustees | Third Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Library |
| Planning Board | First Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices |
| Police Department | Every Monday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Elementary School |
| Selectmen, Board of | Every Monday - 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices For an appointment, call 848-2782. |
| Tax Collector | Monday 10 - 2 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Wednesday 10 - 2 p.m at the Town Offices |
| Town Clerk | Every Monday - 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office and/or by appointment, call 848-0054. |
| Transfer Station | Tuesday 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday 6-8 p.m. Saturday, 8 - 12 p.m. |
| Treasurer | Every Monday 6:30 - 9:00 at the Town Offices |
| Water Department | Second Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices |

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Local Emergency Numbers:

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| To Report a Fire | 911 |
| Fire Department (non-emergency) | 848-2874 |
| Police - Local | 848-2020 |
| State (Russell) | 862-3312 |
| Ambulance - Huntington | 667-3277 |
| Hospital - Noble | 562-2811 |

TOWN SERVICES

| Department | Call | Telephone |
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| Accountant | Staci Iglesias | 848-0054 |
| Aging, Council of | Jo Taudel | 848-2235 |
| Assessors | JoAnne Grybosh | 848-2791 |
| Building Inspector | call Selectboard | 848-2782 |
| Conservation Commission | Rosemary Arnold | 848-2394 |
| Dog Officer | Brenda Blood | 848-2888 |
| Electrical Inspector | Edward LaPlante | 848-2042 |
| Fire Department | Don Carpenter | 848-2874 |
| Gateway Regional | Superintendent's Office | 685-1011 |
| Health, Board of | Mike Wojcik | 848-2277 |
| Highway Department | Keith Ackley | 848-2721 |
| Historical Commission | Julie Mueller | 848-2802 |
| Pest Control | Mike Wojcik | 848-2277 |
| Porter Memorial Library | Librarian | 848-2853 |
| Planning Board | Juliana Mueller | 848-2802 |
| Plumbing/Gas Inspector | Bob Gardener | 562-3617 |
| Post Office | Postmaster | 848-2480 |
| Selectmen | Town Offices | 848-2782 |
| Tax Collector | LeeAnn Thompson | 848-2804 |
| Tax Abatements | Assessors | 848-2791 |
| Town Clerk | Staci Iglesias | 848-0054 |
| Transfer Station | Mike Wojcik | 848-2277 |
| Town Office | General Information | 848-2782 |
| Treasurer | Anne Holliday | 439-6303 |
| Tree Warden | Mike Wojcik | 848-2277 |
| Voting Information | Town Clerk | 848-0054 |
| Water Commission | Commissioners | 848-2605 |
| Zoning Commission | Sumner Robbins | 848-2873 |

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 5-9 p.m.
Tuesday: 1-9 p.m.

Thursday: 1-9 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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| Mini Town Meeting: | Held Monday, April 25 th 2005, 7:30 p.m. (Town Hall) |
| Town Meeting: | Held the First Monday in May Annually, 7:30 p.m. (School) |
| Town Elections: | Held the Second Saturday in May Annually. 10a.m. – 4p.m. (School) |