

TOWN OF BLANDFORD
MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL REPORT
2008-2009



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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 Airolti Building 45 Railroad Street Lee, MA 01238 Tel: (413) 243-5534
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Also, Please check out the Massachusetts website for more information: www.state.ma.us

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS
May 10, 2008-May 13, 2009
(In Alphabetical Order)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
<u>Assessors (3 years)</u>		<u>Cemetery Comm. (3 years)</u>	
Julie Mueller	2009	T.J. Cousineau	2009
Edna Wilander	2011	Vacant	2007
Vacant	2010	Vacant	2008
<u>Fence Viewer (3 years)</u>		<u>Field Driver (3 years)</u>	
George Reichert	2009	George Reichert	2009
Andy Iglesias	2011		
<u>Health, Board of (3 years)</u>		<u>Library Trustees (3 years)</u>	
Mike Wojcik	2009	Chris Keenan	2009
Kate Kletcher	2011	Mary Kronholm	2011
Linda Broughton	2010	Chuck Benson	2010
<u>Moderator (3 years)</u>		<u>Planning Board (5 years)</u>	
David Hopson	2009	Juliana Mueller	2009
		Robert Nichols	2010
<u>School Committee (3 years)</u>		John Bianco	2011
Michelle Crane	2012	Gordon Avery	2012
Frances Jensen	2011	Nina Dawe	2012
		T.J. Cousineau	2012
<u>Selectmen (3 years)</u>		Richard Gates	2013
Stephen Jemiolo	2009		
Theodore Jensen	2011	<u>Tax Collector (3 years)</u>	
Chet Broughton	2010	Lee Ann Thompson	2011
<u>Town Clerk (3 years)</u>		<u>Treasurer (3 years)</u>	
Staci Iglesias	2011	Anne Holliday	2010
<u>Tree Warden (3 years)</u>		<u>Water Comm. (3 years)</u>	
Michael Wojcik	2009	Edward Forish	2011
		Rick Bertram	2009
		Vacant	2010

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

June 30, 2007 – July 1, 2008

All appointments are yearly unless noted

*** appointments are more than one year noted in town bylaws**

***Arts Council**

Darlene Horne
Mary Martin
Pamela Darrow
Sue Racine
Rosa Bensen
Robert Horne

Building Inspector

Thomas Lagodich

Building Inspector, Assistant

Vacant

Burial Agent

T. J. Cousineau

Burial Agent, Assistant

Vacant

Chief Procurement Officer

Chet Broughton

***Conservation Commission**

Pete Sutherland
Laura Scalise Kadzik
Robin Stevens
John Caswell

***Constables**

John Haight
Andrew Iglesias

***Council on Aging**

Jo Taudel
Linda VanWerkhoven

Dog Officer

Brenda Blood

Dog Officer, Assistant

Vacant

Election Clerk

Cheryl Hopson

Election Officers

Pamela Darrow
Sandra Wyman
Kim Blanchette
Jo Taudel
Mary Kronholm

Election Warden

Kim Blanchette

Election Warden, Alternate

Pamela Darrow

Emergency Mgmt Co-Directors

Don Carpenter
Brad Curry

***Finance Committee**

Clarisa Hart
Co Cousineau
June Massee
Vacant
Vacant

***Fire Chief & Forest Warden**

Don Carpenter

Hazardous Waste Coordinators

Don Carpenter

Highway Superintendent

Brad Curry

***Historical Commission**

Peter Milford
Julie Mueller
Katy Milford
Bob Durocher

Insp. of Animals & Slaughter

Brenda Blood

Insp. of Servicemen's Graves

Michael Wojcik

Measurer of Wood & Bark

Michael Wojcik

Pioneer Valley Plan. Comm

Julianna Mueller

Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Robert Gardner

***Police Chief**

Ronald Brown

Police Officer, Special

Vacant

Registrars of Voters

Pamela Darrow
Jo Taudel
Mary Kronholm
Kim Blanchette
Sandy Wyman

Town Accountant

Staci Iglesias

Veteran's Agent

Robert Messier

Wiring Inspector

Edward LaPlante

***Zoning Board of Appeals**

Don Brainerd
Sumner Robbins
James Kronholm

Pest Control Officer

Michael Wojcik

PVPC, Alternate

Opal Potcat

Plumbing & Gas Insp., Asst.

David Ritchie

***Police Officers**

Richard Mazza
Kevin Hennessey
Scott King

***Recreation Committee**

Vacant
Sammatha Domingoes
Staci Iglesias
Mark Blanchette
Vacant

Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige

Watson Park Superintendent

Vacant

Wiring Inspector, Assistant

Michael Dintzner

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission has been meeting for several months to complete work on a proposed "Right to Farm By-Law" for the town of Blandford. Commission members Robert Costello, David Hopson, Arthur Wyman, Steven Poteat and John Kelly have reviewed many currently adopted by-laws from local towns in order to develop a proposal that we feel meets the needs of the Town of Blandford. The proposed by-law has been submitted to the Selectboard for inclusion as a warrant article for this year's annual town meeting. The Agricultural Commission will generally meet the first Thursday of every month from September through May and as necessary to complete its assigned tasks. All meetings are posted in the Town Hall.

REPORT OF THE ARTS COUNCIL

The Blandford Arts Council granted \$4,300 this past year which represented level funding from the previous year. We were pleased to hear that our funding was not cut like so many other programs.

We granted primarily to local artists and organizations including the Gateway Schools, Huntington Dance Company, Blandford Fair, and the White Church. There were some new applications for music performances that will be presented in our area.

We encourage residents to attend the many performances sponsored by the Council. Artists need your support and attendance. The Hilltowns have an enormous wealth of cultural opportunities that entertain and inspire all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Horne, Chair
Mary Martin, Member
Susan Racine, Member
Pamela Darrow, Member
Robert Horne, Member
Rose Benson, Member

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is working with Mayflower, LTD in its effort to comply with the full revaluation of Blandford properties, an event that takes place every three years. Most homes were inspected during the summer of 2008. All residents should check their property record cards for accuracy. This can be done on-line at townofblandford.org or by coming to the office during regular office hours and having a copy printed.

Our current software is not compatible with that of other Town offices which makes communication difficult. We are all working on improving the situation and hope to resolve it this year.

Everyone who has a business or second home was sent a Form of List this year. These must be completed and returned to the Board. If we don't hear from you, we must make an educated guess and this is not always accurate, resulting in incorrect taxation on personal property.

There were several personnel changes in the office this year. The Board welcomed Edna Wilander, whose background in administration and finance has proven invaluable. We would like to thank Laura Lee Bertram for many years of dedicated service. Laura Lee worked tirelessly to bring the Assessors' office into the 21st century. We would also like to thank Alyshia Horvath for her work as the clerk. She left for a full time job and was replaced by Brenda Marra who has quickly become an invaluable asset to the office. Finally, many thanks to Frank Burkott for filling the vacancy left by Laura Lee's resignation! His knowledge and willingness to do research and field work have made life easier for all of us.

Our office hours are Monday, 1-9, Wednesday, 1-4, and the first Saturday of each month from 9-12. The Board meets on Tuesday at 5:00 PM. All are welcome, but if you have business to discuss, please call 848-2791 or e-mail us at blandfordassessors@yahoo.com for an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliana Mueller, Chair
Edna Wilander
Frank Burkott

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 44 permits were issued this past fiscal year. The following are the number and types of permits that were issued this year:

- 7 new single family structures
- 9 new barns
- 2 new storage sheds
- 1 addition
- 2 pools
- 1 kennel
- 3 window replacements
- 1 deck
- 1 fire restoration
- 1 bathroom remodel
- 1 demolition
- 11 stoves (wood, pellet, corn)

Total permit fees - \$5,868.75

Respectfully submitted

Keith Bloomrose

Temporary Building Inspector for Thomas Lagodich of Medical Leave.

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2008 was a challenging year for Blandford Conservation Commission with the issuance of three Enforcement Orders due to illegal projects being conducted in wetland areas. All Enforcement Orders were backed by the D.E.P.

In a more constructive vein, the Knittel Conservation Area was the site of several sledding parties this winter, while Wilderness Experience loaned out snowshoes. Knittel Conservation Area is open to the public for passive recreation and limited hunting. BCC hopes to begin hiking trail construction in 2009 on the Knittel property and Shepard Hill on Route 23. **We welcome volunteer trailblazers.**

We look forward to collaboration with a new town Forestry Committee, and in the future expect to generate timber income for Blandford from town owned lands. BCC is available to consult with property owners for sites involving construction in or near wetland areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Sutherland

Robin Stevens

Mary Elizabeth Martin

Richard Toomey

Sandy Roberts

Patti O'Neill

Chuck Benson

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging Board continues to meet at 10:00 AM on the second Tuesday of each month to plan the monthly coffee hour and other events for our town seniors. We are pleased to report that we continue to have on average, about twenty seniors at our coffee hour, and approximately 45 for each of the outreach luncheons that we hold twice a year at the Blandford Ski Club. We also held a luncheon at the home of Linda van Werkhoven in July which was attended by 45 people. We held a picnic in August that was attended by 26 residents. It was held at the Historical Society due to bad weather. In September, at our coffee hour, we had speaker Michelle Ellicks from the DMV. She spoke on a safe driving program for older adults called "Shifting Gears". The COA continues to use the Elementary School for our coffee hours and enjoys a good relationship with the school. The COA was asked by the Elementary School to judge art work by some of the students. The school also offered to let the COA use the school's announcement board to post any upcoming COA events. Katie's Store in E. Otis donated a large number of books to the COA which are kept at the school and used by anyone interested. Our December Christmas luncheon was held at the Blandford Ski Club and catered by Hettie of Oma's Kitchen. It was attended by 35 people. Rayette Brennan of Blandford sang during the luncheon.

The COA assisted the Fire Dept. in identifying seniors at risk during the December ice storm and several members checked on some seniors in their homes to see if they needed any assistance. One resident was transported to a friend's house in Huntington. The Lee VNA continues to offer monthly blood pressure screenings. Two flu clinics are sponsored by the COA in the fall. The flu clinics are open to all town residents. Our first clinic was held in October and 65 attended. Our second clinic was held in November and attended by 27 town residents.

In April the COA sponsored a Health Fair which was held at the Elementary School. The following services were available: the Lee VNA offered blood screenings for cholesterol and blood glucose, blood pressure checks, introduction to a form of body work called traeger, and a physical therapist to assess balance and risk for falls; the American Osteoporosis Assoc. did bone density screening, and a foot nurse provided foot care by appointment.

We offered weekly exercise classes through the YMCA in Westfield. The classes are taught by Heidi Taberman of Blandford and are held at the school or Historical Society. The classes are subsidized by a state grant, and small donation from participants at each class.

A few board members attend the monthly meetings of the Hilltown COA Consortium to keep abreast of events occurring in other towns and to help coordinate services. Transportation services, yoga classes, brown bag food distribution, hot lunch at a meal site, discount swimming and movie tickets are just a few of the offerings available to town residents through the consortium. Elthea Goodkin, the Regional COA Coordinator, continues to advise the board and assist in the preparation of our annual State grant application for which we thank her.

The hope of the COA to find some type of permanent building for the Council on Aging has been put on hold at this time due to the economic climate. We will continue to assess future possibilities.

Our secretary and friend Corry Lucia moved out of town during the summer. We thank her so much for all her hard work and we miss her. Pamela Rideout volunteered to take on the position of Secretary of the COA at our November board meeting. She is doing a wonderful job and we thank her very much for donating her time and talents. Rita Templeman has also joined our board and we are very happy to have her. The COA has been very privileged to have a wonderful working board. Our members show up faithfully, and are great to work with. Elthea Goodwin, our Regional Coordinator, tells us that Blandford is unusual by having so many active board members and that Blandford has more residents attending COA functions than most other hilltowns. In conclusion, our thanks go out to the Blandford Elementary School, the First Congregational Church of Blandford, the Blandford Historical Society, and the Blandford Ski Area for their cooperation in hosting our various events again this past year.

Respectfully submitted by

Co-chairs, Jo Taudel & Linda Van Werkhoven

Secretary, Pamela Rideout

Board members, Anita Forish, Bernice Rabideau, Sarah Robbins, Sumner Robbins, Rita Templeman, Ed Trusty & Kay Walsh

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Blandford Fire Department responded to 8 fires, 4 vehicle fires, 9 motor vehicle accidents, 57 medical calls, and 44 other incidents in 2008 for a total of 122 calls.

2008 marked the retirement of Don Carpenter as Chief. Don served as chief for 4 years and for many years before that as a firefighter. He leaves us with lessons taught and improvements he has made in this department. We wish Don the best in his retirement.

This year also marked major improvements in the departments' equipment. The 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award was implemented and new SCBA, a breathing air compressor, and a RIT pack were put into service. This was a major improvement for the department with only 5 cents on the dollar cost to the town. We also replaced the department's 30-year-old extrication tools with the newest equipment on the market. Today's cars are built out of materials that our old equipment wouldn't have been able to handle. With the state of the art tools that we now possess, Blandfords' residents can rest that if you get into an accident on these roads, we will get you out. We also were able to trade in the old extrication tools and acquire stabilization struts, which stabilize a vehicle at accident scenes, making our jobs safer. These tools were purchased for a fraction of the cost, due to the trade in. The department also received a Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Grant in the amount of \$3897 for the purchase of various tools and hose that we needed. Funding generated by calls on the Massachusetts Turnpike allowed us to complete the departments brush truck, as well as purchase a specialized chainsaw used in ventilation at structure fires. In total, between budgetary and grant funding, Turnpike revenue, and monies spent by the Blandford Firefighters Relief Association, Close to \$140,000 worth of equipment was brought into the department last year.

Training this year was improved as many members took it upon themselves to attend Mass Firefighting Academy classes. The Academy is a wonderful resource for our training. We also made an effort to train with our mutual aid companies as often as we could. This helps build the trust between departments and allows us to know what is expected of us when we go to other towns to assist or vice versa. The membership has commented to me that they are really starting to feel the "Brotherhood of Firefighters".

In 2009, I ask for your continued support of Blandfords' Firefighters. Your firefighters continue to strive to be the best that they can be. We need your help to do this. Thank you and don't hesitate to call us.

Respectfully,
Chief Michael Roche

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The BBOH has continued its efforts to update and improve the Transfer Station. 2008-09 saw the purchase and installation of new concrete loading/disposal platforms with safety rails. These platforms make it easier and safer for the residents to access the container boxes. Also installed was a new chain link gate at the entrance. The station has called the Blandford Police Dept. on several occasions to report vandalism and illegal dumping. If you see a vehicle parked at or near the transfer station at an inappropriate time please let the police or a Board of Health member know.

The board would like to thank the Highway Dept. for the fine work they do of clearing the station of snow during the winter months. Thank you again guys, good job. The board welcomed attendant Ryan Andros to the station this year and continues to thank Mr. Al Flyte, who tirelessly works throughout the year. Your dedication is appreciated very much.

In cooperation with the Selectboard the BOH saw the installation of a new septic system for the Elementary School.

BBOH has sprayed all of the known Hogweed plants in the town. 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 7pm. at the town hall. During winter (Dec – April) meetings begin at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Wojcik, Chair
Kate Fletcher
Linda Broughton

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the Towns residents for their ongoing support as we strive to maintain the 64 miles of road in Blandford. This year the Highway Department got off to a slow start due to the slowing economy and the resulting budget cuts. We were fortunate enough to retain all of our staff due to the passing of a proposition 2 1/2 over ride which enabled us to return to regular maintenance and road repair.

One of our major undertakings this year was the North Blandford Road project. With Blandfords quest to be a "green community" we chose to use state recommended, environmentally friendly products that also resulted in a cost savings. We were one of the first community's in the area to use this process which resulted in a 6-8 week delay due to the bid being challenged.

We will be re-bidding the Beech Hill Road project in the spring due to the recommendation of the Selectboard.

In December we had a devastating ice storm that crippled this Town and the ones surrounding it for weeks. We are still dealing with the ramifications and clean up from the devastation that occurred. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped, in all capacities, following the storm. The bid that we have out for the remainder of the clean up will be opened on May 4, 2009. The Town is slated to receive \$255,384.97 in aide from FEMA to help alleviate the costs the Town incurred from this disaster.

Due to the high costs associated with repairing aging equipment the Town needs to seriously consider replacing some of the dilapidated equipment. With strict new state inspection regulations the cost of repairing vehicles detracts from our ability to work on the roads.

Our current department consists of three full time employees: Brad Curry, Mark Boomsma, and Robert Holmes. We also have four part time employees: Bruce Cooley, Rick Mazza, Jan Boomsma, and Tom Ackley. All of these individuals have shown exemplary performance and dedication to their jobs.

The Highway Department welcomes suggestions and in put from the Town residents as we strive to improve Blandfords infrastructure.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Curry

REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Within this past year the Hilltown Community Ambulance was once again requested to over 500 emergencies. These ranged from simple citizen assistance, to fire scene rehabilitation, to serious medical emergencies. We provided these services to the citizens of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Russell, Montgomery, and Worthington.

Our Advanced Life Support services were implemented a minimum of 8 hours a day, something we strive to increase over time. In addition, our ALS treatment benefited our patients on numerous occasions.

In terms of coverage to the communities, throughout this past year the HCAA was able to increase the on-duty staffing by 16 hours per week. This allowed us to provide a fully staffed Intermediate Level ambulance seven days a week.

As with the community fire departments, the HCAA is experiencing a decrease in available EMTs evenings and overnights. We have lost available on-call EMTs due to issues such as full time employment, school, and family commitments. With the position of the current economy, many people are unable to give the time they had in the past. This is a continuation of a national trend in the reduction of available call/volunteer EMTs and firefighters. The HCAA currently utilizes on-call EMTs for 112 hours of coverage per week, and each call during those hours require 2 EMTs. If you are interested in becoming an EMT, please visit our website at www.hilltownambulance.com

In the coming year, the HCAA has set two solid goals that we believe we can achieve. Understanding that in the case of many medical emergencies, time is of the essence, we strive to reduce our response times. In doing this, the HCAA is going to add an additional 16 to 32 hours staffing. This will allow us to place on-duty EMTs, in the station, an additional 8 to 16 hours per week. This will also allow us to reduce the dependence and strain on our on-call staff, and reduce the time it takes us to get the ambulance to your residence.

Second, the HCAA plans on further developing our "CPR in the Community" program. With this we would like to instruct community groups, citizens, and school children in proper CPR. If you would like further information on this program, please visit our website at www.hilltownambulance.com

In closing, the mission of the HCAA is to provide prompt, proper emergency medical care to the citizens of the hilltowns. This is not accomplished without a group of EMTs who are dedicated to serving their co-workers, friends, neighbors, and the citizens of their communities. The same can be said about the success and dedication of the members of your local fire departments. Together, these agencies put their personal lives aside to serve the sick and injured.

I would like to offer one simple thing you can do to assist your local public safety organizations. If you pass these men and women in town some day, take a moment to say "Thank You" for their dedication,

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen P. Gaughan
Service Director

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The highlight of this year's activities for the Blandford Historical Commission was the decision by the townspeople to accept the gift of the Shepard Farm property from Springfield Water and Sewer. This acquisition of the house, barn, and 120 acres of open space is the culmination of over 5 years of work by the board. It is a very positive first step, and much work remains in the year ahead. We thank the Conservation Commission for its support and involvement on this initiative, and we also appreciate all the residents who volunteered at workdays on the property.

There will be more work to come on the Shepard Farm property, so we hope folks will step forward to volunteer since we are spearheading the project but cannot do alone all that needs to be done. All types of support will be needed, from generating ideas to painting the building and cutting back the fields to writing grants. A steering committee to oversee the property will be formed while the paperwork is prepared for transferring the property. Then interested townspeople will meet to share ideas and thoughts for the property. We look forward to the creative ideas and assistance from residents and hope you will share your special expertise.

Other updates from the commission include the following:

- The revitalization of the perennial flower beds in Watson Park is nearly completed, with only a small area remaining to be reclaimed. Saplings that had grown in over the past 20-plus years were cut down and shrubs were pruned and trimmed. We thank former Superintendent of Watson Park, Jack Hooper, for his willingness to work with us on these undertakings.
- As usual, we made our annual contribution to the library. *Open House in New England*, written by Samuel Chamberlain, is an architectural classic first published over 70 years ago. It traces the architectural history of New England in both pictures and text. Gracefully written by architectural historian and noted photographer Samuel Chamberlain, the book covers houses from the 17th to the 19th centuries that are open to the public at certain times of the year.
- We have given our materials on the history of stonewalls to Miss Lis at the Blandford Elementary School so that she can present the information and lead the trip through Watson Park herself when it best fits in with her curriculum. We are delighted that she recognizes the importance of presenting Blandford's historical information to our younger town residents!

We had two members step down from our board this year. Becky McAvoy resigned because she has moved out of town. We thank her for her brief stint on our commission and for her interest in learning more about our town's history. We also thank LeeAnn Thompson for her leadership and work for the commission over the years. We know she will still be close at hand for input and ideas.

In view of the heavy work load looming before the commission and the loss of several members, we want to extend an invitation to interested fellow townspeople to join us. Not only do we need input in the effort to improve the Shepard Farm property and make it an asset to the town, but we also need assistance with our regular ongoing work of researching and inventorying the older homes in town as well as preserving, protecting, and developing the town's historical and archeological resources as charged by the state. If you have ideas to share, or if you want to become more involved, please contact a member of the Historical Commission or call 848-2802.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mueller
Peter Milford
Katy Milford
Bob Durocher

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Circulation Statistics:

Adult Fiction:	1,364
Adult Nonfiction:	802
Juvenile Fiction:	1,536
Juvenile Nonfiction:	258
YA Fiction:	457
YA Nonfiction:	338
Periodicals:	128
<u>TOTAL PRINT:</u>	<u>4,883</u>

Videos:	960
DVDs:	2836
Audios:	272
CDs:	142
<u>TOTAL NONPRINT:</u>	<u>4,210</u>

TOTAL CIRCULATION: 9,093

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Jo Place, Director

2008 Summer Reading Program

"Wild Reads" was our theme this year and we had a great time exploring many different areas. Despite the budget problems in town we had a successful summer reading program. This year, 21 children participated in the program by attending at least one of the five sessions. The age range of the participating children was two to ten years.

For the third year in a row, our friends at the Blandford Country Store donated snacks and juice to our program, providing treats for all five weeks. On the last week, owners Russ and Janet Lomas hosted us at the store for ice cream, which they also donated. We really appreciate their participation and service to the community!

We also had three teenagers join us to help out with the program. They helped the children work on their crafts, distributed snacks, and helped with cleanup. The volunteers were Hannah Oleksak, Leland Martin and Jessica Hopson. We also had Jen Hamel join us as an adult volunteer.

Over the four years I have run the program my goal has been to get children visiting the library during the summer and having fun! We succeed in reaching this goal as mostly all the children and their parents take out materials each week, and all the kids have a good time!

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Crane

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Porter Memorial Library continues to serve and support our friends and neighbors in the Blandford community. We spent the past year adding to our collection of nonfiction, fiction, reference and children's books, as well as our growing collection of classic and popular movies on DVD, while slowly phasing out our VHS collection.

The library staff—Pamela Darrow, Cindy Montanaro, Michele Crane, Mary Martin and Heidi Taberman—are to be commended for their unwavering support. This became especially apparent during last summer's town budgetary crunch; the staff volunteered to a woman to keep the library open and hence kept library services available to our town. Many of our loyal patrons likewise offered their help, but with the staff stepping up as they did, such generous offers proved unnecessary. The limited hours for two months cut somewhat into our circulation statistics, as some may notice.

We continue to offer our patrons free high-speed internet access with two public computer terminals, as well as wireless access for personal laptops. The system is on twenty-four hours a day, so it is possible for anyone with a wireless card in their laptop to access the network outside the building even when the library isn't open. It is not uncommon on nice days to see folks lounging around the

steps of the library, taking advantage of this service. We hope this summer to get a picnic table or two out there, to make the experience even more comfortable.

The public library system remains a great resource available to any town resident. Our circulation statistics demonstrate that, by using Porter Memorial Library, Blandford residents have saved literally hundreds of thousands of dollars borrowing materials from the library instead of paying for them outright. It's still the best deal in town!

Blandford Elementary School third-grader Jack Lajoie proposed a Lego Club at the library. Each Tuesday afternoon after school, youngsters have brought their Legos to the library to enjoy the building blocks and each others' company. Thank you, Jack.

The Blandford Exchange, which started in January, has proven to be a popular program as Blandford residents exchange expertise and information on a variety of rural life topics. Future projects on the horizon include a computerized circulation system as well as a new Friends group to look into ways to support and improve library services for the town.

The by-laws for a Friends of the Library have been completed and trustees hope this group will be organized soon. Volunteers are most welcome! Please leave your name at the library if you are interested, or contact a trustee.

Thanks to everyone who has donated or suggested materials this year.
And also thanks to the community at large for its continued support of the Porter Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted
Board of Library Trustees
Mary Kronholm, Chair
Charles Benson, Treasurer
Christine Keenan, Clerk

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The focus this year has been on discussing, brainstorming, and researching the future planning needs of Blandford, including developing an office park near the Mass Pike; improving our technology, power utilization and generation; developing suitable and green town buildings, developing a Master Plan for Blandford and researching the availability of grants from state and federal sources. We continue to work with and have the support of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in moving our plans forward.

During the year the Planning Board reviewed and endorsed numerous building permits and three ANR subdivision of land requests. A possible subdivision has also been discussed. We also met with the Building Inspector to clarify a few concerns, and he gave us the new state building regulations.

The Planning Board would like to thank Opal Poteat for her years of service on the Planning Board. We are grateful for her commitment and valuable contributions. We would also like to welcome our new member, Dick Gates, who joined us in June and graciously agreed to become Secretary. Nina Dawe became our PVPC alternate commissioner in July.

As always, we look forward to ideas and suggestions from townspeople. Our meetings are at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month and all are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mueller, Chair
Dick Gates, Secretary
Gordon Avery
John Bianco
T. J. Cousineau
Nina Dawe

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

With the current troubled economic climate, this past year has been especially challenging for the town and its government. However, challenges like this are what push us harder to overcome adversity and succeed.

With the help of town volunteers and with renewed enthusiasm, we have continued to attend to the day to day operations and responsibilities of town government.

The Administration's stimulus package has given Blandford's Green Community Committee, and the Planning Board the opportunity to write and apply for several stimulus grants specifically targeting our roads, infrastructure, and public safety that so desperately need attention. Furthermore, Blandford is embracing the Green Initiative; using local materials as much as possible, employing recycling and reclaiming directives, hiring local workers, and procuring all materials through a central office. This results in getting Blandford the best price, the best quality, and the best services. These projects are what will lead us to attract more families and tourists to Blandford, thus further revitalizing our population, increasing local and federal interest and generating more revenue for the town.

As stated above, these times are extraordinary both economically and politically. Yet, as a community, we can take advantage of new opportunities to lead our town forward.

We continue to encourage more residents to become involved in town government. This promotes greater communication and transparency between the administrators and residents. It is through our collective efforts that our town will continue to evolve and grow into the community we are proud to call home.

Respectfully submitted,
Chet Broughton
Steve Jemiolo
Ted Jensen

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

PERSONAL FARM ANIMAL Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2008

Net Amount	Debit	Credits	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	1,915.63	1,492.58	
Interest	.58	.58	
Abatements			
Exemptions			
Adjustments			
Credits			
Demand			
Warrant			
Other Charges			
Refunds Issued			
Refunds Possible			
Grand Totals	1,916.21	1,493.16	423.05

MOTOR VEHICLE Y-T-D- TOTAL REPORT
Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2008

Net Amounts	Debit	Credit	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	124,530.85	93,521.25	
Interest	10.78	10.78	
Abatements	0.00	1,232.82	
Exemptions	0.00	0.00	
Adjustments	0.00	0.00	
Credits	0.00	0.00	
Demand	0.00	0.00	
Warrant	0.00	0.00	
Other Charges	5.00	5.00	
Refunds Issued	368.54	0.00	
Refunds Poss.	0.00	0.00	
Grand Totals	124,915.17	94,769.85	30,145.32

PERSONAL PROPERTY Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT
Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2008

Net Amount	Debit	Credits	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	104,869.14	96,670.9	
Interest	253.20	253.20	
Abatements		152.13	
Exemptions			
Adjustments			
Credits			
Demand			
Warrant			
Other Charges			
Refunds Issued			
Refunds Possible	1.79		
Grand Totals	105,124.13	97,076.23	8,047.90

WATER/SEWER BILLING Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT
Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2008

Net Amounts	Debit	Credit	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	627,085.98	264,431.43	
Interest	171.25	171.25	
Abatements		53,322.00	
Exemptions			
Adjustments			
Credits			
Demand			
Warrant			
Other Charges			
Refunds Issued			
Refunds Possible	26,810.01		
Grand Totals	654,067.24	317,924.68	336,142.56

REAL ESTATE Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT
Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2008

Net Amount	Debit	Credit	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	1,598,640.68	1,390,389.92	
Interest	3,746.92	3,746.92	
Betterments/liens	92,064.88	67,222.18	
Committed Int.	14,997.76	11,089.71	
Abatements		7,068.57	
Exemptions		6,799.99	
Adjustments			
Credits			
Demand			
Warrant			
Other Charges			
Refunds Issued	2,039.96		
Refunds Possible	5,651.53		
Grand Total	1,717,141.73	1,486,317.29	230,824.44

Respectfully Submitted,
LeeAnn Thompson

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

04/24/09

Town of Blandford
TRIAL BALANCE REPORT (All Entries)

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01-1-040-000	Cash Unrestricted Checkng	201,400.96	
01-1-210-091	1991 Personal Prop Tax Rc	48.73	
01-1-210-094	1994 Personal Prop Tax Rc	62.74	
01-1-210-095	1995 Personal Prop Tax Rc	93.05	
01-1-210-096	1996 Personal Prop Tax Rc	182.95	
01-1-210-097	1997 Personal Prop Tax Rc	777.42	
01-1-210-098	1998 Personal Prop Tax Rc	448.58	
01-1-210-099	1999 Personal Prop Tax Rc	405.77	
01-1-210-100	2000 Personal Prop Tax Rc	464.23	
01-1-210-101	2001 Personal Prop Tax Rc	645.42	
01-1-210-102	2002 Personal Prop Tax Rc	757.74	
01-1-210-103	2003 Personal Prop Tax Rc	2,996.72	
01-1-210-104	2004 Personal Prop Tax Rc	10,747.87	
01-1-210-105	2005 Personal Prop Tax Rc	8,569.51	
01-1-210-106	2006 Personal Prop Tax Rc	6,505.63	
01-1-210-107	2007 Personal Prop Tax Rc	27,664.70	
01-1-210-108	2008 Personal Prop Tax Rc	8,122.45	
01-1-220-089	1989 Real Estate Tax Rc	279.58	
01-1-220-090	1990 Real Estate Tax Rc	323.14	
01-1-220-091	1991 Real Estate Tax Rc	452.34	
01-1-220-092	1992 Real Estate Tax Rc	656.47	
01-1-220-093	1993 Real Estate Tax Rc	1,384.30	
01-1-220-094	1994 Real Estate Tax Rc	556.64	
01-1-220-095	1995 Real Estate Tax Rc	816.91	
01-1-220-096	1996 Real Estate Tax Rc	634.68	
01-1-220-097	1997 Real Estate Tax Rc.	839.56	
01-1-220-098	1998 Real Estate Tax Rc	848.82	
01-1-220-099	1999 Real Estate Tax Re	294.29	
01-1-220-100	2000 Real Estate Tax Rc	1,301.19	
01-1-220-101	2001 Real Estate Tax Rc		-441.98
01-1-220-102	2002 Real Estate Tax Rc	6,344.96	
01-1-220-103	2003 Real Estate Tax Rc	53,722.95	
01-1-220-104	2004 Real Estate Tax Rc	46,109.23	
01-1-220-105	2005 Real Estate Tax Rc	26,549.50	
01-1-220-106	2006 Real Estate Tax Rc	41,203.59	
01-1-220-107	2007 Real Estate Tax Rc	163,227.61	
01-1-220-108	2008 Real Estate Tax Rc	252,195.27	
01-1-230-085	1985 Allow for Abatements		-82.70
01-1-230-086	1986 Allow for Abatements		-79.46
01-1-230-087	1987 Allow for Abatements		-1,144.17
01-1-230-088	1988 Allow for Abatements		-1,929.96
01-1-230-089	1989 Allow for Abatements		-3,388.94
01-1-230-090	1990 Allow for Abatements		-4,115.06
01-1-230-091	1991 Allow for Abatements		-3,104.40
01-1-230-092	1992 Allow for Abatements		-6,141.96
01-1-230-093	1993 Allow for Abatements		-8,354.34
01-1-230-094	1994 Allow for Abatements		-3,161.66
01-1-230-095	1995 Allow for Abatements		-12,087.13
01-1-230-096	1996 Allow for Abatements		-7,098.67
01-1-230-097	1997 Allow for Abatements		-10,023.29
01-1-230-098	1998 Allow for Abatements		-2,787.43
01-1-230-099	1999 Allow for Abatements		-16,024.11

01-1-230-100	2000 Allow for Abatements		-7,880.04
01-1-230-101	2001 Allow for Abatements		-5,928.45
01-1-230-102	2002 Allow for Abatements		-10,242.76
01-1-230-103	2003 Allow for Abatements		-13,102.46
01-1-230-104	2004 Allow for Abatements		-9,417.49
01-1-230-105	2005 Allow for Abatements		0.00
01-1-230-106	2006 Allow for Abatements	1,855.00	
01-1-230-107	2007 Allow for Abatements		-22,132.74
01-1-230-108	2008 Allow for Abatements		-22,187.95
01-1-230-998	OVERLAY SURPLUS		0.00
01-1-240-000	Tax Liens Receivable	50,552.65	
01-1-260-083	1983 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	5.00	
01-1-260-084	1984 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	23.66	
01-1-260-085	1985 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	76.25	
01-1-260-086	1986 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	470.56	
01-1-260-087	1987 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	725.63	
01-1-260-088	1988 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	148.75	
01-1-260-089	1989 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	842.50	
01-1-260-090	1990 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,406.89	
01-1-260-091	1991 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,345.64	
01-1-260-092	1992 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	792.19	
01-1-260-093	1993 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	906.67	
01-1-260-094	1994 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	352.52	
01-1-260-095	1995 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	255.01	
01-1-260-096	1996 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	684.37	
01-1-260-097	1997 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	992.82	
01-1-260-098	1998 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,252.92	
01-1-260-099	1999 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	974.59	
01-1-260-100	2000 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	461.26	
01-1-260-101	2001 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,158.38	
01-1-260-102	2002 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	4,084.13	
01-1-260-103	2003 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	4,177.16	
01-1-260-104	2004 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	2,597.16	
01-1-260-105	2005 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	5,828.28	
01-1-260-106	2006 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	11,206.18	
01-1-260-107	2007 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	19,849.88	
01-1-260-108	2008 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	30,092.82	
01-1-270-107	2007 Farm Animal Ex Tx		0.00
01-1-270-108	2008 Farm Animals Ex Tx	552.12	
01-1-340-000	Departmental Receivables	471.29	
01-1-850-000	Prepaid Expenses	3,861.85	
01-1-880-000	Tax Possessions	20,967.90	
01-2-010-000	Warrants Payable		0.00
01-2-610-000	Def Rev Real & Prop. Tax		-497,232.39
01-2-622-000	Def Rev Tax Liens		-50,552.65
01-2-623-000	Def Rev Tax Foreclosures		-20,967.90
01-2-630-000	Def Rev Motor Vehicle Ex		-90,711.22
01-2-654-000	Def Rev Departmental		-471.29
01-2-655-000	Def Rev Farm Animal		-552.12
01-3-211-000	FB Res for Encumbrances		-21,125.03
01-3-240-000	FB Res for Expenditures		-27,500.00
01-3-590-000	FB Undesignated Fund Bal		-242,601.97

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01-3-592-000	FB Unres Approp Deficits	33,583.97	
01-3-595-000	FB Res. for Snow & Ice	52,380.22	
01-3-815-000	Estimated Revenue		0.00
01-3-830-000	Appropriations		0.00
01-3-880-000	Budgetary Fund Balance		0.00
01-3-890-000	Budgetary Control		0.00
01-3-910-000	Revenue		0.00
01-3-930-000	Expenditures (Control)		0.00

FUND 01

1,122,571.72	-1,122,571.72
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22-1-040-000	Cash	46,496.65	
22-1-310-102	Water Rates 2002	194.48	
22-1-310-103	Water Rates 2003	1,451.79	
22-1-310-104	WATER RATES 2004	17,409.96	
22-1-310-105	Water Rates 2005	15,450.99	
22-1-310-106	Water Rates 2006	40,026.50	
22-1-310-107	Water Rates 2007	62,525.63	
22-1-310-108	Water Rates 2008	294,252.88	
22-1-330-101	Water Liens - 2001	1,926.83	
22-1-330-102	Water Liens - 2002	853.01	
22-1-330-104	Water Liens - 2004	2,283.87	
22-1-330-105	Water Liens - 2005	8,729.77	
22-1-330-106	Water Liens - 2006	10,924.04	
22-1-330-107	Water Liens - 2007	11,080.11	
22-1-330-108	Water Liens - 2008	31,718.42	
22-2-010-000	Warrants Payable		0.00
22-2-230-000	WD COLLECTOR'S FEES		0.00
22-2-651-000	Def Revenue Water Rates		-431,312.23
22-2-653-000	Def Revenue Water Liens		-67,516.05
22-3-240-000	FB Res for Expenditures		0.00
22-3-590-000	FB Undesignated		-47,466.50
22-3-592-000	APPROPRIATION DEFICIT	969.85	
22-3-830-000	Appropriation		0.00
22-3-880-000	Budgetary Fund Balance		0.00
22-3-910-000	Revenue		0.00
22-3-930-000	Expenditures (Control)		0.00

FUND 22

546,294.78	-546,294.78
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23-1-040-000	Pooled Cash	386,178.99	
23-1-720-040	Chapter 90	266,848.97	
23-1-720-041	Chapter 291B		0.00
23-1-720-042	HIGHWAY LOADER DEBT EXCLU		0.00
23-2-670-000	Def Rev Highway		-266,848.97
23-3-546-000	FB CHAPTER 291		0.00
23-3-547-000	FB CHAPTER 90	13,821.01	
23-3-721-000	Beech Hill Rd Improvement		-400,000.00

FUND 23

666,848.97	-666,848.97
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24-1-040-000	Pooled Cash	128,399.93	
24-3-307-000	Library Building		-313.95
24-3-308-000	Police		-739.78
24-3-518-000	FB FEMA STORM DAMAGE 2007	13,584.06	
24-3-519-000	FB FEMA Snow Grant		-8,621.22
24-3-520-000	FB Arts Council		-3,303.61
24-3-521-000	FB Sale of Lots		-9,654.49
24-3-523-000	EOCD SEPTIC		-36,829.95
24-3-524-000	FB State Aid to Libraries		-15,560.36
24-3-526-000	FB Council on Aging		0.00
24-3-528-000	FB Friends of Library		-87.16
24-3-529-000	FB Bequeath C. Keene		-2,199.51
24-3-530-000	FB Wetland Protection		-2,040.77
24-3-531-000	FB Conservation Fund		-987.50
24-3-532-000	FB Misc. Library		-246.83
24-3-535-000	FIRE SAFETY GRANT FUND BA	1,739.60	
24-3-536-000	FB EXTENDED POLLING HRS		-576.00
24-3-538-000	FB OPEN SPACE GRANT		-500.00
24-3-539-000	FB Comm. Policing Grant		-5,761.91
24-3-540-000	TRUST OF RESERV HIST GRNT		-217.50
24-3-541-000	FB FIRE DEPT REVOLVING		-876.71
24-3-543-000	COA GRANT (NEW)		-157.34
24-3-544-000	PERC TEST REVOLVING		-400.00
24-3-545-000	ELECTRICAL FEE REVOLVING		-955.00
24-3-546-000	PLUMBING FEES REVOLVING		-365.00
24-3-547-000	BUILDING FEES REVOLVING		-3,329.00
24-3-548-000	GATEWY/BLFS SEPTIC PROJEC		-50,000.00
24-3-910-000	REVENUE		0.00
FUND 24		143,723.59	-143,723.59
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31-1-040-000	CASH WATER IMPROV.PROJECT	4,188.68	
31-3-590-000	FB WATER IMP.CAPITAL PROJ		-4,188.68
31-3-910-000	REVENUE CONTROL		0.00
31-3-930-000	EXPENDITURE (CONTROL)		0.00
FUND 31		4,188.68	-4,188.68
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82-1-040-000	Cash Trust Funds	240,357.02	
82-1-050-000	Utley Library Investments	2,604.59	
82-3-590-000	FB Exp. Cemetery 1 & 2		-1,023.01
82-3-590-001	FB Exp. Soenburger Cem.		-1,938.33
82-3-590-002	FB Exp. Susan Tiffany Cem		-37,549.00
82-3-590-004	FB Cemetery Care	31.75	
82-3-590-005	FB Utley Library		-5,704.85
82-3-590-008	FB Exp. Taggart School		-3,190.67
82-3-590-009	FB Nye School		-6,584.72
82-3-590-010	FB Exp. Watson School		-3,312.93
82-3-590-011	FB Exp. Electa-Watson		-24,442.91

82-3-590-012	FB Exp. Arms Bicentennial		-37,938.32
82-3-590-013	Exp. Watson Dean Park		-42,219.81
82-3-590-014	FB Stabilization		-73,089.07
82-3-590-015	FB Exp. Library Building		-3,175.36
82-3-590-016	FB Exp Lot Sale Perp Care		-2,824.38
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FUND 82		242,993.36	-242,993.36
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83-1-040-000	Trust Fund Cash Non-Exp.	37,477.55	
83-1-060-000	Trust Fund Investments	457,967.10	
83-3-401-005	Nonexp. Arms Bicentennial		-14,500.00
83-3-402-005	Nonexp. Watson Dean Park		-223,830.24
83-3-403-005	FB Nonexp. Cemetery 1&2		-10,550.00
83-3-404-005	FB Nonexp. Soenburger Cem		-2,500.00
83-3-405-005	FB Nonexp. Susan Tiffany		-167,261.06
83-3-407-005	FB Nonexp. Cemetery Care		-7,452.00
83-3-408-005	Nonexp. Utley Library		-10,000.00
83-3-409-005	FB Nonexp. Library Bldg.		-1,088.98
83-3-410-005	FB Nonexp. Taggart School		-4,985.95
83-3-411-005	FB Nonexp. Nye School		-1,000.00
83-3-412-005	FB Nonexp. Watson School		-2,965.68
83-3-413-005	FB Nonexp. Electa-Watson		-40,960.74
83-3-414-005	FB Nonexp Lot Sales PCare		-8,350.00
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FUND 83		495,444.65	-495,444.65
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89-1-040-000	Pooled Cash	8,046.70	
89-2-100-000	MV REG MARK FEES		-4,320.43
89-2-210-000	Deputy Collector's Fees		-404.00
89-2-220-000	Extra Police Duty		0.00
89-2-230-000	Collector's Fees		-88.51
89-2-250-000	Town Clerk's Fees		-74.00
89-2-260-000	Police Dept Firearms Fund		-1,275.00
89-2-280-000	Conservation Fees		-20.00
89-2-580-001	Federal Withhold.	86.33	
89-2-580-002	FICA Withhold.		-1,952.69
89-2-580-004	State Withhold.		-586.62
89-2-580-005	Retirement Withhld.	419.77	
89-2-580-006	Grp. Ins. Withhld.	168.45	
89-2-580-011	Other Payroll With.		0.00
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FUND 89		8,721.25	-8,721.25
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90-1-900-000	LOANS AUTHORIZED	350,230.00	
90-1-901-000	LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISSU		-350,230.00
90-1-991-000	Amounts to be provided	4,641,207.93	
90-2-920-000	LANDFILL CAP BOND PAYABLE		-166,400.00
90-2-940-000	WATER BON PAYABLE		-4,549,807.93
90-2-950-000	HIGHWAY LOADER	75,000.00	
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FUND 90		5,066,437.93	-5,066,437.93
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Town of Blandford
GENERAL FUND FY2008
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash Unrestricted Checkng	201,400.96	

Subtotal Cash		201,400.96
Personal Property Tax Receivable:	68,493.51	
Real Estate Tax Receivable:	597,299.05	
Allowance for Abatements:	-168,560.17	
Tax Titles and Possessions:	50,552.65	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable:	90,711.22	
Boat Excise Tax Receivable:	552.12	

Subtotal Taxes		639,048.38
Departmental Receivables		471.29
Prepaid Expenses		3,861.85
Tax Possessions		20,967.90

Total Assets		865,750.38
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LIABILITIES

Def Rev Real & Prop. Tax	-497,232.39
Def Rev Tax Liens	-50,552.65
Def Rev Tax Foreclosures	-20,967.90
Def Rev Motor Vehicle Ex	-90,711.22
Def Rev Departmental	-471.29
Def Rev Farm Animal	-552.12

Subtotal Liabilities	-660,487.57

FUND BALANCE

FB Res for Encumbrances	-21,125.03
FB Res for Expenditures	-27,500.00
FB Undesignated Fund Bal	-242,601.97
FB Unres Approp Deficits	33,583.97
FB Res. for Snow & Ice	52,380.22

Subtotal Fund Balance	-205,262.81

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-865,750.38
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Town of Blandford
OTHER FUNDS FY2008
BALANCE SHEET

FUND 22

ASSETS

Cash	46,496.65
Water Rates 2002	194.48
Water Rates 2003	1,451.79
WATER RATES 2004	17,409.96
Water Rates 2005	15,450.99
Water Rates 2006	40,026.50
Water Rates 2007	62,525.63
Water Rates 2008	294,252.88
Water Liens - 2001	1,926.83
Water Liens - 2002	853.01
Water Liens - 2004	2,283.87
Water Liens - 2005	8,729.77
Water Liens - 2006	10,924.04
Water Liens - 2007	11,080.11
Water Liens - 2008	31,718.42

Total Assets	545,324.93
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LIABILITIES

Def Revenue Water Rates	-431,312.23
Def Revenue Water Liens	-67,516.05

Subtotal Liabilities	-498,828.28
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FUND BALANCE

FB Undesignated	-47,466.50
APPROPRIATION DEFICIT	969.85

Subtotal Fund Balance	-46,496.65
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Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-545,324.93
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FUND 23

ASSETS

Pooled Cash	386,178.99
Chapter 90	266,848.97

Total Assets	653,027.96
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LIABILITIES

Def Rev Highway	-266,848.97
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Subtotal Liabilities	-266,848.97
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FUND BALANCE

FB CHAPTER 90	13,821.01
Beech Hill Rd Improvement	-400,000.00

Subtotal Fund Balance	-386,178.99
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Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-653,027.96	=====
FUND 24		
ASSETS		
Pooled Cash	128,399.93	-----
Total Assets	128,399.93	=====
FUND BALANCE		
Library Building	-313.95	
Police	-739.78	
FB FEMA STORM DAMAGE 2007	13,584.06	
FB FEMA Snow Grant	-8,621.22	
FB Arts Council	-3,303.61	
FB Sale of Lots	-9,654.49	
EOCD SEPTIC	-36,829.95	
FB State Aid to Libraries	-15,560.36	
FB Friends of Library	-87.16	
FB Bequeath C. Keene	-2,199.51	
FB Wetland Protection	-2,040.77	
FB Conservation Fund	-987.50	
FB Misc. Library	-246.83	
FIRE SAFETY GRANT FUND BA	1,739.60	
FB EXTENDED POLLING HRS	-576.00	
FB OPEN SPACE GRANT	-500.00	
FB Comm. Policing Grant	-5,761.91	
TRUST OF RESERV HIST GRNT	-217.50	
FB FIRE DEPT REVOLVING	-876.71	
COA GRANT (NEW)	-157.34	
PERC TEST REVOLVING	-400.00	
ELECTRICAL FEE REVOLVING	-955.00	
PLUMBING FEES REVOLVING	-365.00	
BUILDING FEES REVOLVING	-3,329.00	
GATEWAY/BLFS SEPTIC PROJEC	-50,000.00	-----
Subtotal Fund Balance	-128,399.93	-----
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-128,399.93	=====
FUND 31		
ASSETS		
CASH WATER IMPROV.PROJECT	4,188.68	-----
Total Assets	4,188.68	=====
FUND BALANCE		
FB WATER IMP.CAPITAL PROJ	-4,188.68	-----
Subtotal Fund Balance	-4,188.68	-----
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-4,188.68	=====
FUND 82		
ASSETS		

Cash Trust Funds	240,357.02
Utlely Library Investments	2,604.59

Total Assets	242,961.61
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FUND BALANCE	
FB Exp. Cemetery 1 & 2	-1,023.01
FB Exp. Soenburger Cem.	-1,938.33
FB Exp. Susan Tiffany Cem	-37,549.00
FB Cemetery Care	31.75
FB Utlely Library	-5,704.85
FB Exp. Taggart School	-3,190.67
FB Nye School	-6,584.72
FB Exp. Watson School	-3,312.93
FB Exp. Electa-Watson	-24,442.91
FB Exp. Arms Bicentennial	-37,938.32
Exp. Watson Dean Park	-42,219.81
FB Stabilization	-73,089.07
FB Exp. Library Building	-3,175.36
FB Exp Lot Sale Perp Care	-2,824.38

Subtotal Fund Balance	-242,961.61

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-242,961.61
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FUND 83

ASSETS

Trust Fund Cash Non-Exp.	37,477.55
Trust Fund Investments	457,967.10

Total Assets	495,444.65
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FUND BALANCE

Nonexp. Arms Bicentennial	-14,500.00
Nonexp. Watson Dean Park	-223,830.24
FB Nonexp. Cemetery 1&2	-10,550.00
FB Nonexp. Soenburger Cem	-2,500.00
FB Nonexp. Susan Tiffany	-167,261.06
FB Nonexp. Cemetery Care	-7,452.00
Nonexp. Utlely 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	-40,960.74
FB Nonexp Lot Sales PCare	-8,350.00

Subtotal Fund Balance	-495,444.65

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-495,444.65
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FUND 89

ASSETS

Pooled Cash	8,046.70

Total Assets	8,046.70
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LIABILITIES

MV REG MARK FEES	-4,320.43
Deputy Collector's Fees	-404.00
Collector's Fees	-88.51
Town Clerk's Fees	-74.00
Police Dept Firearms Fund	-1,275.00
Conservation Fees	-20.00
Federal Withhold.	86.33
FICA Withhold.	-1,952.69
State Withhold.	-586.62
Retirement Withhld.	419.77
Grp. Ins. Withhld.	168.45

Subtotal Liabilities	-8,046.70

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-8,046.70
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FUND 90

ASSETS

LOANS AUTHORIZED	350,230.00
LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISSU	-350,230.00
Amounts to be provided	4,641,207.93

Total Assets	4,641,207.93
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LIABILITIES

LANDFILL CAP BOND PAYABLE	-166,400.00
WATER BON PAYABLE	-4,549,807.93
HIGHWAY LOADER	75,000.00

Subtotal Liabilities	-4,641,207.93

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-4,641,207.93
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Town of Blandford
FY2008 Expense Report (All Entries) - General Fund

Expense Category / Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% Exp
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>							
Moderator's Salary 015114-000		48.00		48.00	45.00	3.00	94
Selectmen's Salaries 015122-000		4,456.00		4,456.00	4,111.21	344.79	92
Selectmen's Secretary 015122-001		6,313.00		6,313.00	6,313.00		100
Selectmen's Expense 015122-002		1,800.00		1,800.00	306.22	1,493.78	17
Finance Committee 015131-000		245.00		245.00		245.00	0
Reserve Account 015132-000	10,000.00			10,000.00		10,000.00	0
Town Accountant Salary 015135-000		9,077.00		9,077.00	9,077.00		100
Town Accountant's Expe 015135-001		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,449.56	50.44	97
Town Accountants Compu 015135-002	15,000.00			15,000.00		15,000.00	0
Assessor's Salaries 015141-000		4,195.00		4,195.00	4,194.99	0.01	100
Assessor's Expense 015141-001		7,000.00	750.00	7,750.00	7,835.96	(85.96)	101
Assessor's Clerk Salar 015141-002		10,995.00		10,995.00	10,405.00	590.00	95
Assessors Contract Ser 015142-000		23,600.00	(750.00)	22,850.00	21,666.67	1,183.33	95
Treasurer's Salary 015145-000		7,769.00		7,769.00	7,769.00		100
Treasurer's Clerk 015145-001		831.00		831.00	518.00	313.00	62
Treasurer's Expense 015145-002		2,650.00		2,650.00	2,187.47	462.53	83
Tax Title Legal Fees 015145-005		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00	0
Tax Collector's Salary 015146-000		12,890.00		12,890.00	12,890.00		100
Tax Collector's Expens 015146-001		15,000.00		15,000.00	9,807.27	5,192.73	65
Town Counsel 015151-000		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,165.62	(165.62)	102
Town Clerk's Salary 015161-000		3,247.00		3,247.00	3,247.00		100
Town Clerk's Expense 015161-001		769.00		769.00	269.58	499.42	35
Street & Dog List Sala 015161-002		515.00		515.00	515.00		100
Street & Dog List Expe 015161-003		256.00		256.00	253.00	3.00	99
Vital Statistics Salar 015161-004		27.00		27.00	27.00		100
Election & Registratio 015162-000		1,824.00		1,824.00	1,375.61	448.39	75
Bd of Registrars Salar 015163-000		53.00		53.00	53.00		100
Conservation Commissio 015171-000		2,000.00		2,000.00	820.34	1,179.66	41
ENCUMB. CONSERVATION F 015171-999	349.98			349.98	349.98		100
Conservation Maps 015173-000		250.00		250.00		250.00	0
Planning Board 015175-000		400.00		400.00	401.81	(1.81)	100
Zoning Board of Appeal 015176-000		375.00		375.00	20.00	355.00	5
Town Office Expense 015192-000		21,000.00	2,000.00	23,000.00	26,497.91	(3,497.91)	115
Town Insurance 015192-009		34,500.00	(4,940.00)	29,560.00	25,671.00	3,889.00	87
Town Reports Salary 015195-000		622.00		622.00	662.00	(40.00)	106
Town Reports Expenses 015195-001		700.00		700.00	529.50	170.50	76
TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN EX 015195-002		1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00	0
Town Administrator 015196-000		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00		100
Audit - Town Records 015199-000		18,000.00		18,000.00	13,500.00	4,500.00	75
ENCUMB AUDIT-TOWN RECO 015199-998	4,000.00			4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	50
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	29,349.98	229,407.00	(2,940.00)	255,816.98	204,934.70	50,882.28	80
<u>PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>							
Police Salaries 015210-000		6,920.00		6,920.00	6,157.00	763.00	89
Police Expense 015210-001		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,735.55	(735.55)	112
Fire Chief Salary 015220-000		1,075.00	(1,074.00)	1.00		1.00	0

Expense Category / Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% Exp
Forest Warden Salary 015220-002		547.00	(546.00)	1.00		1.00	0
Fire Dept. Utilities 015220-003		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00		100
Fire Dept. Maint/Repai 015220-004		6,000.00	1,620.00	7,620.00	7,620.00		100
Radio Maintenance 015220-005		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		100
Dispatch 911 015220-007		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,436.66	63.34	99
Fire Training/Supplies 015220-008		10,168.00		10,168.00	10,168.00		100
Fire Gas/Oil 015220-009		1,000.00		1,000.00	443.74	556.26	44
ENCUMB. FIRE DEPT 015220-999	6,269.00			6,269.00	6,269.00		100
Hilltown Comm. Ambulan 015231-000		10,965.00		10,965.00	10,962.40	2.60	100
Building Insp. Salary 015241-000		1,266.00		1,266.00	920.00	346.00	73
Plumbing Insp Salary 015243-000		52.00		52.00	52.00		100
Electrical Insp Salary 015245-000		52.00		52.00	52.00		100
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		791.00		791.00	791.00		100
Dog Officer Expense 015292-003		300.00		300.00		300.00	0
Tree Warden Salary 015294-000		1,055.00		1,055.00	1,055.00		100
Tree Warden Expense 015294-001		400.00		400.00	400.00		100
Tree Warden Outside Sv 015294-002		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,632.87	367.13	95
TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY	6,269.00	65,191.00	0.00	71,460.00	69,695.22	1,764.78	98
EDUCATION							
GATEWAY REG SCHOOL DIS 015300-000		1,510,328.00		1,510,328.00	1,510,328.00		100
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION 015301-000		64,050.00		64,050.00	91,700.00	(27,650.00)	143
TOTAL EDUCATION	0.00	1,574,378.00	0.00	1,574,378.00	1,602,028.00	(27,650.00)	102
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES							
Highway Salaries 015422-000		96,500.00	(1,600.00)	94,900.00	96,249.62	(1,349.62)	101
Highway Overtime Salar 015422-001		3,848.00		3,848.00	2,991.10	856.90	78
Highway Expenses 015422-002		121,000.00		121,000.00	115,219.82	5,780.18	95
Salt & Sand 015422-005		25,600.00		25,600.00	74,063.85	(48,463.85)	289
Highway P/T Salaries 015422-008		6,125.00	1,600.00	7,725.00	7,647.50	77.50	99
Snow & Ice Labor 015422-011		28,000.00		28,000.00	31,916.37	(3,916.37)	114
Street Lights 015424-000		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,333.90	166.10	96
Transfer Station Salar 015433-000		6,490.00		6,490.00	6,547.50	(57.50)	101
Cartage/Tipping 015433-001		40,000.00		40,000.00	39,020.49	979.51	98
Transfer St Expenses 015433-002		23,000.00		23,000.00	23,000.00		100
Cemetery Commission 015491-000		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,489.96	10.04	100
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	0.00	357,563.00	0.00	357,563.00	403,480.11	(45,917.11)	113
HUMAN SERVICES							
Board of Health Salari 015510-000		2,225.00		2,225.00	1,481.00	744.00	67
Bd of Health Sec. Sala 015510-001		2,156.00	749.00	2,905.00	2,905.00		100
BOH Expenses 015510-003		11,675.00		11,675.00	9,642.55	2,032.45	83
Lee Visiting Nurses 015522-000		3,700.00		3,700.00	3,585.00	115.00	97

Expense Category / Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% Exp
Council on Aging Expen 015541-001		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,447.72	152.28	90
Veterans Administratio 015543-000		750.00	265.00	1,015.00	1,015.00		100
Veteran's Benefits 015543-001		300.00		300.00	300.00		100
Memorial Day 015543-004		600.00		600.00	600.00		100
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	0.00	23,006.00	1,014.00	24,020.00	20,976.27	3,043.73	87
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>							
Library Salaries 015610-000		19,858.00		19,858.00	19,490.00	368.00	98
Library Expenses 015610-001		16,795.00		16,795.00	16,417.53	377.47	98
Park & Recreation 015630-000		500.00		500.00		500.00	0
Town Common 015650-000		300.00		300.00	300.00		100
Historical Commission 015651-000		900.00		900.00	440.00	460.00	49
ENCUMBER HISTORICAL CO 015651-999	500.00			500.00		500.00	0
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	500.00	38,353.00	0.00	38,853.00	36,647.53	2,205.47	94
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>							
Long Term Debt Interes 015751-000		20,919.60		20,919.60	20,919.60		100
Temporary Loan Interes 015752-000		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00	0
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	0.00	25,919.60	0.00	25,919.60	20,919.60	5,000.00	81
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES</u>							
St Assmnt MV Ex Tax Bi 015821-000		580.00		580.00	2,200.00	(1,620.00)	379
St Assmnt Air Pollutio 015822-000		314.00		314.00	314.00		100
PIONEER PLANNING COMM 015823-000		185.00		185.00	182.10	2.90	98
St. Assmt. Reg. Transi 015835-000		1,467.00		1,467.00	1,467.00		100
School Choice Send Tui 015836-000		2,912.00		2,912.00		2,912.00	0
STRAP REPAY 015840-000		7,574.00		7,574.00	7,574.00		100
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES	0.00	13,032.00	0.00	13,032.00	11,737.10	1,294.90	90
<u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</u>							
Hampden County Retirem 015911-000		28,055.00		28,055.00	28,055.00		100
Worker's Compensation 015912-000		6,000.00		6,000.00	2,607.00	3,393.00	43
Unemployment Compensat 015913-000		4,000.00	2,675.00	6,675.00	6,675.00		100
Group Insurance 015914-000		39,000.00		39,000.00	34,839.44	4,160.56	89
FICA - Town Share 015919-000		20,000.00		20,000.00	14,743.03	5,256.97	74
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	0.00	97,055.00	2,675.00	99,730.00	86,919.47	12,810.53	87
TOTAL EXPENSES:	36,118.98	2,423,904.60	749.00	2,460,772.58	2,457,338.00	3,434.58	100

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)				94,127.89	(94,127.89)	0
Real Estate Taxes (01-4-120-000)				1,390,801.11	(1,390,801.11)	0
Motor Vehicle Excise (01-4-150-000)	150,000.00		150,000.00	142,956.23	7,043.77	95
Penalty & Int. on Taxes (01-4-171-000)	5,000.00		5,000.00	13,234.57	(8,234.57)	265
Penalty & Int. Excise (01-4-172-000)				1,351.38	(1,351.38)	0
In Lieu of Taxes (01-4-180-000)	130,000.00		130,000.00	159,197.96	(29,197.96)	122
TOTAL TAXES and EXCISES:	285,000.00	0.00	285,000.00	1,801,669.14	(1,516,669.14)	632
<u>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE</u>						
Fees - Fire Dept. (01-4-321-000)	3,500.00		3,500.00	1,037.00	2,463.00	30
Fees - Assessors (01-4-323-000)	1,000.00		1,000.00	567.50	432.50	57
Fees - Dump Stickers (01-4-324-000)	27,000.00		27,000.00	39,190.90	(12,190.90)	145
Fees - Health Board (01-4-325-000)	6,000.00		6,000.00	10,649.37	(4,649.37)	177
Fees - Planning Board (01-4-327-000)	1,000.00		1,000.00	280.00	720.00	28
Fees - Conservation Comm. (01-4-328-000)	1,000.00		1,000.00	262.50	737.50	26
Fees - Town Clerk (01-4-329-000)	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,977.00	(477.00)	132
Fees - Zoning Board (01-4-330-000)	1,000.00		1,000.00	60.00	940.00	6
Police Revolving Surcharg (01-4-331-000)				1,650.00	(1,650.00)	0
Rentals (01-4-360-000)	5,000.00		5,000.00	10,643.79	(5,643.79)	213
Licenses - Liquor (01-4-410-000)	2,000.00		2,000.00	750.00	1,250.00	38
Permits - Building Dept. (01-4-450-000)	2,000.00		2,000.00	340.00	1,660.00	17
Permits - Police Dept. (01-4-451-000)	4,000.00		4,000.00	1,483.50	2,516.50	37
Permits - Plumbing (01-4-452-000)	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	0
Permits - Wiring (01-4-453-000)	2,000.00		2,000.00	160.00	1,840.00	8
Permits - Other (01-4-454-000)	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	0
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE:	61,000.00	0.00	61,000.00	69,051.56	(8,051.56)	113
<u>STATE REVENUE</u>						
Abatements Vets, Blind, S.S (01-4-615-000)	3,475.00		3,475.00	1,638.00	1,837.00	47
Abatements to the Elderly (01-4-616-000)	2,520.00		2,520.00	2,520.00		100
Lottery Aid (01-4-661-000)	157,015.00		157,015.00	157,015.00		100
Chapter 70 School Aid (01-4-662-000)	34,066.00		34,066.00	34,066.00		100
CS STATE OWNED LAND (01-4-664-000)	12,285.00		12,285.00	12,285.00		100
Veterans Benefits (01-4-667-000)				675.00	(675.00)	0
TOTAL STATE REVENUE:	209,361.00	0.00	209,361.00	208,199.00	1,162.00	99
<u>OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV</u>						
Fines - District Court (01-4-771-000)	7,000.00		7,000.00	13,330.32	(6,330.32)	190
TOTAL OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV:	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	13,330.32	(6,330.32)	190
<u>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES</u>						
Earnings of Investments (01-4-820-000)	15,000.00		15,000.00	17,537.35	(2,537.35)	117
Miscellaneous Revenue (01-4-840-000)				898.10	(898.10)	0

FY2008 Revenue Report (All Entries) - General Fund

Revenue Category / Account	Estimated Revenue	Revenue Revisions	Revised Estimated Rev.	Actual Revenue	Balance	% Rec
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	18,435.45	(3,435.45)	123
TOTAL REVENUES:	577,361.00	0.00	577,361.00	2,110,685.47	(1,533,324.47)	366
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Town of Blandford
FY2008 Expenses Report (All Entries) - Other Funds

Fund Number / Expense Account		Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
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FUND 22							
Water Dept Supt Salary	225450-000		28,080.00		28,080.00	28,080.00	
Water Dept Clerk	225450-001		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Water Dept Utilities	225450-002		41,400.00		41,400.00	41,400.00	
Water Dept Back Up Supt.	225450-003		3,744.00		3,744.00	416.00	3,328.00
Water Dept Chemicals	225450-004		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,408.12	591.88
Water Dept Breaks	225450-005		35,000.00		35,000.00	35,000.00	
Water Dept Testing	225450-006		10,000.00		10,000.00	8,614.03	1,385.97
Water Dept System Repairs	225450-007		10,126.00	13,282.00	23,408.00	23,408.00	
Water Dept Loan	225450-008		8,402.00		8,402.00	8,402.00	
Water Dept. Office Expens	225450-010		1,750.00		1,750.00	989.62	760.38
Water Dept. Secr. Salary	225450-011		6,000.00	500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Water Dept. Equip Repairs	225450-012		3,000.00		3,000.00	247.00	2,753.00
Water Dept. Legal Fees	225450-013		3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00
Software/Support	225450-015		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Water Commissioner Salary	225450-017		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,017.89	982.11
Water Education & Train.	225450-018		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,564.00	436.00
Water Dept. Supplies	225450-019		5,000.00		5,000.00	2,895.85	2,104.15
Water Dept. Other Labor	225450-020		10,000.00	3,000.00	13,000.00	12,557.00	443.00
Field Commissioner Salary	225450-025		8,400.00		8,400.00	9,153.85	(753.85)
Insurance	225450-026		12,500.00		12,500.00	8,733.63	3,766.37
Workers Comp/DUA	225450-027		5,000.00	(3,500.00)	1,500.00		1,500.00
ENCUMBER WATER SYS UPGRAD	225450-998	48,179.00			48,179.00	19,651.44	28,527.56
Water Proj Short Term Int	225460-000		13,282.00	(13,282.00)			
WATER LOAN PHASE I	225470-000		80,218.00		80,218.00	80,218.00	
WATER LOAN PHASE II	225480-000		70,698.00		70,698.00	70,698.00	
WATER LOAN PHASE III	225481-000		85,000.00		85,000.00	80,204.05	4,795.95
WATER LOAN PHASE IV	225482-000		47,536.00		47,536.00	47,536.00	
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TOTAL FUND 22:		48,179.00	510,136.00	0.00	558,315.00	503,194.48	55,120.52
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FUND 31							
WATER ENG. SERV. PHASE 3	315110-301					350,176.60	(350,176.60)
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TOTAL FUND 31:		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350,176.60	(350,176.60)
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TTL OTHER FUND EXPENSES:		48,179.00	510,136.00	0.00	558,315.00	853,371.08	(295,056.08)
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Town of Blandford
FY2008 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)				295,843.85	(295,843.85)
Penalty & Int. on Water (22-4-170-000)				18,175.59	(18,175.59)
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS (22-4-820-000)				175.44	(175.44)
TOTAL FUND 22:	0.00	0.00	0.00	314,194.88	(314,194.88)
<u>FUND 24</u>					
TOTAL FUND 24:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>FUND 31</u>					
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS (31-4-820-000)				2,017.93	(2,017.93)
TOTAL FUND 31:	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,017.93	(2,017.93)
TTL OTHER FUND BALANCES:	0.00	0.00	0.00	316,212.81	(316,212.81)
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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

CASH ON HAND 07-01-2007	\$	577,024.01	WARRANTS FY 2008	\$3,753,398.37
RECEIPTS FY 2008		3,860,065.71	CASH ON HAND 06-30-08	683,691.35

TOWN DEBT

LOADER - APPROVED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 2007, \$75,000
 FIRST PAYMENT DUE FY2009, PRINCIPAL \$20,000, INTEREST \$531.37
 ANTICIPATED PAYMENT DUE FY2010, PRINCIPAL \$20,000, INTEREST 1364.00

WATER LOAN for CONSTRUCTION OF CHLORINE CT REACTION PIPE
 FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION BOND \$129,000.00 @4.875% FOR 29 YEARS
 PAYMENT #14 DUE FY 2010 PRINCIPAL \$3,923.62 INTEREST \$4,478.38

LANDFILL CAP-\$249,600 FINANCED BY STATE HOUSE NOTES FOR 24 YEARS BEGINNING FY2001@ 5.95%
 INTEREST DUE FY 2010 \$9,282.00 – PRINCIPAL REDUCTION \$10,400.00

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- APPROVED AMOUNT AT TOWN MEETING \$6,531,060. ADDITIONAL AMOUNT APPROVED 1,600,000
- RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS RECEIVED \$3,475,937.00.
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- PERM BOND FOR PHASE 1, GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,183,803 @ 4.375% FOR 38 YEARS
 FIFTH PAYMENT DUE 6/8/2010 \$44,976.66 INTEREST, \$31,153.00 PRINCIPAL

PERM BOND FOR PHASE 2 GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,288,697 @ 4.5% FOR 39 YEARS
 FIFTH PAYMENT DUE 12/16/09 \$15,152.90 PRINCIPAL, \$55,545.10 INTEREST

PERM BOND FOR PHASE 3 GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,300,623 @ 4.375% FOR 38 YEARS
 THIRD PAYMENT DUE 8/27/09 \$14,382.17 PRINCIPAL, \$55,721.83 INTEREST

PERM BOND FOR PHASE 4 GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$882,000 @ 4.125% FOR 39 YEARS
 THIRD PAYMENT DUE 6/12/10 \$22,616 PRINCIPAL, \$57,132.68 INTEREST

SECURITIES, TRUST FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS

Library Building Fund	4,719.82	Taggart School Fund	7,931.53
Robert A. Arms			
Bicentennial Park Fund	52,592.07	Watson School Fund	4,645.83
Susan Tiffany Stock Dividend Fund	71,092.74	Nye School Fund	7,584.72
Electa Watson Stock Dividend Fund	27,923.91	Sornberger Cemetery Fund	1,948.45
Watson Park Dividend Fund	42,365.27	Stabilization Fund	113,672.79
Cemetery 1 & 2 Fund	1,700.03	Cemetery Care Fund	100.00
Water Department Enterprise Fund	11,880.17	Lot Sale Perpetual Care Fund	1,733.35
Septic Repair Grant Fund	36,986.80		
Wallace Dean Watson Fund - Bank of America, Trustees Book Value as of 6/30/08			223,830.24
Uteley Library Fund - In Custody of Library Trustees			

SECURITIES, TRUSTS AND OTHER FUNDS

CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>
Sarah Shepard	100.00
Frank Terrel	100.00
O.B. Brockett & Maria Knox	100.00
C. Hall, Henry or H.C. Moore	150.00
Susan & Belle Tiffany	1,000.00
James Babb	102.00
Maria Sennet	100.00
Lester Moore	100.00
Sylvester Peebles	100.00
Noah Nye	100.00
Alman W. Lloyd	500.00
John B. Riley	100.00
William Bates	100.00
Elisha Walker Shepard	1,000.00
Seymour Babb	100.00
Wallace Heady	100.00
Franklin J. Hall	100.00
George B.S. Lloyd	100.00
Lester W. Lloyd	50.00
Grace E. Raymond	100.00
Dennison Loomis	100.00
Taggart Prentice	200.00
Fayette E. Sheldon	100.00
H.L. Hayden	300.00
Berta E. Cross	200.00
Albert D. Snow	50.00
Winfield D. Healy	150.00
Nora Babb	100.00
C.R. Ripley	200.00
Mordecai Babb	300.00
C.W. Bates	100.00
Anna M. Hiland	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Weed	50.00
M.D. & B.T. Sornborger	300.00
Charles W. Shepard	100.00
Achsah Shepard	100.00
Frank B. Cook	100.00
Percy Richard	100.00
William Keene	100.00
Leslie A. & Anna S. Miller	200.00
Charles D. & Barbara R. Wilson	100.00
Benjamin Scott	150.00
Total (Cemetery Care)	\$ 7,602.00

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>
Camilla A. Tiffany	1,000.00
Julette Lloyd	200.00
Henry Blair	100.00
Electa B. Watson	1,000.00
George D. Lloyd	100.00
Percy Shurtleff	50.00
Edna Lloyd	500.00
Hattie Herrick Brockett	100.00
Katherine Loomis Keene	100.00
Anna & Amos Loomis, Sr.	100.00
Frederick Ebel	100.00
Jackson & Robert Kraushar	200.00
Irving Bryan	100.00
Sven & Mae Anderson	200.00
Vernon & Florence Bodurtha	200.00
Howard & Christine Wyman	100.00
North Blandford Old Home Day and Lorinda Gibbs	100.00
Mildred H. Mason	500.00
Harold G. & Hazel I. Wyman	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Waite	300.00
Ester & David Ripley	100.00
Mark B. Cloutier	200.00
Pauline S. Kuznicki	100.00
Sarah H. Robbins	100.00
Harold Gibbs	500.00
Ernest C. & Ruby J. Wyman	250.00
Elwin W. & Ruth E. Wyman	250.00
Milton Ripley	500.00
Richard Robinson	500.00
John & Thelma Lathrop	200.00
Winifred Arms	2,500.00
Total (Cemetery 1&2)	10,550.00
Mr. & Mrs. L.M. Sornborger	2,500.00
Susan B. Tiffany	1,826.00
Lot Sale Perpetual Care Principal	7,875.00

ELECTA WATSON SCHOOL FUND-STOCKS:

723	Shares AT&T
85	Shares Qwest
168	Shares Verizon
105	Shares Vodaphone (New)
108	Shares Comcast

Value of Fund \$36,497.57
(6/30/08)

SUSAN TIFFANY CEMETARY FUND STOCKS:

292	Shares AT&T
102	Shares St. Paul/Travelers
70	Shares Verizon
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
43	Shares Vodaphone
32	Shares Comcast

Value of Fund \$137,657.29
(6/30/08)

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne M. Holliday, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The following is the birth, deaths and marriages for Blandford in 2008.

Births:

Son of Todd & Korena Paterson born January 17, 2008
Son of Roy & Lori Squires born February 25, 2008
Daughter of Adam & Jacqueline Dolby born September 29, 2008
Son of Leonard & Heidi Stetz born November 14, 2008
Son of James & Kathleen Stockseth born December 9, 2008

Deaths:

Wendy Rebecca Switzer, age 34, died January 15, 2008
Helen Christina Barnoski, age 86, died January 19, 2008
John L. Lemme, Jr., age 87, died February 28, 2008
Ingerid Pomeroy, age 96, died May 9, 2008
Charles Robert Mitchell, age 87, died May 19, 2008
Maude M. Olmedo, age 88, died August 27, 2008
Brady David Squires, age 6 mth, died September 18, 2008
Robert J. Sansoucy, age 70, died October 6, 2008
May V. Motherway, age 90, died November 12, 2008

Marriages:

Aaron Thomas Noe to Delaney Ann Grant, October 5, 2008

The total population in Blandford as of December 31, 2008 was 1097. This consists of 837 active voters, 69 inactive voters, and 191 non voters.

Respectfully submitted,
Staci Iglesias

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Blandford Water Commissioners are pleased to report that we are finally fully on line with the Long Pond Filtration Plant. During this past year we experienced some serious water breaks that required extensive repairs. However our team handled everything as promptly as possible.

The Commission has replaced all sensors with radio controlled sensors, which will make the meter reading simpler and less intrusive to homeowners. In addition to replacing the sensors on the outside, our field man needed to check and often adjust the meters in the dwellings. Although most residents were very helpful in providing access to their home, some residents were not available. We ask anyone who has not allowed access to contact the commission and arrange a convenient time to do the work required.

Finally, the commission replaced its software with a far more user-friendly system. As a result we have been able to bill in a timely manner and correct any errors in information which our records carried from previous years. Until all of the meters corrected, we will not be able to bill from meter readings. This should be accomplished in the current fiscal year.

The commissioners wish to thank all water users and residents for their cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bertram
Edward Forish

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board received no applications for special permits or variances.

Respectfully submitted
Sumner Robbins, Acting Chairman
Donald Brainerd, Member
James Kronholm, Alternate
Bruce Cooley, Alternate

**MINUTE OF MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.
TOWN OF BLANDFORD
May 5, 2008**

- 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 2009 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 53F, except to exempt the Water Department from this article since the Town voted on October 26, 1987 to accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F½ for the purpose of establishing a separate account classified as an enterprise fund for the operation of the Water Department..
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 17.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, 2/3 VOTE
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of \$10,000 for the Reserve Account
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize 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 FY09, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Fire Chief.

Amended to:
To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize 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 **\$15,000** in FY09, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Fire Chief.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize a revolving fund for the Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector and Plumbing Inspector, for the purpose of depositing receipts received in connection with inspections and permits issued by such inspectors for the purpose of paying salaries for the Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector, said sum not to exceed \$10,000 in FY09, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize a revolving fund for the Board of Health for the purpose of depositing receipts received in connection with Perk Tests from residents/new home owners for the purpose of paying back the fee to the Board of Health member doing the test, said sum not to exceed \$10,000 in FY09, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Health.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money, **\$866,718**, as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009; and to appropriate the additional sum of \$200,000.00, for the Public Works Department budget, 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.
(See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)

Amended to:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money, **\$854,625**, as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009; and to appropriate the additional sum of \$200,000.00, for the Operating Budget, 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.

(See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of money **\$503,045** to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Amended to:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of money **\$508,045** to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money **\$1,571,608** for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 11:: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money **\$119,540** for the Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 12: The town of Blandford approves the establishment of a stabilization fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., c. 71, s 16G ½ for the Gateway Regional School District.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

There being no further business to come before the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.by unanimous vote.

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
2009 BUDGET

	2008	2009	2009	2009
		REQUESTED	RECOMM	VOTED
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator's Salary	48	48	48	48
Moderator's Expense	0	0	0	0
Selectboard Dept. Salaries	10,769	11,484	4456	4456
Sec			6470	6470
Selectmen's Expenses	1,800	1,800	1800	1800
Finance Committee	245	245	245	245
<i>Reserve Account</i>	10,000			
Accountant Salary	9,077	9,350	9350	9350
Accountant Expenses	1,500	1,500	1500	1500
Assessor's Dept. Salaries	15,190	20,645	4195	4195
Asses. Secretary			11269	11269
Assessor's Expenses	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Assessor's Contract Services	23,600	27,100	27100	27100
Treasurer's Dept. Salaries	8,600	9,000	7769	7769
Clerk's Salary			851	851
Treasurer's Expenses	2,650	2,650	2650	2650
Tax Title Legal Fees	5,000	5,000	5000	5000
Tax Title Custodian	1,500	1,500	1500	1500
Tax Collector's Salary	12,890	13,280	12890	12890
Tax Collector's Expenses	15,000	15,000	10000	10000
Town Counsel	10,000	12,000	12000	12000
Clerk's Salary	3,247	3,247	3247	3247
Town Clerk's Expenses	769	1,000	1000	1000
Street & Dog List Salary	515	515	515	515
Street & Dog List Expenses	256	256	256	256
Vital Statistics Salary	27	27	27	27
Election & Registration	1,824	1,824	1824	1824
Board of Registrar's Salary	53	53	53	53
Conservation Commission	2,000	2,000	2000	2000
Conservation Maps	250	250	250	250
Planning Board	400	400	400	400
Pioneer Valley Plan Com	185	185	185	185
Zoning Board	375	550	300	300
Zoning Sec			250	250
Town Office Expense / Water	21,000	21,000	21000	21000
Computer/Software		1	1	1
Insurance	34,500	34,500	34500	34500
Town Reports Salary	622	622	622	622
Town Reports Expenses	700	700	400	400
Town Administrator Salary	20,000	20,000	20000	20000
Audit - Town Records	18,000	18,000	18000	18000
<i>Encumbered</i>	4,000			
TOTAL GEN GOVERNMENT	243,592	242732	230923	230923

PROTECT, PERS & PROP				
Police Salaries	6,920	10,848	10848	10848
Police Expenses	6,000	9,828	9828	9828
Fire Dept. Salaries	1,622	2,000	2000	2000
Fire Department Expenses	27,168	27,168	27168	27168
Encumbered	6,269			
Ambulance Service	10,965	11,240	11240	11240
Building Inspector Salary	1,266			
Building Inspector Fees	0			
Plumbing Inspector Salary	52			
Plumbing Inspector Fees	0			
Electrical Inspection Salary	52			
Electrical Inspection Fees	0			
Inspector of Animals	500	500	500	500
Emergency Management	100	100	100	100
Dog Officer Salary	791	791	791	791
Dog Officer Expenses	300	300	300	300
Tree Warden Salary	1,055	1086	1055	1055
Tree Warden Expenses	400	1,000	1000	1000
Outside expense	8,000	8,000	8000	8000
TOTAL PROTECT	71,460	72,861	72,830	72,830
PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES				
Highway Salaries	96,500	100,000	100000	100000
Overtime Salaries	3,848	4,000	4000	4000
P/T Salaries	6,125	7,000	7000	7000
Expenses	121,000	125,000	125000	125000
Snow & Ice Labor	28,000	30,000	30000	30000
Sand & Salt	25,600	26,000	26000	26000
Street Lights	4,500	4,500	4500	4500
Transfer Station Salaries	6,490	8,400	8400	8400
Transfer Station Expenses	63,000	75,000	75000	75000
Cemetery Commission	2,500	3,500	3500	3500
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	357,563	383,400	383,400	383,400
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HUMAN SERVICES				
Board of Health Salaries	4,381	5,295	2250	2250
BOH Sec.			2977	2977
Board of Health Expenses	11,675	11,675	11675	11675
Lee Visiting Nurses	3,700	3,885	3700	3700
Council on Aging Expenses	1,600	1,600	1600	1600
Veterans' Administration	750	1,000	1000	1000
Veterans' Benefits	300	1,000	1000	1000
Memorial Day	600	600	600	600
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	23,006	25,055	24,802	24,802
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
Library Salaries	19,858	20,355	20,355	20,355
Library Expenses	16,795	17,245	17,245	17,245
Recreation Committee	500	500	500	500
Town Common	300	500	500	500
Historical Commission	900	900	900	900
TOTAL CULTURE & REC	38,353	39,500	39,500	39,500

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES				
Hampden County Retirement	28,055	22,000	22,000	22,000
Workers' Compensation	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Unemployment Compensation	4,000	7,500	7,500	7,500
Group Insurance	39,000	37,670	37,670	37,670
FICA – Town Share	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Misc. / Debt Service)	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL MISC. EXPENSES	102,055	103,170	103,170	103,170
TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS	836,029	866,718	854,625	854,625

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.
TOWN OF BLANDFORD
May 12, 2008

- Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum, not to exceed \$15,000 for the purchase of new accounting/treasurer software.
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$1,074.00 from the Fire Chief Salary line item to Fire Department expenses.
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.
- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$546.00 from the Forest Warden salary line item to Fire Department expenses.
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.
- Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to determine certain tangible property to be surplus and no longer useful to the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of that surplus tangible property through competitive sealed bids, public auction, or established markets; or take any other action relative thereto. (see attached lists)
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.
- Article 5: To see if the town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$2,500 to pay for the towns share of a Firefighters Assistance grant or take any action relative thereto.
PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 10, 2008**

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	Planning Board for Two Years Vote for One	Vote
*FRANK BURKOTT, Otis Stage Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	74	**ROBERT NICHOLS, Main St.	111
*EDNA WILANDER, Maple Ln.	193		
Board of Health for Three Years Vote for One	Vote	Selectmen for Three Years Vote for One	Vote
*KATHRYN FLETCHER, North Blandford Rd "Candidate for Re-election"	224	*FRANK BURKOTT, Otis Stage Rd.	59
*WILLIAM LEVAKIS, Russell Stage Rd	45	*THEODORE JENSEN, Chester Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	207
Cemetery Commissioner for Three Years Vote for One	Vote	School Committee for Three Years Vote for One	Vote
		*FRANCES JENSEN, Chester Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	127
Cemetery Commissioner for Two Years Vote for One	Vote	School Committee for One Year Vote for One	Vote
		*MICHELLE CRANE, North St.	133
Fence Viewer for Three Years Vote for One	Vote	Tax Collector of Three Years Vote for One	Vote
*ANDREW IGLESIAS, Beagle Club Rd "Candidate for Re-election"	124	**LAURALEE BERTRAM, Chester Rd.	66
		*LEEANN THOMPSON, Kaolin Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	207
Library Trustee for Three Years Vote for One	Vote	Town Clerk for Three Years Vote for One	Vote
*MARY KRONHOLM, Main St. "Candidate for Re-election"	132	*STACI IGLESIAS, Beagle Club Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	131
Planning Board for Five Years Vote for One	Vote	Water Commissioner for Three Years Vote for One	Vote
RICHARD GATES, Herrick Rd.	119	*EDWARD FORISH, Kaolin Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	190
		*WILLIAM LEVAKIS, Russell Stage Rd.	71

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
JUNE 26, 2008

RESULTS

TO VOTE, MARK A CROSS (X) ON THE LINE TO THE RIGHT OF THE ANSWER

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

Question 1:

Shall the Town of Blandford be allowed to assess an additional \$200,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

YES 66

NO 108

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BLANDFORD
June 30, 2008

- Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$10,114 from the Water Loan Phase I item to Water Loan Phase IV.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$1348.50 from the Water Loan Phase III item to Water Loan Phase IV.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE
- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$3,000 from the Water Workers Comp. item to Water Dept. Other Labor.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE
- Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$500 from the Water Workers Comp. item to Water Dept. Secretary Salary.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE
- Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$750 from the Assessors Contract Services item to Assessors Expense.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE
- Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$1600 from the Highway Salaries item to Highway part time salaries.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE
- Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$2,675 from the Town Insurance item to Unemployment Compensation.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE
- Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$500 from the Assessors Contract Services item to Assessors Expense.
TABLED
- Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$2000 from the Town Insurance item to Town office expense.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE
- Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$265 from the Town Insurance item to Veteran's Benefits.
PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.
TOWN OF BLANDFORD
July 21, 2008

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money, **\$624,625**, as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 or take any other action relative thereto. (see column C in worksheet handout)

Amended:

To vote to rescind the vote taken at annual town meeting, May 5, 2008, Article 8 for **\$854,625** and vote to raise and appropriate **\$624,625**, to defray the expenses of the Town budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009. (column C)

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$230,000.00, for the Operating Budget, for the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 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. (see column F in worksheet handout)

Amended:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$228,875, for the Operating Budget, for the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 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. (column F)

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE, DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR.

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
AUGUST 25, 2008

RESULTS

TO VOTE, MARK A CROSS (X) ON THE LINE TO THE RIGHT OF THE ANSWER

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

Question 1:

Shall the Town of Blandford be allowed to assess an additional \$228,875 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

YES 174

NO 172

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.
TOWN OF BLANDFORD
December 8, 2008

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization a sum of, **\$66,000**, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

2010 WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.
TOWN OF BLANDFORD

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

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Blandford qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Blandford Elementary School on May 4, 2009 next, at 7:30 P.M., then and thereto to act on the following matters:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officials and act thereon; or take any other action relative thereto.

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 2008 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 53F; or take any other action relative thereto.

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, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for the Reserve Account; or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize 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 FY10, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Fire Chief; or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize a revolving fund for the Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector and Plumbing Inspector, for the purpose of depositing receipts received in connection with inspections and permits issued by such inspectors for the purpose of paying salaries for the Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector, said sum not to exceed \$10,000 in FY10, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the appointment by the Board of Health of one of its members to the position of clerk of the Board of Health and to carry out other duties necessary for the Board of Health, including conducting percolation tests, under the supervision of the Board of Health in accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 268A, § 21A, and to set the salary for that position at \$2977, in accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 41, § 4A, or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize a revolving fund for the Board of Health for the purpose of depositing receipts received in connection with Perk Tests from residents/new home owners for the purpose of paying salaries and costs relative to such program back the fee to the Board of Health member doing the test, said sum not to exceed \$10,000 in FY10, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money (\$901,592) as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.
(See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of money \$508,045 to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money \$1,503,451 for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money \$130,955 for the Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money \$22,500 for the transportation expenses for Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$175,000 to purchase a new 2009 Large dump truck with plow and sander; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$175,000 pursuant to G.L. c.44, sec. 7, or any other applicable statutory authority, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this article; provided, however, that the borrowing authorized under this article shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion ballot question in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 21C(k); or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to purchase a new 2009 Truck with utility body, sander and plow; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$75,000 pursuant to G.L. c.44, sec. 7, or any other applicable statutory authority, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this article; provided, however, that the borrowing authorized under this article shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion ballot question in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 21C(k)); or take any other action relative thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 16:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of tangible goods of the Town, not including real estate, no longer useful to the Town but having resale or salvage value, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30B, section 15; or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 17:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to pay for the Town's share of a Firefighters Assistance grant if the grant is awarded to the Town; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Section 1. C&D by inserting the following underlined text and deleting the strikethrough text, as follows:

C. The Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer shall cause their Annual Reports to the Town to be printed for distribution for the use of the inhabitants and made available in the Library and Town offices. The Annual Report shall also be posted on the Town Website.

~~D. The Board of Selectmen shall distribute a town report to every household at least seven (7) days in advance of the Town Meeting.~~

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's general by-laws by adoption of the following bylaw entitled, "Right to Farm By-Law," or take any action relative thereto:

RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

Blandford, Massachusetts

Section 1--Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-Law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9; Chapter 111, Section 125A; and Chapter 128, Section 1A. We the citizens of Blandford restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution ("Home Rule Amendment"). This General By-Law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Blandford by allowing agricultural used and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies.

Section 2—Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of agriculture. The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of soil;
- Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry,
- lumbering, or tree-growing operations;
- Raising of livestock including horses
- Keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise;
- Keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, sheep, ratites (such as emus, ostriches, and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas, alpacas, and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- Control of pests including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators, and disease organisms of plants and animals;
- Application of manure, fertilizers, and pesticides;
- Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment or apparatus owned or leased by the farm or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products;
- On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operation;
- Construction and use of farm structures and facilities for the storage of animal wastes, farm equipment, pesticides, fertilizers, agricultural products and livestock, for the processing of animal wastes and agricultural products, for the sale of agricultural products, and for the use of farm labor, as permitted by local and state building codes and regulations; including construction and maintenance of fences and farm ponds.

Section 3--Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist with the Town of Blandford. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-Law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial and private agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-Law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning By-Law.

Section 4--Disclosure Notification to Real Estate Buyers

In order to allow prospective purchasers to make informed decisions prior to a real estate transaction and to promote harmony between farmers and their new neighbors after a transaction, the Town of Blandford requests selling landholders and/or their agents (and assigns) provide written notice to prospective purchasers substantially as follows: "It is the policy of the Town of Blandford to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers that the property they are about to acquire lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Purchasing, and henceforth occupying land within Blandford means that one should expect and accept such conditions as a normal and necessary aspect of living in Blandford."

Section 5--Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Board of Selectmen may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed-upon time frame. The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed-upon time frame.

Section 6--Severability Clause

If any part of this By-Law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-Law. The Town of Blandford hereby declares the provisions of this By-Law to be severable.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Blandford this 27th day of April, 2009

I have served this Warrant as directed.

Constable

Date

TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS			Town Meeting--May 4, 2009		
	2008	2009	2009	FY'10	FY'2010
	VOTED	REQUESTED	VOTED	REQUESTED	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	BUDGET	TOTAL	DEPT	TOTAL
			BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
					HWM
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator's Salary	48	48	48	48	48
Moderator's Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Selectboard Dept. Salaries	10,769	11,484	4,456	4,456	4,456
Secretary			6,470	6,470	0
Selectmen's Expenses	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Finance Committee	245	245	245	245	245
Reserve Account	10,000		0		0
Accountant Salary	9,077	9,350	9,350	9,600	9,350
Accountant Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,500	1,500
Assessor's Dept. Salaries	15,190	20,645	4,195	4,195	4,195
Assessor's. Secretary			11,269	15,600	11,269
Assessor's Expenses	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,211	7,211
Assessor's Contract Services	23,600	27,100	27,100	28,200	28,200
Treasurer's Dept. Salaries	8,600	9,000	7,769	8,500	7,769
Clerk's Salary			851	850	0
Treasurer's Expenses	2,650	2,650	2,650	5,100	2,650
Tax Title Legal Fees	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Tax Title Custodian	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Tax Collector's Salary	12,890	13,280	12,890	13,212	12,890
Tax Collector's Expenses	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,300	10,300
Tax Title Advertising			1,000	5,000	5,000
Town Counsel	10,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Town Clerk's Salary	3,247	3,247	3,247	3,329	3,247
Town Clerk's Expenses	769	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Street & Dog List Salary	515	515	515	515	515
Street & Dog List Expenses	256	256	256	256	256
Vital Statistics Salary	27	27	27	27	27
Election & Registration	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824
Board of Registrar's Salary	53	53	53	53	53
Conservation Commission	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Conservation Maps	250	250	250	250	250
Planning Board	400	400	400	400	400
Pioneer Valley Plan Com	185	185	185	185	185
Zoning Board	375	550	300	300	300
Zoning Sec			250	250	0
Town Office Expense / Water	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Computer/Software		1	1		1
Insurance	34,500	34,500	34,500	34,500	34,500
Town Reports Salary	622	622	622	622	622
Town Reports Expenses	700	700	400	400	400
Administrative Assistant/Secretary	20,000	20,000	21,200	21,200	7,571
Audit - Town Records	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Encumbered	4,000				
TOTAL GEN GOVERNMENT	243,592	242,732	233,123	249,898	217,534

PROTECT, PERS & PROP					
Police Salaries	6,920	10,848	10,848	10,848	10,848
Police Expenses	6,000	9,828	9,828	10,088	9,828
Fire Dept. Salaries	1,622	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Fire Department Expenses	27,168	27,168	27,168	34,300	27,168
Encumbered	6,269		0		0
Ambulance Service	10,965	11,240	11,240	11,240	12,364
Building Inspector Salary	1,266		0		0
Building Inspector Fees	0		0		0
Plumbing Inspector Salary	52		0		0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	0		0		0
Electrical Inspection Salary	52		0		0
Electrical Inspection Fees	0		0		0
Inspector of Animals	500	500	500	500	500
Emergency Management (expense)	100	100	100	2,100	100
Dog Officer Salary	791	791	791	791	791
Dog Officer Expenses	300	300	300	300	300
Tree Warden Salary	1,055	1,086	1,055	1,055	1,055
Tree Warden Expenses	400	1,000	1,000	500	500
Outside expense	8,000	8,000	8,000	10,000	8,500
TOTAL PROTECT	71,460	72,861	72,830	83,722	73,954
PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES					
Highway Salaries	96,500	100,000	102,500	105,000	102,500
Overtime Salaries	3,848	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
P/T Salaries	6,125	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Expenses	121,000	125,000	149,000	149,000	149,000
Snow & Ice Labor	28,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Sand & Salt	25,600	26,000	47,000	47,000	47,000
Street Lights	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Transfer Station Salaries	6,490	8,400	8,400	8,900	8,400
Transfer Station Expenses	63,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Cemetery Commission	2,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	357,563	383,400	430,900	433,900	430,900
HUMAN SERVICES					
Board of Health Salaries	4,381	5,295	2,250	2,306	2,250
BOH Sec.			2,977	2,977	2,977
Board of Health Expenses	11,675	11,675	11,675	11,675	11,675
Lee Visiting Nurses	3,700	3,885	3,700	3,800	3,800
Council on Aging Expenses	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Veterans' Administration	750	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Veterans' Benefits	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Memorial Day	600	600	600	600	600
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	23,006	25,055	24,802	24,958	24,902
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Library Salaries	19,858	20,355	21,055	21,055	21,055
Library Expenses	16,795	17,245	17,245	18,203	17,677
Recreation Committee	500	500	500	500	500
Town Common	300	500	500	500	500
Historical Commission	900	900	900	900	900
TOTAL CULTURE & REC	38,353	39,500	40,200	41,158	40,632

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES					
Hampden County Retirement	28,055	22,000	22,000	31,120	31,120
Workers' Compensation	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Unemployment Compensation	4,000	7,500	7,500	8,500	8,500
Group Insurance	39,000	37,670	38,942	41,050	41,050
FICA – Town Share	20,000	25,000	25,000	20,000	20,000
Misc. / Debt Service)	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,000	7,000
TOTAL MISC. EXPENSES	102,055	103,170	104,442	113,670	113,670
TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS	836,029	829,718	906,297	947,306	901,592
WATER DEPARTMENT					
Superintendent Salary				28,080	
Clerk Salary				5,000	
Back Up Superintendent Salary				3,744	
Secretary Salary				6,000	
Commissioner Salary				6,000	
Field Commissioner Salary				6,400	
Other Labor Salary				10,000	
Utilities				41,400	
Chemicals				8,000	
Breaks				35,000	
Testing				10,000	
Systems Repairs				23,408	
Loan				8,402	
Office Expenses				1,750	
Equipment Repairs				3,000	
Legal Fees				3,000	
Software/Support				8,000	
Education & Training				2,000	
Supplies				5,000	
Insurance				12,500	
Workers Comp/DUA				5,000	
Loan Phase I				77,493	
Loan Phase II				70,698	
Loan Phase III				70,104	
Loan Phase IV				58,066	
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT EXP.				508,046	

Dear Blandford Taxpayer,

The following information is designed to give the Blandford taxpayer a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities of your Assessors' Office and some information which might be of interest to the taxpayer. It has always been our belief that the taxpayer should be fully aware of how the assessing operations are performed so that they can reassure themselves that they are being treated fairly.

1. WHAT DOES THE ASSESSOR DO?

The Assessor is required by Massachusetts Law to list and value all real and personal property. Valuation is subject to ad valorem taxation on an assessment roll each year. The "ad valorem" basis for taxation means that all property should be taxed "according to value". Assessed values, in Massachusetts, are based on "full and fair cash value", or 100 percent of the fair market value.

Assessors are required to submit these values to the State Department of Revenue for certification every three years. In the years between certification, Assessors must also maintain the values. The Town of Blandford reassesses each and every year, subject to a Massachusetts Department of Revenue statistical review. This is done so that the property taxpayer pays his or her fair share of the cost of local government, in proportion to the amount of money the property is worth, on a yearly basis.

2. WHAT THE ASSESSOR DOES NOT DO.

The Assessor does not raise or lower taxes. The Assessor does not make the laws which affect property owners. The Massachusetts Constitution requires that direct taxes on persons and property be proportionately and reasonably imposed. In addition, the Declaration of Rights, Part I, Article 10, requires each individual to bear his fair share of the public expenses. The Board of Assessors is required to annually assess taxes in an amount sufficient to cover the state and local appropriations chargeable to the Town. These taxes assessed will include state taxes which have been duly certified to the Board and Town taxes voted by the Town (including Proposition 2 1/2).

The Assessors' Office has nothing to do with the total amount of taxes collected. The Assessor's primary responsibility is to find the "full and fair cash value" of your property, so that you may pay only your fair share of the taxes. The tax rate is determined by all the taxing agencies within the Town, and is the basis for the budget needed or demanded by the voters to provide for services, such as schools, roads, law enforcement, etc. Tax rates are simply those rates which will provide funds to pay for those services.

3. WHAT IS PROPOSITION 2 1/2?

Proposition 2 1/2 places constraints on the amount of the levy raised by a city or town and on how much the levy can be increased from year to year. The property tax levy is the revenue a community can raise through real and personal property taxes. In Massachusetts, municipal revenues to support local spending for schools, public safety and other public services are raised through the property tax levy, state aid, local receipts and other sources. The property tax levy is the largest source of revenue for most cities and towns.

A levy limit is a restriction on the amount of property taxes a community can levy. Proposition 2 1/2 established two types of levy limits:

→First, a community cannot levy more than 2.5 percent of the total full and fair cash value of all taxable real estate and personal property in the community. Full and fair cash value limit is sometimes referred to as the levy ceiling.

→Second, a community's levy is also constrained in that it can only increase by a certain amount from year to year. The maximum amount a community can levy in a given year is sometimes referred to as the levy limit. The levy limit will always be below, or at most, equal to the levy ceiling. The levy limit may not exceed the levy ceiling.

Proposition 2 1/2 does provide communities with some flexibility. It is possible for a community to levy above its levy limit or its levy ceiling on a temporary basis (debt exclusion), as well as to increase its levy limit on a permanent basis (override).

New growth becomes part of the levy limit base, and thus increases at the rate 2.5 percent each year as the levy limit increases. Reporting of new growth provides a community with an opportunity to increase its levy limit, which can provide for added budget flexibility in the future. The Board of Assessors is required to report new growth each year as part of setting the tax rate.

This information was taken from the selection "Municipal Finance Knowledgebase" off the Massachusetts Department of Revenue website, referring to "Levy Limits: A Primer on Proposition 2 1/2".

4. HOW IS YOUR ASSESSMENT DETERMINED?

To arrive at "full and fair cash value" for your property, the Assessors must know what "willing sellers" and "willing buyers" are doing in the marketplace. The Assessor also must collect, record and analyze a great deal of information about property and market characteristics in order to estimate the fair market value, including keeping current on cost of construction in the area and any changes in zoning, financing and economic conditions which may affect property values. The Assessor uses the three nationally recognized appraisal approaches to value: cost, income and market. This data is then correlated into a final value.

The object of the valuation program is to estimate "full and fair cash value" as of January 1 (known as the "assessment date") prior to the fiscal year. For example, the assessment date for Fiscal Year 2008 is January 1, 2007.

5. HOW CAN MY TAXES INCREASE?

When additional taxes are voted by the people, an individual's property tax bill will increase. Also, when market value increases, naturally, so does the assessed value. If you were to make improvements to your existing property, for instance: add a garage, add an additional room, the "full and fair cash value" and, therefore, the assessed value would also increase. The Assessor has not created the value. People make the value by their transactions in the marketplace. The Assessor simply has the legal and moral responsibility to study those transactions and appraise your property accordingly.

6. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE ASSESSMENT VALUE OF MY PROPERTY?

If your opinion of the value of your property differs from the assessment value, by all means go to the office and discuss the matter. The Board will be glad to answer your questions about the reassessment procedures. When questioning the assessment value, ask yourself three questions:

- is my data correct?
- Is my value in line with others on the street?
- Is my value in line with recent sale prices in my neighborhood?

Keep in mind what's important: recent sale prices, grade, condition, neighborhood, building type and land area are the most critical factors in the valuation process. There is a variety of information available to help you determine whether your assessment is fair and equitable. The Board will be happy to assist you.

If after discussing the matter with the Board, and researching the assessments of comparable properties, a difference of opinion still exists, you may appeal your assessment to the Board of Assessors by filing an abatement application.

THE APPEAL WINDOW IS ONLY 30 DAYS. Your application must be filed with the Board of Assessors on or before the date the first installment payment of the actual tax bill mailed for the fiscal year is due. Applications for omitted, revised or reassessed taxes must be filed within 3 months of the date the bill for those taxes was mailed. THESE DEADLINES CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN ABATEMENT AND THE ASSESSORS CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE. TO BE TIMELY FILED, YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE (1) RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE OR (2) MAILED BY THE UNITED STATES MAIL, FIRST CLASS POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE PROPER ADDRESS OF THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE AS SHOWN BY A POSTMARK MADE BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

→ You are appealing your assessment, not your taxes.

→ You must pay your taxes pending your appeal

→ Wish to appeal? The application is easy, but...Make a case...Give reasons. We do respond to your specific concerns and comparisons.

→ Have you refinanced or purchased the property within the last year? It may help quicken the abatement process to submit a copy of the appraisal report, usually done through the bank or mortgage company.

→ Once the application is time-stamped by the Assessor's Office, it cannot be added to or changed or withdrawn - it is accepted as is, once it is stamped with the date, time and "Received by the Board of Assessors".

→ Please contact the Assessor's Office as soon as you receive your bill; applications are not available until after the tax bills are mailed.

· Your abatement will normally be credited toward your next tax bill. If your abatement is granted after your 4th quarter bill is paid, you will automatically receive a refund check.

· Your abatement is permanent. No need to apply each year.

7. IS ASSESSMENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET?

There is assessing information currently available on the internet. The address is www.townofBlandford.org. A visitor to the website can access property information either with the owner's last name, property address, or map and parcel. Map and parcel is the identifier (a unique number) of the property. The Board of Assessor's would like to acknowledge and thank Point Software for providing this service to the Town at no cost. This is a savings of \$3,600.00 annually.

8. THE TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM.

Many retired homeowners feel "house-rich and income-poor". Property taxes constitute a serious financial burden which can even force the sale of the home. Blandford offers a Tax Deferral Program which enables owners to defer payment of up to 100% of annual property taxes.

Deferred taxes accumulate, with simple interest at 8%, as a lien on the property until it is sold or the owner(s) has deceased. Applicants must be 65 on July 1, with a maximum income of \$40,000. If you are interested, please contact the Assessors' Office. When requesting to pay off taxes which have been deferred, please allow 10 days for the Assessors' Office to calculate the amount due, including interest. Please submit a letter with the pay-off date to the attention of the Board of Assessors.

9. ATTENTION: OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN TRUST!

Trust ownership arrangements may affect qualification for a statutory exemption. As a general rule, an applicant must be a trustee and a beneficiary and submit:

1. A copy of a recorded trust instrument, including amendments;
2. A copy of the schedule of beneficiaries.

Consult your attorney if these requirements affect you!

10. ATTENTION: NEW HOMEOWNERS!

Keep in mind the assessment date (January 1), as it affects your ownership status: The property is legally "assessed" to the previous owner, but make sure you get a bill!

We hope that you find this information helpful. In addition to the Chapter Land informational meeting in September, the Assessors plan to join the COA on one of their scheduled gatherings to discuss exemptions and the circuit breaker clause. As always, if you have any questions or would like a meeting with the Board please call us at 848-2791. Evening and Saturday appointments are available.

INFORMATION FOR BLANDFORD RESIDENTS
Business Hours of Town Officers and Committees

Aging, Council on	Second Tuesday of each month 10 a.m. at the Town Office
Assessors, Board of	Every Tuesday at 5p.m at the Town Office Appointment are suggested at 848-2791
Conservation Commission	Second and Fourth Wednesday 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 - 8 p.m. at the Elementary School
Selectmen, Board of	Every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices For an appointment, call 848-2782.
Tax Collector	Monday 4-10 p.m. Wednesday 4-10 p.m at the Town Offices
Town Clerk	Every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office
Transfer Station	Tuesday 6 - 8 p.m. Saturday, 8 - 12 p.m.
Treasurer	Every Monday 7:00- 9:00 at the Town Offices
Water Department	Meeting to by posting Every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. for payments

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Local Emergency Numbers:

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
Accountant	Staci Iglesias	848-0054
Aging, Council of	Jo Taudel	848-2235
Assessors		848-2791
Building Inspector	Tom Logadich	246-5551
Conservation Commission	Pat O'Neill	848-2446
Dog Officer	Brenda Blood	848-2888
Electrical Inspector	Edward LaPlante	848-2042
Fire Department		848-2874
Gateway Regional	Superintendent's Office	685-1011
Health, Board of	Mike Wojcik	262-4295
Highway Department	Brad Curry	848-2721
Historical Commission	Julie Mueller	848-2802
Pest Control	Mike Wojcik	262-4295
Porter Memorial Library	Librarian	848-2853
Planning Board		848-2782
Plumbing/Gas Inspector	Peter Anderson	
Post Office	Postmaster	848-2480
Selectmen		848-2782
Tax Collector	LeeAnn Thompson	848-2804
Town Clerk	Staci Iglesias	848-0054
Town Office	General Information	848-2782
Treasurer	Anne Holliday	439-6303
Tree Warden	Mike Wojcik	262-4295
Voting Information	Town Clerk	848-0054
Water Commission		848-2782
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.

Town Meeting:	Held the First Monday in May Annually, 7:30 p.m. (School)
Town Elections:	Held the Second Saturday in May Annually. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (School)

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