

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2009-2010**



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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 cash, 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**

**Updated 4/2010**

**Representatives in Massachusetts General Court**

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Representative:	William Smitty Pignatelli (D) Room 448 State House Boston, MA 02133 Tel: (617) 722-2582 Fax: (617) 722-2879 Email: <a href="mailto:Rep.Smitty@Hou.State.MA.US">Rep.Smitty@Hou.State.MA.US</a>	Fourth Berkshire District P.O. Box 2228 Lenox, MA 01240 Tel: (413) 637-0631
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**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS**  
**May 8, 2009-May 7, 2010**  
**(In Alphabetical Order)**

<u><b>TITLE</b></u>	<u><b>TERM EXPIRES</b></u>	<u><b>TITLE</b></u>	<u><b>TERM EXPIRES</b></u>
<u><b>Assessors (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Cemetery Comm. (3 years)</b></u>	
Julie Mueller	2012	T.J. Cousineau	2012
Edna Wilander	2011	Vacant	2007
Cosette Cousineau	2010	Vacant	2008
<u><b>Fence Viewer (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Field Driver (3 years)</b></u>	
George Reichert	2012	George Reichert	2012
Andy Iglesias	2011		
<u><b>Health, Board of (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Library Trustees (3 years)</b></u>	
Mike Wojcik	2012	Chris Keenan	2012
Kate Kletcher	2011	Mary Kronholm	2011
Linda Broughton	2010	Chuck Benson	2010
<u><b>Moderator (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Planning Board (5 years)</b></u>	
David Hopson	2012	Juliana Mueller	2014
		Robert Nichols	2010
<u><b>School Committee (3 years)</b></u>		John Bianco	2011
Michelle Crane	2012	Gordon Avery (appointed)	2010
Frances Jensen	2011	Nina Dawe (appointed)	2010
		T.J. Cousineau	2012
<u><b>Selectmen (3 years)</b></u>		Richard Gates	2013
Robert Nichols	2012		
Theodore Jensen	2011	<u><b>Tax Collector (3 years)</b></u>	
Chet Broughton	2010	Lee Ann Thompson	2011
<u><b>Town Clerk (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Treasurer (3 years)</b></u>	
Staci Iglesias	2011	Anne Holliday	2010
<u><b>Tree Warden (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Water Comm. (3 years)</b></u>	
Mark Boomsa (appointed)	2010	Mark Boomsma	2012
		Frank Burkott (appointed)	2010
		Robert Nichols	2010

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

**June 30, 2009 – July 1, 2010**

**All appointment are yearly unless noted**

**\* appointment are more than one year noted in town bylaws**

**\*Arts Council**

Darlene Horne  
Mary Martin  
Pamela Darrow  
Sue Racine  
Gale LaScala

**Building Inspector**

Thomas Lagodich

**Building Inspector, Assistant**

Vacant

**Burial Agent**

T. J. Cousineau

**Burial Agent, Assistant**

Vacant

**Chief Procurement Officer**

Robert Nichols

**\*Conservation Commission**

Pete Sutherland  
Mary Martin  
Pat O'Neill  
Robin Steven

**\*Constables**

John Haight  
Andrew Iglesias

**\*Council on Aging**

Jo Taudel  
Linda VanWerkhoven

**Dog Officer**

Brenda Blood

**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

**Electrical Inspector**

Ed LaPlante

**Emergency Mgmt Co-Directors**

Mike Roche  
Brad Curry

**\*Finance Committee**

Aaron Labrecque  
June Massee  
Jared Heeter  
Steve Jemiolo

**\*Fire Chief & Forest Warden**

Mike Rocke

**Hazardous Waste Coordinators**

Mike Rocke

**Highway Superintendent**

Brad Curry

**\*Historical Commission**

Peter Milford 2012  
Eileen Gates 2012  
Katy Milford 2010  
Bob Durocher 2011  
Pamela Darrow 2010  
Fran Jensen 2011

**Insp. of Animals & Slaughter**

Brenda Blood

**Insp. of Servicemen's Graves**

Doug Emo

**Measurer of Wood & Bark**

Mark Boomsma

**Pest Control**

Brad Curry

**Pioneer Valley Plan. Comm**

Julianna Mueller

**Plumbing & Gas Inspector**

Peter Anderson

**\*Police Chief**

Kevin Hennessey

**Police Officers**

Rick Mazza (Sgt.)  
Scott King  
John Haight  
Andrew Haight  
Dennis Flores'  
Lindsey McCall  
Bruce Cooley (special

**Recreation Committee**

Staci Iglesias  
Mark Blanchette  
Sam Domingos

**Registrars of Voters**

Pamela Darrow  
Jo Taudel  
Mary Kronholm  
Kim Blanchette  
Sandy Wyman

**Town Accountant**

Staci Iglesias 2012

**Veteran's Agent**

Robert Messier

**Wiring Inspector**

Edward LaPlante

**\*Zoning Board of Appeals**

Don Brainerd  
Summer Robbins  
James Kronholm  
Bruce Cooley -alternate

**Town Counsel**

Kopelman & Paige

**Veterans Agent**

Robert Messier

**Watson Park Superintendent**

Doug Emo

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY DEPARTMENT

**REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Blandford's Agricultural Commission has met several times this year to review various items that may impact the town and its agricultural base. Its mission was established at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting—"represent the Towns' farming and forestry community both internally and externally" and "encourage, promote and support the pursuit of farming and forestry in the Town as both a business and as a community resource." Blandford has a long history of agriculture within the town and has celebrated agricultural successes with the Blandford Fair beginning in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The commission is proud to announce that the state has approved Blandford's Right to Farm By-Law and we hope to move forward with its implementation within the town. Commission members would like to remind people that if there are issues surrounding agriculture in town, the commission is here to help resolve issues and raise awareness of agriculture in the town. The commission normally meets quarterly but a meeting can be called if the need arises between scheduled meetings. We'd like to thank Bob Costello for his work as Chairperson this past year and look forward to his continued work as a commission member.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

A full revaluation of all properties in Blandford was completed this year, fulfilling the Department of Revenue requirement for a three year recertification. This was accomplished while conversion to a new software program was also taking place. Property owners may view their property record cards on the Town website, [townofblandford.com](http://townofblandford.com). Every property owner should check annually to ensure there are no errors.

The Board this year hired a new software company, Patriot Properties. This company, along with Mayflower, LTD, our assessment firm, has proven to be a great combination in our effort to list each property fairly and accurately.

A great deal of credit for the functioning of our office goes to our clerk, Brenda Marra. She is cheerfully and generously helpful to all who call or come into the office. The sign on the town office door always says "open" when she is in the building, whether or not she is having posted office hours. She constantly strives to learn more about the rules and regulations which bind our actions and decisions as well as the ever changing laws. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts.

The Assessors are also deeply grateful to Frank Burkott. He graciously filled in when we lacked an assessor and continues to help us with field work and research. Frank also generously gives of his time and knowledge when we experience computer problems. Thank you, Frank.

The Board of Assessors meets weekly on Monday at 5:30 in the Town Office. Open office hours are Monday from 1:00 to 5:30 and 7:00 to 9:00PM and Wednesday, 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Our email address is [blandfordassessors@yahoo.com](mailto:blandfordassessors@yahoo.com).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Juliana Mueller, Chair  
Edna Wilander  
Cosette Cousineau

**REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

BCC enjoyed a topsy-turvy year in 2009. Hiking trail construction on the Knittel property progressed thanks to the efforts of Chuck Benson, Dick Gates and Tony Van Workhoven. In what will be an annual winter event, a second sledding, snowshoeing and hiking party was well attended in February.

Final plans for the Shepard Farm property can be expected this year following the town's acceptance and a lengthy journey through the state legislature.

Unfortunately, with the dismal economy, BCC is struggling to retain members. We would love to meet townspeople interested in the environment that would consider volunteering for BCC.

Respectfully submitted

Pete Sutherland  
Mary Elizabeth Martin  
Patricia O'Neill  
Robin Stevens

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The council on Aging continues to meet at 10:00 A.M. on the second Tuesday of each month to plan various events for our Town seniors. On the third Tuesday of the month we hold a coffee hour/birthday celebration and blood pressure clinic. We are pleased to report that we continue to have about 20 seniors attend our monthly coffee hours and on an average about 45 seniors attending our outreach luncheons.

The COA continues to use the Blandford Elementary School for our coffee hours. During these gatherings the Lee Visiting Nurses provide blood pressure clinics for the seniors. At our December coffee hour, all the school's children gathered to sing Christmas songs for the seniors. We also use the Blandford Ski Area for a Spring luncheon and a December Christmas party. Both of these events are catered by Hettie of OMA'S kitchen at the ski area.

The past year we had a pizza party, a pot luck luncheon, a picnic in Watson Park (changed to the school due to rain) accompanied by wonderful fiddle music provided by Leland Martin. We also helped The White Church with their fund raising Opera mailing. In May we sponsored a Health Fair which was held at the Elementary School. The Lee Visiting Nurses offered blood screening for cholesterol, blood glucose, blood pressure, bone density screening and a foot nurse provided foot care by appointment. In October we held two flu clinics, one day and one evening, resulting in 69 attendees. Again in November we offered another foot clinic by appointment.

A few board members attend monthly meetings of the Hilltown COA Consortium which help coordinate events and services in the Hilltowns. Available offerings are brown bag food distribution, hot lunch meal sites, transportation services, yoga classes and swimming discounts. We would like to thank Elthea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, who continues to advise the Board and assist us in the preparation of our annual State grant application.

In September the COA Board voted to have a newsletter (THE BLANDFORD HILLS) and hire a part time outreach coordinator. This job would entail gathering information, creating a newsletter, compile a senior list for emergency notification and mailings, setting up a labeling system and other various duties. In December, after posting the job, we hired Nancy Ackley of Blandford as our outreach coordinator.

The highlight of this year was our presentation of THE GOLDEN CANE to Blandford's oldest accepting resident. Our new hand-made cane was made and donated by former Blandford Elementary School principal Jimmy Lutat. This year the cane was presented to Mildred Crane. On November 28, family and friends gathered at the Town Hall to celebrate this special occasion. There is now a beautiful award plaque placed on the Town Hall's mantle that will hold the names of all the future recipients of Blandford's Golden Cane.

Blandford's COA Board Members are very active, show up faithfully and are great to work with. We are proud to know that we attract more Town residents for our COA functions than most other Hilltowns.

Our thanks go out to the Blandford Elementary School, the Blandford Historical Society, the Blandford Ski Area for hosting our various events and to the First Congregational Church of Blandford for their offering of food baskets during the holiday season.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Co-chairs, Jo Taudel and Linda Van Werkhoven  
Secretary, Pamela Rideout  
Board Members, Anita Forish, Bernice Rabideau, Sarah Robbins, Sumner Robbins,  
Rita Templeman, John Tuttle and Kay Walsh  
Outreach Coordinator, Nancy Ackley

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Blandford Fire Department responded to 106 calls in 2009. This included 56 medical calls, 7 Building fires, 4 vehicle fires, 4 brush fires, 2 chimney fires, 4 illegal fires, and 1 cooking fire. The department also responded to 6 motor vehicle collisions, 5 mutual aid calls, 2 hazardous spills, 5 public service calls (lifting, down wires) and 10 false alarms.

The training of the department intensified in 2009 with 2 live structural burn trainings, a 24 hour Hazardous materials training course, and a First Responder medical training session of 24 hours. The average firefighter did 88 hours of training last year. Our top two firefighters last year did 176 and 142 hours of training respectively. The department is very dedicated to improving the quality of service to the Town of Blandford.

The department's needs over the next few years are going to be high. We currently plan to replace 22 yr old Engine 2 on a grant. The town qualifies for the category of tender, which Engine 2 is. Engine 1 is a pumper and the town doesn't qualify for federal monies in this category. The town will have to purchase the replacement for Engine 1 at full cost. No 5 cents on the dollar cost that the firefighters grants give us. The next issue is the station. Engine 1 will be due for replacement in 7 years. The replacement that the town needs to protect Blandford into the future, as well as bring down homeowner insurance rates, will not fit in our station. The size of the building also inhibits our abilities to train and function during emergencies. Structurally, the building has its faults, but could still be of use. We are on borrowed time with our current building.

In 2010, I want you to think about the department's future. We need to grow. We need more members. We need new trucks. We need a new container to put it all in. The firefighters have adopted the slogan, "Pride Is Our Pay". We are proud to serve, and thrive to continue. In order to move forward with improved service, I ask you to consider these requests in the future. Take care and stay safe. TCSS

Respectfully,  
Chief Michael Roche

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The BBOH has continued its efforts to update and improve the Transfer Station (TS). Through an aggressive series of cost saving measures over the tenure of the board, we have eliminated unnecessary expenditures, which has in turn saved us additional monies so that we were able to achieve a number of advancements/improvements at minimal cost. 09-10 saw the installation of a new roof over the containers. This roof makes it easier and safer for the residents to access the container boxes. It also saves costs by reducing the weight of rain water collected in the bottom of the containers. Which, in winter, eliminates the chance of being charged for a frozen load after the container has been hauled to the disposal site. Eliminating the standing water in the tire container also reduces the risk of mosquito breeding sites. Please note that the new policy of cutting oversized tires in half is now required by the recycling facility. The TS will no longer accept oversized tires that have not been cut in half. Another benefit of the new roof is keeping the rain from pooling at the bottom of the containers, thereby preventing/reducing rust holes from forming.

A clear bag policy was instituted this year. The Board would like to thank the Blandford Store and Café for providing a convenient and friendly place to purchase the bags.

There are a great many caring households in town that separate their recyclables from their trash. Unfortunately, not every does. To those households that recycle the Board would like to say Thank You. You not only help the environment but also the town and in turn, yourselves. Twice a year the MRF sends a rebate check to the towns that participate with their share of the recycling revenue. They are not large rebates, but a rebate never the less. This money is returned to the general fund.

Please remember, if you take two stacks of the exact same paper and throw one stack in the recycling container the town makes money. If you throw the second stack of paper in the trash container, it costs the town money. The same goes for a glass or plastic bottle. Throw it in the recycling container and you save money. Throw it in the trash container and it costs you money.

The board would like to thank Mr. Al Flyte and Mr. Ryan Andros for their consistent care and consideration in the day to day duties of the Transfer Station. Thank you gentlemen for a job well done.

The board meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6pm. at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Wojcik, Chair  
Kate Fletcher  
Linda Broughton



## REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. has just completed its 8<sup>th</sup> year of providing Emergency Medical Services to the towns of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell, and Worthington. Within the calendar year, we were requested for 550 incidents, maintaining a call volume in excess of 500 for the third consecutive year.

Entering into this past year the Board of Directors vowed to take efforts to significantly improve on patient care, response time, and the level of service we provide. With this we increased our on-duty staffing to include one Emergency Medical Technician four evenings a week from 4pm to Midnight. These additional shifts are built off of our existing two EMTs that staff an ambulance 8am to 4pm seven days a week. This staffing increase allows us to have an EMT ready to respond during what has been proven to be some of our busiest time. These on-duty EMTs have proven to often reduce our response time to residences by 10 to 15 minutes.

In addition to the increased staffing, we have also increased the amount of time we staff our vehicles at the Advanced Life Support level. We now have EMT-Intermediates, operating at the Advanced Level, covering greater than 50% of our on-duty hours. Over and above this, we also often have Advanced Providers responding during our on-call hours.

These EMT-Intermediates are a vital link between our core Basic EMTs, and patients requiring Paramedic Level care. In maintaining a strong system with our current staff, we continue to strive to increase our service to the Paramedic Level. It remains our long term goal to achieve this task, and bring the highest trained pre-hospital care providers to the citizens of the hilltowns.

Given the condition of municipal budgets, and the overall economy, none of these achievements have come easily. We have accomplished these staffing increases by making sound financial decisions, and continuous organizational restructuring. We have utilized funding from town fees, donations, ambulance receipts, and our citizen Subscription Program.

As we move forward it remains our goal to increase on-duty staffing, and improve on the level and the quality of the care we provide to the citizens. We expect to increase our 4p to Midnight on-duty EMTs, therefore decreasing the response time to the citizens. We are also expecting three of our current Basic EMTs to achieve their certification to operate at the Advanced Level, thus allowing us to have Advanced Life Support on-duty 75% of the time.

In closing, our organization could not have accomplished these achievements without the dedication and support of our EMT's, the municipal First Responders, and the citizens of the hilltowns. Nine years ago we were established for the citizens of the hilltowns, by citizens of the hilltowns, and are truly a "Community" Ambulance.

Respectfully,           The Board of Directors

President Nancy Peckham, Montgomery

Vice President Jim Castro, Russell

Treasurer Kirk Birrell, Huntington

Clerk Mary Ann Pease, Chester

John Bergeron, Hilltown Community Health Centers

Thomas Ackley, Blandford

Linda Stone, Worthington

Karl Zinnack, At-Large

Bernard Forgea, At-Large

Thomas Dunphy, MSP

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This year, one of our members who had been on the board since its inception stepped down. Julie Mueller submitted her resignation so that she might put her full attention toward another board on which she serves. We thank Julie for her dedication, hard work, and good suggestions over the years. Her input will be missed, but at least we know her skills are still available to Blandford. In addition, member Bob Durocher no longer has the time to serve. He will be available to us as a consultant, however, and we thank him for his help.

Luckily, we welcomed three new members this year: Frances Jensen, Pamela Darrow, and Eileen Gates. All three have already expressed interest in the historical research end of our responsibilities, and we look forward to their enthusiasm, expertise, and efforts. This year's work included the following items.

**Shepard Farm:** Following the town vote, as we waited for Blandford to take ownership of the Shepard Farm property donated to us by the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, we prepared to transfer the oversight of the property to the Shepard Farm Steering Committee. We have met with that board to insure a smooth transition. There will be more work required on the Shepard Farm property, so we hope townspeople will continue to step forward to volunteer. All types of support will be needed, from generating ideas to painting the building and cutting back the fields to writing grants. We look forward to the creative ideas and assistance from interested townspeople.

**Watson Park:** Although we hope to secure additional grant funding for the completion of the historical inventory work on the perennial flower beds in Watson Park, we have also suggested to the Selectmen that a Friends of Watson Park Committee be formed. A five-year plan can be prepared and work projects can be carried out with the help of such volunteers. If anyone is interested in grant writing, working outdoors in the park, or general planning to help restore the park, please contact us. Finally, with the financial support of the Selectmen in their role as Trustees of Watson Park, the gazebo is being repaired. This important historical structure is a rarity, especially in western Massachusetts, and its restoration is a good example of the type of project that comes under our charge by the state to work at preserving, protecting, and developing the town's historical and archeological resources.

**Lumber:** This year, with the help of Highway Superintendent, Brad Curry, and the financial donations by the Historical Society, The Trustees of Watson Park, and the Conservation Commission, we arranged and helped pay for the wood from the pines taken down after the storm from the extended town common area to be made into lumber. This will be used for projects at the park and elsewhere in the town. We thank Bannish Lumber and Green Meadow Lumber for the work they did to mill the wood at a substantially lowered cost. There's some nice symmetry knowing that lumber from some of the old town trees that had to be removed will now be used for repairing some of our town's older structures.

**Library:** In closing, our annual contribution to the library this year was *Barn: Preservation and Adaptation* by Elric Endersby, Alexander Greenwood, and David Larkin. Beginning with some surprisingly deteriorated buildings, we watch the efforts that result in stunning conversions.

This book reacquaints us with the incredible flexibility and structural strength of this vanishing icon of the architectural landscape. It shows us through wonderful photos and drawings transitions of barn to church, barn to studio, and barn to home. Anyone who has stood and admired an old barn and wondered about its future should enjoy reading this inspiring book. Ultimately, the text and pictures remind us that these treasures can be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Milford, Frances Jensen, Katy Milford, Pamela Darrow, Eileen Gates

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

As the new Director of the Library I have enjoyed meeting the patrons who love our little library and I am grateful for a supportive and dedicated staff.

The library continues to build its collection of fiction, non fiction, periodicals, children's books and popular movies on DVD geared towards the needs and interest of our residents. We have special materials like audio books and foreign language CDs. Although, the book mobile service is no longer available to libraries, Porter Memorial Library continues to participate in the interlibrary loan program and has also added the cooperative reference services to meet patrons' needs for information not otherwise available. Our special collections include the Blandford Historical Society materials, which consists of an extensive collection of historical and genealogical resources and the only complete collection of microfiche Country Journal from its inception in 1979 to 2009. Our reference service helps patrons with job search, reference, research and genealogy. We provide photocopy and fax machine services and a microfilm reader/printer. New this year, through the Western Massachusetts Regional Library system, the library now has high-speed internet DSL in addition to the existing satellite dish and wireless router. Our router makes it possible for a patron with a wireless card in their laptop to access the network during normal library hours or after hours. Last year we had over 400 users of the computer services. Local middle school and high school students have become regular users of the computer services at the Library for internet and email services and for on-line games.

"Starship Adventure at your Library" was the theme for last year's Summer Reading Program. The Children's Librarian, Michele Crane reported that the program was a success with steady attendance of children ranging in age from two to 12 years. Twenty-one children attended at least one week of the program. We were also lucky to have a "mini" spaceman at the library. Blandford resident Marc Avery, an employee of Hamilton Sundstrand which makes space suits for NASA, arranged for the loan of the spaceman to the library. The Blandford Fair Association loaned picnic tables to the library which were enjoyed by the children during outside activities. The Blandford Country Store donated snacks and juice for the program. Local students, Hannah Oleksak, Leland Martin and Jessica Hopson also assisted Ms. Crane with this program. The library was busy with many other programs and events. The Blandford Exchange hosted several programs providing opportunities for Blandford residents to exchange information on a variety of rural life topics and skills. The topics included maple sugaring, forest management, raising chickens and vermiculture composting. Back by popular demand was the children's Lego Club which is in its second year. Founded by Blandford Elementary School student Jack Lajoie, classmates of all ages meet each Tuesday after school at the library to enjoy an afternoon of Lego building and socializing. Mrs. Darrow volunteers her time every Tuesday to support the Lego Club. Special programs were planned during the winter school vacations where children of all ages were invited to learn, socialize and to check out books for vacation reading. A "Roots & Rhythm" concert was given by Robin O'Herin in which children of all ages learned about rhythm and participated in singing and music. On Tuesday evenings members of the Knitting Club gather near the fireplace to work on various

projects. Pamela Darrow is the organizer of the Knitting Club and she shares her expertise as well as provides knitting reference through the Inter Library Loan Program. Friends of the Library: Look to the Future! In March the new friends group had their first kick-off meeting. Officers were elected and friends exchanged their ideas to support and preserve the library. If you love books and the Porter Memorial Library is a place you treasure, please join the library's new "friends" group. Bring a neighbor and your ideas to the library!

The 2009 book sale was a success! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

Thank you to the Historical Commission for their annual book donation. This year's donation is a beautiful book titled, "BARN Preservation & Adaptation by Elric Endersby, Alexander Greenwood and David Larkin. It is a real gem!

Projects for 2010 include an exciting Summer Reading Program titled, "Go Green at Your Library," additional new programs for all ages, computerizing our inventory and working with the Friends of the Library to further enhance the Porter Memorial Library.

Thank you to our patrons for your continued support to Porter Memorial Library. We are always open to requests and suggestions from our patrons to better serve you.

#### Circulation Statistics:

Adult Fiction:	1,067
Adult Nonfiction:	569
Juvenile Fiction:	332
Juvenile NonFiction:	197
YA Fiction:	75
YA Nonfiction:	30
Periodicals:	91
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Total Print:	2,361
Videos:	183
DVDs:	2,272
Audios:	223
CDs:	28
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Total NonPrint:	2,706

Eileen M. Gates, Director

### REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

With the beginning of the new fiscal year, the Porter Memorial Library will no longer be able to rely on the resources of the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System (WMRLS) in Whately.

For 50 years libraries in the four western counties have survived and thrived on WMRLS's ability to provide. The West set the standard and showed the other areas of the state the "how to." The needs of the communities and community libraries in the west are greatly different from anywhere else in the commonwealth.

We have already witnessed the demise of the Bookmobile. Western Mass was the only region with a bookmobile service. This was a huge loss to all the small libraries that no longer have the opportunity to have new material on their shelves courtesy of the regional library system. We are hard-pressed to provide the most relevant and up-to-date materials for our patrons.

For all the 101 towns relying on WMRLS, this potential loss is very great. Most of the communities, 68, have population less than 5,000 and of that, 53 have population less than 2,000. All have libraries depending on WMRLS for myriad services, including but not limited to continuing education for their non-Master of Library Science degree directors; greater purchasing power through group effort; delivery of inter library loan materials, and very important, for internet connections and for technical assistance, support and maintenance of computer access. The latter is very important considering the lack of connectivity in many of the Western Mass communities.

If you pass the library on a Wednesday afternoon during the summertime, you are quite likely to see several youngsters on the front steps with their laptops open. They can access the wireless internet through the library.

But perhaps most important is the first hand, on-site availability of the WMRLS staff for consulting and the physical delivery of those resources.

Our libraries are central to our communities and our lives. It takes most of us in the West a great deal of effort to be library patrons; the libraries are not just a block away, they require transportation – beyond bikes – and there is certainly no public transport!

We have managed for so long with diminishing funding, but we have managed. Library people are good people, an a-political constituency; we serve and are served, cradle to grave.

WMRLS is what has kept us able to accomplish this.

The Western Region was created because someone recognized a need for a single constant yet consolidated resource for our small town, large yet sparsely populated land mass, and WMRLS was born.

Because Western Region has been so long in existence, it has its own Whately facility. Western Region is the only region with its own facility.

For every state dollar spent on library services, you save \$8 in local expenditures.

For every library dollar spent, there is over a 700 percent return on the investment.

Libraries are as an important core service as health care and public education. In fact, libraries are an educational assist.

The entire library budget for the state is less than one tenth of one percent of the state's budget.

The trustees have lobbied to restore funding to the Regional Library line item. At the time of the printing of the town report, the funding and the regional status are still up in the air.

Thanks and appreciation go to Mary Jo Place, who stepped down as library director last November. Trustees have named Eileen Gates as her successor. Eileen has moved into the library director's position and has found in place a ready, willing and most able staff of library assistants in Michele Crane, Pamela Darrow, Mary Martin, Cindy Montanaro and Heidi Taberman.

Under Eileen's urging, the Friends of the Porter Memorial Library has a new beginning with new faces and new ideas and goals. Chris Keenan is the Trustee Liaison to the Friends' group.

The board looks forward to continued success in the library.

Mary Kronholm, Chairman

Christine M. Keenan, Clerk

Charles Benson, Treasurer

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The focus this year has been on researching and pursuing alternative energy generation and grants that enhance the future planning needs of Blandford. These projects include working to meet the 5 criteria in the Green Communities Act; receiving technical assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to develop an alternative energy bylaw; reviewing the development of a wind turbine on the MA Turnpike property; submitting a proposal to WEMCO for solar power generation on the Blandford property near the turnpike; and submitting a proposal for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

During the year the Planning Board reviewed and endorsed 3 building permits and one ANR subdivision of land request

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,

Nina Dawe, Chair

Dick Gates, Secretary

Gordon Avery

John Bianco

T. J. Cousineau

Julie Mueller

## **RERORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The past year has presented a host of challenges to the Blandford Police Department. The department has endured serious financial cutbacks. These cuts include Governor Patrick's elimination of the Community Policing Grant. The Community Policing Grant provided \$11,299 yearly to the Blandford Police Department. With this grant the department funded nearly 50% of the officers' patrols for the budget year. Also, the Governors Highway Safety Grant was reduced by \$3,900 per year. The total cutback to the department this past fiscal year has been \$15,199.

Office hours are first Monday of every month from 7pm – 9pm. Residents looking for LTC/FID information or renewals should contact our office (848-2020) and leave their information. Officers will return calls and set up appointments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Hennessey, Cheif

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

A difficult year to say the least. Having to keep a watchful eye on expenditures due to budget constraints and other problems that we face on a daily basis. This has not been a year that we are proud of. We trust that next year will be brighter and not full of the distractions we have been faced with this year.

Improvements have been made to our computer system at the Town Offices. While the necessities of computers have become important in our workplace it appears that we all become too reliant on them.

We have been fortunate to have volunteers help out in various areas of the Town Offices. It has been noted that their services are appreciated and we thank each and every one who pitches in when needed.

We have been advised by the Gateway Regional School System that the Blandford Elementary School will be closing at the end of this school year. The building will be turned back to the Town of Blandford on July 1, 2010. It will be necessary for us to determine the best use for it. While many of us feel that Town Offices should be relocated to the school building there could be a problem with the financial aspect of this move. In the near future we will be holding public meetings and look for input and suggestions from Town residents.

We continue to look to more residents to involve themselves in town government. We look forward to better communication between our elected officials and residents. We trust that our town will return into a community that many of us have been proud of through the years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Jensen  
Chet Broughton  
Rob Nichols

# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

## MOTOR VEHICLE Y-T-D- TOTAL REPORT

Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2009

Net Amounts	Debit	Credit	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	125,964.45	97,917.63	
Interest	9.89	9.89	
Abatements		22,47.71	
Exemptions			
Adjustments			
Credits			
Demand			
Warrant			
Other Charges			
Refunds Issued	412.50		
Refunds Poss.	318.54		
Grand Totals	126,705.38	100,175.23	26,530.15

## PERSONAL PROPERTY Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT

Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2009

Net Amount	Debit	Credits	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	148,809.11	129,860.50	
Interest	366.49	366.49	
Abatements		680.41	
Exemptions			
Adjustments		-.56	
Credits			
Demand			
Warrant			
Other Charges			
Refunds Issued	29.99		
Refunds Possible	149,205.59	130,906.84	18,298.75
Grand Totals			

Respectfully Submitted,  
LeeAnn Thompson

## PERSONAL FARM ANIMAL Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT

Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2009

Net Amounts	Debit	Credit	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	1,715.41	1,274.75	
Interest	4.02	4.02	
Abatements			
Exemptions			
Adjustments			
Credits			
Demand			
Warrant			
Other Charges			
Refunds Issued			
Refunds Possible			
Grand Totals	1,719.43	1,278.77	440.66

## REAL ESTATE Y-T-D TOTAL REPORT

Total Represent Posting Activity to 6/30/2009

Net Amount	Debit	Credit	Outstanding Balance
Taxes	1,904,457.80	1,624,519.29	
Interest	4,053.82	4,053.82	
Betterments/liens	51,461.66	26,838.37	
Committed Int.			
Abatements		12,642.65	
Exemptions		6,900.00	
Adjustments		-20.29	
Credits			
Demand			
Warrant			
Other Charges	15.00	15.00	
Refunds Issued	862.03		
Refunds Possible	2050.58		
Grand Total	1,962,900.89	1,674,948.84	287,952.05

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01 - GENERAL FUND	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
	015114.000	Moderator's Salary		48.00			48.00		100.00 %
<b>114 Total Moderator</b>				48.00			48.00		
	015122.000	Selectmen's Salaries		4,456.00			4,204.36	251.64	94.35 %
	015122.001	Selectmen's Sec. Salary		6,470.00			3,428.27	3,041.73	52.98 %
	015122.002	Selectmen's Expense		1,800.00			1,902.70	-102.70	105.70 %
<b>122 Total Selectmen</b>				12,726.00			9,535.33	3,190.67	
	015131.000	Finance Committee		245.00			126.00	119.00	51.42 %
<b>131 Total Finance</b>				245.00			126.00	119.00	
	015132.000	Reserve Account		10,000.00			8,685.45	1,314.55	86.85 %
<b>132 Total 132</b>				10,000.00			8,685.45	1,314.55	
	015135.000	Town Accountant Salary		9,350.00			9,335.96	14.04	99.84 %
	015135.001	Town Accountant's Expense		1,500.00			1,521.12	-21.12	101.40 %
	015135.002	Town Accountants Computer	30,000.00				30,000.00		100.00 %
<b>135 Total Town Accountant</b>			30,000.00	10,850.00			40,857.08	-7.08	
	015141.000	Assessor's Salaries		4,195.00			3,923.94	271.06	93.53 %
	015141.001	Assessor's Expense		7,000.00			7,160.12	-160.12	102.28 %
	015141.002	Assessor's Clerk Salary		11,269.00			6,767.50	4,501.50	60.05 %
	015142.000	Assessors Contract Serv		27,100.00			27,046.65	53.35	99.80 %
<b>141 Total Assessors</b>				49,564.00			44,898.21	4,665.79	
	015145.000	Treasurer's Salary		7,769.00			7,769.00		100.00 %
	015145.002	Treasurer's Expense		2,650.00			2,666.73	-16.73	100.63 %
	015145.001	Treasurer's Clerk		851.00			508.29	342.71	59.72 %
	015145.005	Tax Title Legal Fees					5,000.00	4,000.00	55.55 %
	015145.006	Tax Title Custodian	4,000.00	5,000.00			1,500.00		100.00 %
	015145.007	Tax Title Advertising		1,000.00			1,000.00		100.00 %
	015145.998	ENCUMB. TREASURER EXP.	323.78				323.78		100.00 %

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01 - GENERAL FUND	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
<b>145 Total Treasurer</b>			4,323.78	18,770.00			18,767.80	4,325.98	
	015146.000	Tax Collector's Salary		12,890.00			12,875.96	14.04	99.89 %
	015146.001	Tax Collector's Expense		10,000.00			10,116.43	-116.43	101.16 %
<b>146 Total Tax Collector</b>				22,890.00			22,992.39	-102.39	
	015151.000	Town Counsel		12,000.00			10,268.27	1,731.73	85.56 %
	015151.999	Town Council - Encumb					-8,685.45	8,685.45	100.00 %
<b>151 Total Town Counsel</b>				12,000.00			1,582.82	10,417.18	
	015161.002	Street & Dog List Salary		515.00			515.00		100.00 %
	015161.003	Street & Dog List Expense		256.00			256.00		100.00 %
	015161.000	Town Clerk's Salary		3,247.00			3,247.00		100.00 %
	015161.001	Town Clerk's Expense		1,000.00			814.98	185.02	81.49 %
	015161.004	Vital Statistics Salary		27.00			27.00		100.00 %
	015162.000	Election & Registrations		1,824.00			1,658.39	165.61	90.92 %
	015163.000	Bd of Registrars Salary		53.00			53.00		100.00 %
<b>161 Total Town Clerk</b>				6,922.00			6,571.37	350.63	
	015171.000	Conservation Commission		2,000.00			1,829.99	170.01	91.49 %
	015173.000	Conservation Maps		250.00				250.00	0.00 %
<b>171 Total Convnservation Commission</b>				2,250.00			1,829.99	420.01	
	015175.000	Planning Board		400.00			400.00		100.00 %
<b>175 Total Planning Board</b>				400.00			400.00		
	015177.000	Zoning Secretary		250.00				250.00	0.00 %
	015176.000	Zoning Board of Appeals		300.00			12.44	287.56	4.14 %
<b>176 Total Zoning Board</b>				550.00			12.44	537.56	



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	015192.000	Town Office Expense		21,000.00			20,820.08	179.92	99.14 %
	015192.004	Town Computer Equipment		1.00				1.00	0.00 %
	015424.000	Street Lights		4,500.00			3,885.57	614.43	86.34 %
	<b>192 Total Town Office</b>			25,501.00			24,705.65	795.35	
	015195.000	Town Reports Salary		622.00			622.00		100.00 %
	015195.001	Town Reports Expenses		400.00			109.89	290.11	27.47 %
	<b>195 Total Town Report</b>			1,022.00			731.89	290.11	
	015196.000	Town Administrator Salary		21,200.00			20,807.21	392.79	98.14 %
	<b>196 Total Town Administrator</b>			21,200.00			20,807.21	392.79	
	015198.000	Expense Reimbursement Acct							100.00 %
	<b>198 Total 198</b>								
	015199.000	Audit - Town Records		18,000.00			10,000.00	8,000.00	55.55 %
	015199.998	ENCUMB AUDIT-TOWN RECORDS	4,500.00				4,000.00	500.00	88.88 %
	<b>199 Total Town Audit</b>		4,500.00	18,000.00			14,000.00	8,500.00	
	015249.010	Inspector of Animals		500.00			500.00		100.00 %
	015292.000	Dog Officer Salary		791.00			791.00		100.00 %
	015292.003	Dog Officer Expense		300.00			107.50	192.50	35.83 %
	<b>292 Total Animals</b>			1,591.00			1,398.50	192.50	
	015821.000	St. Assmnt MV Ex Tax					980.00	-980.00	100.00 %
	<b>821 Total 821</b>						980.00	-980.00	
	015822.000	St. Assmnt Air Pollution					322.00	-322.00	100.00 %
	<b>822 Total 822</b>						322.00	-322.00	

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01 - GENERAL FUND									
Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp	
015823.000	PIONEER PLANNING COMM		185.00			182.10	2.90	98.43 %	
<b>823 Total Pioneer Planning</b>			185.00			182.10	2.90		
015835.000	St. Assmt. Reg. Transit					1,467.00	-1,467.00	100.00 %	
015840.000	STRAP REPAY					7,574.00	-7,574.00	100.00 %	
<b>825 Total 825</b>						9,041.00	-9,041.00		
015192.009	Town Insurance		34,500.00			34,419.00	81.00	99.76 %	
015911.000	Hampden County Retirement		22,000.00			21,030.00	970.00	95.59 %	
015912.000	Worker's Compensation		6,000.00			6,000.00		100.00 %	
015913.000	Unemployment Compensation		7,500.00			7,532.00	-32.00	100.42 %	
015914.000	Group Insurance		38,942.00			38,942.40	-0.40	100.00 %	
015919.000	FICA - Town Share		25,000.00			23,556.19	1,443.81	94.22 %	
<b>911 Total Insurance</b>			133,942.00			131,479.59	2,462.41		

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01 - GENERAL FUND	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
	015231.000	Hilltown Comm. Ambulance		11,240.00			11,236.48	3.52	99.96 %
<b>192 Total Town Office</b>				11,240.00			11,236.48	3.52	
	015210.000	Police Salaries		10,848.00			10,585.07	262.93	97.57 %
	015210.001	Police Expense		9,828.00			9,720.38	107.62	98.90 %
<b>210 Total Police</b>				20,676.00			20,305.45	370.55	
	015220.000	Fire Dept. Salary		2,000.00			2,000.00		100.00 %
	015220.001	Fire Dept. Exp.		800.00			705.25	94.75	88.15 %
	015220.003	Fire Dept. Utilities		4,000.00			3,971.39	28.61	99.28 %
	015220.004	Fire Dept. Maint/Repair		6,368.00			6,336.43	31.57	99.50 %
	015220.005	Radio Maintenance		1,000.00	250.00		1,217.90	32.10	97.43 %
	015220.006	Fire Dept 2008 Ice Damage Acct							100.00 %
	015220.007	Dispatch 911		4,000.00			4,000.00		100.00 %
	015220.008	Fire Training/Supplies		10,000.00			9,995.11	4.89	99.95 %
	015220.009	Fire Gas/Oil		1,000.00	-250.00		345.67	404.33	46.08 %
	015220.012	Fire Dept. Truck Repair					2,093.00	-2,093.00	100.00 %
	015291.000	Emergency Management		100.00				100.00	0.00 %
<b>220 Total Fire</b>				29,268.00			30,664.75	-1,396.75	
	015294.000	Tree Warden Salary		1,055.00			890.25	164.75	84.38 %
	015294.001	Tree Warden Expense		1,000.00			501.25	498.75	50.12 %
	015294.002	Tree Warden Outside Svce.		8,000.00			8,000.00		100.00 %
<b>294 Total Tree Warden</b>				10,055.00			9,391.50	663.50	
	015422.000	Highway Salaries		102,500.00			102,502.21	-2.21	100.00 %
	015422.002	Highway Expenses		149,000.00			148,950.84	49.16	99.96 %
	015422.003	Highway Utilities							100.00 %
	015422.005	Salt & Sand		47,000.00			46,903.08	96.92	99.79 %
	015422.006	Highway 2008 Ice Damage Acct							100.00 %
	015422.008	Highway P/T Salaries		7,000.00			7,043.00	-43.00	100.61 %
	015422.011	Snow & Ice Labor		30,000.00			21,840.21	8,159.79	72.80 %

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	015422.001	Highway Overtime Salary		4,000.00			3,823.22	176.78	95.58 %
	015422.999	ENCUMB. HIGHWAY EXPENSES	978.36				978.36		100.00 %
<b>422 Total Highway</b>			978.36	339,500.00			332,040.92	8,437.44	
	015433.000	Transfer Station Salaries		8,400.00			7,927.02	472.98	94.36 %
	015433.001	Cartage/Tipping		50,000.00	1,000.00		50,646.27	353.73	99.30 %
	015433.002	Transfer St Expenses		25,000.00	-1,000.00		23,334.03	665.97	97.22 %
	015433.004	Transfer St Utilities							100.00 %
<b>433 Total Transfer Station</b>				83,400.00			81,907.32	1,492.68	
	015491.000	Cemetery Commission		3,500.00			3,500.00		100.00 %
<b>491 Total Cemetery</b>				3,500.00			3,500.00		
	015510.000	Board of Health Salaries		2,250.00			1,528.79	721.21	67.94 %
	015510.003	BOH Expenses		11,675.00			7,531.76	4,143.24	64.51 %
	015510.001	Bd of Health Sec. Salary		2,977.00			869.25	2,107.75	29.19 %
<b>510 Total Board of Health</b>				16,902.00			9,929.80	6,972.20	

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01 - GENERAL FUND									
Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp	
015300.000	GATEWAY REG SCHOOL DIST.		1,571,608.00			1,571,608.00		100.00 %	
015301.000	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		119,540.00			119,721.40	-181.40	100.15 %	
<b>300 Total Education</b>			1,691,148.00			1,691,329.40	-181.40		

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## All Departments Expenditure Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

01 - GENERAL FUND										
Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp		
015522.000	Lee Visiting Nurses		3,700.00			3,700.00		100.00 %		
015541.001	Council on Aging Expenses		500.00			287.85	212.15	57.57 %		
015541.000	Council on Aging Serv.Hrs		1,100.00			908.93	191.07	82.63 %		
<b>541 Total Council on Aging</b>			5,300.00			4,896.78	403.22			
015543.004	Memorial Day		600.00			600.00		100.00 %		
015543.000	Veterans Administration		1,000.00			1,000.00		100.00 %		
015543.001	Veteran's Benefits		1,000.00			1,000.00		100.00 %		
<b>543 Total Veterans</b>			2,600.00			2,600.00				

# Town of Blandford

## All Departments Expenditure Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

01 - GENERAL FUND	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
	015610.000	Library Salaries		21,055.00			16,887.39	4,167.61	80.20 %
	015610.001	Library Expenses		17,245.00			17,303.03	-58.03	100.33 %
	015610.999	LIBRARY EXP. ENCUMBERED	322.89				322.89		100.00 %
<b>610 Total Library</b>			322.89	38,300.00			34,513.31	4,109.58	
	015630.000	Park & Recreation		500.00			400.00	100.00	80.00 %
	015651.000	Historical Commission		900.00			67.34	832.66	7.48 %
	015650.000	Town Common		500.00			400.00	100.00	80.00 %
<b>630 Total Recreational</b>				1,900.00			867.34	1,032.66	

# Town of Blandford

## All Departments Expenditure Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

01 - GENERAL FUND										
Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp		
015750.000	Borrowing					425,000.00	-425,000.00	100.00 %		
015751.000	Long Term Debt Interest	20,531.37	20,300.80			20,300.80	20,531.37	49.71 %		
<b>751 Total</b>	<b>751</b>	20,531.37	20,300.80			445,300.80	-404,468.63			
015752.000	Temporary Loan Interest		5,000.00			2,957.40	2,042.60	59.14 %		
<b>752 Total</b>	<b>752</b>		5,000.00			2,957.40	2,042.60			



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## All Departments Expenditure Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

22 - WATER FUND	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
	225450.000	Water Dept Supt Salary		28,080.00			27,540.00	540.00	98.07 %
	225450.001	Water Dept Clerk		5,000.00			4,999.92	0.08	99.99 %
	225450.002	Water Dept Utilities		41,400.00			41,400.00		100.00 %
	225450.003	Water Dept Back Up Supt.		3,744.00			3,744.00		100.00 %
	225450.004	Water Dept Chemicals		8,000.00			8,000.00		100.00 %
	225450.005	Water Dept Breaks		35,000.00			35,000.00		100.00 %
	225450.006	Water Dept Testing		10,000.00			10,000.00		100.00 %
	225450.007	Water Dept System Repairs		23,408.00			23,408.00		100.00 %
	225450.008	Water Dept Loan		8,402.00			8,402.00		100.00 %
	225450.010	Water Dept. Office Expens		1,750.00			1,745.82	4.18	99.76 %
	225450.011	Water Dept. Secr. Salary		6,000.00			6,125.00	-125.00	102.08 %
	225450.012	Water Dept. Equip Repairs		3,000.00			2,003.47	996.53	66.78 %
	225450.013	Water Dept. Legal Fees		3,000.00			1,036.67	1,963.33	34.55 %
	225450.015	Software/Support		8,000.00			8,000.00		100.00 %
	225450.017	Water Commissioner Salary		6,000.00			3,915.74	2,084.26	65.26 %
	225450.018	Water Education & Train.		2,000.00			1,999.74	0.26	99.98 %
	225450.019	Water Dept. Supplies		5,000.00			4,999.44	0.56	99.98 %
	225450.020	Water Dept. Other Labor		10,000.00			2,948.25	7,051.75	29.48 %
	225450.024	Water Dept. Insurance		12,500.00			12,500.00		100.00 %
	225450.025	Field Commissioner Salary		6,400.00			5,506.80	893.20	86.04 %
	225450.026	Insurance							100.00 %
	225450.027	Workers Comp/DUA		5,000.00			5,000.00		100.00 %
	225450.995	ENCUMBER WATER DEPT EXP	4,305.45				4,305.45		100.00 %
	<b>450 Total</b>		4,305.45	231,684.00			222,580.30	13,409.15	

# Town of Blandford

## All Departments Expenditure Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

22 - WATER FUND	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
	225470.000	WATER LOAN PHASE I		77,493.00			77,492.61	0.39	99.99 %
	225480.000	WATER LOAN PHASE II		70,698.00			70,698.00		100.00 %
	225481.000	WATER LOAN PHASE III		70,104.00			70,104.00		100.00 %
	225482.000	WATER LOAN PHASE IV		58,066.00			58,065.59	0.41	99.99 %
<b>470 Total Water Phases</b>				276,361.00			276,360.20	0.80	
<b>22 Total WATER FUND</b>			4,305.45	508,045.00			498,940.50	13,409.95	

# All Departments Revenue Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

01 - GENERAL FUND		Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated	% Exp
Account	Description					
014162.108	08 Farm Animal Excise			199.32	-199.32	100.00 %
014162.109	09 Farm Animal Excise			1,274.75	-1,274.75	100.00 %
014163.109	2009 Forest Product Tax			1,084.95	-1,084.95	100.00 %
014171.000	Penalty & Int. on Taxes			26,240.96	-26,240.96	100.00 %
014172.000	Penalty & Int. Excise			1,697.50	-1,697.50	100.00 %
014180.000	In Lieu of Taxes			180,347.22	-180,347.22	100.00 %
014321.000	Fees - Fire Dept.			980.00	-980.00	100.00 %
014323.000	Fees - Assessors			91.00	-91.00	100.00 %
014324.000	Fees - Dump Stickers			29,884.44	-29,884.44	100.00 %
014325.000	Fees - Health Board			14,805.42	-14,805.42	100.00 %
014329.000	Fees - Town Clerk			210.00	-210.00	100.00 %
014330.000	Fees - Zoning Board			70.00	-70.00	100.00 %
014331.000	Police Revolving Surcharg			300.00	-300.00	100.00 %
014332.000	Fees - Other			100.00	-100.00	100.00 %
014360.000	Rentals			11,300.04	-11,300.04	100.00 %
014410.000	Licenses - Liquor			750.00	-750.00	100.00 %
014451.000	Permits - Police Dept.			1,360.00	-1,360.00	100.00 %
014616.000	Abatements to the Elderly			2,520.00	-2,520.00	100.00 %
014661.000	Lottery Aid			141,714.00	-141,714.00	100.00 %
014664.000	State Owned Land			13,172.00	-13,172.00	100.00 %
014810.000	Surplus Property			731.55	-731.55	100.00 %
014820.000	Earnings of Investments			3,429.61	-3,429.61	100.00 %
014840.000	Miscellaneous Revenue			595.72	-595.72	100.00 %
014850.000	Borrowing Proceeds			405,000.00	-405,000.00	100.00 %
<b>100 Total General Government</b>				837,858.48	-837,858.48	
014771.000	Fines - District Court			10,820.23	-10,820.23	100.00 %
<b>200 Total Public Safety</b>				10,820.23	-10,820.23	
014662.000	Chapter 70 School Aid			45,414.00	-45,414.00	100.00 %
<b>300 Total Education</b>				45,414.00	-45,414.00	

# All Departments Revenue Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

01 - GENERAL FUND		Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated	% Exp
Account	Description					
014327.000	Fees - Planning Board			1,185.00	-1,185.00	100.00 %
014672.000	Highway Fund			2,452.70	-2,452.70	100.00 %
<b>400</b>	<b>Total Public Works</b>			<b>3,637.70</b>	<b>-3,637.70</b>	
014110.097	97 Personal Property Taxes			55.15	-55.15	100.00 %
014110.098	98 Personal Property Taxes			36.85	-36.85	100.00 %
014110.099	99 Personal Property Taxes			6.09	-6.09	100.00 %
014110.100	00 Personal Property Taxes			61.16	-61.16	100.00 %
014110.101	01 Personal Property Taxes			72.26	-72.26	100.00 %
014110.102	02 Personal Property Taxes			29.03	-29.03	100.00 %
014110.103	03 Personal Property Taxes			318.52	-318.52	100.00 %
014110.104	04 Personal Property Taxes			204.42	-204.42	100.00 %
014110.105	05 Personal Property Taxes			153.55	-153.55	100.00 %
014110.106	06 Personal Property Taxes			3,548.29	-3,548.29	100.00 %
014110.107	07 Personal Property Taxes			23,770.74	-23,770.74	100.00 %
014110.108	08 Personal Property Taxes			3,590.91	-3,590.91	100.00 %
014110.109	09 Personal Property Taxes			129,840.51	-129,840.51	100.00 %
<b>4110</b>	<b>Total Personal Property Taxes</b>			<b>161,687.48</b>	<b>-161,687.48</b>	
014120.102	02 Real Estate Taxes			858.12	-858.12	100.00 %
014120.103	03 Real Estate Taxes			3,426.76	-3,426.76	100.00 %
014120.104	04 Real Estate Taxes			509.71	-509.71	100.00 %
014120.105	05 Real Estate Taxes			4,436.43	-4,436.43	100.00 %
014120.106	06 Real Estate Taxes			7,736.52	-7,736.52	100.00 %
014120.107	07 Real Estate Taxes			9,883.02	-9,883.02	100.00 %
014120.108	08 Real Estate Taxes			90,699.12	-90,699.12	100.00 %
014120.109	09 Real Estate Taxes			1,622,359.43	-1,622,359.43	100.00 %
014120.110	2010 Real Estate Taxes			2,257.69	-2,257.69	100.00 %
014120.999	Property Tax Overpayment			6,753.99	-6,753.99	100.00 %
<b>4120</b>	<b>Total Real Estate Taxes</b>			<b>1,748,920.79</b>	<b>-1,748,920.79</b>	

# All Departments Revenue Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

01 - GENERAL FUND		Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated	% Exp
Account	Description					
014150.095	95 Motor Vehicle Taxes			21.25	-21.25	100.00 %
014150.097	97 Motor Vehicle Taxes			14.17	-14.17	100.00 %
014150.098	98 Motor Vehicle Taxes			15.94	-15.94	100.00 %
014150.099	99 Motor Vehicle Taxes			72.50	-72.50	100.00 %
014150.100	00 Motor Vehicle Taxes			256.25	-256.25	100.00 %
014150.101	01 Motor Vehicle Taxes			167.81	-167.81	100.00 %
014150.102	02 Motor Vehicle Taxes			239.89	-239.89	100.00 %
014150.103	03 Motor Vehicle Taxes			581.25	-581.25	100.00 %
014150.104	04 Motor Vehicle Taxes			142.51	-142.51	100.00 %
014150.105	05 Motor Vehicle Taxes			649.18	-649.18	100.00 %
014150.106	06 Motor Vehicle Taxes			1,729.38	-1,729.38	100.00 %
014150.107	07 Motor Vehicle Taxes			9,710.33	-9,710.33	100.00 %
014150.108	08 Motor Vehicle Taxes			28,590.22	-28,590.22	100.00 %
014150.109	09 Motor Vehicle Excise			97,826.38	-97,826.38	100.00 %
<b>4150 Total Motor Vehicle Taxes</b>				140,017.06	-140,017.06	
014667.000	Veterans Benefits			424.00	-424.00	100.00 %
<b>500 Total Human Service/Health</b>				424.00	-424.00	
<b>01 Total GENERAL FUND</b>				2,948,779.74	-2,948,779.74	

# **All Departments Revenue Report**

**From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009**

22 - WATER FUND	Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated	% Exp
	224121.106	Water Revenue 2006			91.61	-91.61	100.00 %
	224121.107	Water Revenue 2007			216.81	-216.81	100.00 %
	224121.108	Water Revenue 2008			231,536.28	-231,536.28	100.00 %
	224121.109	Water Revenue 2009			478,077.63	-478,077.63	100.00 %
	224170.000	Penalty & Int. on Water			314.61	-314.61	100.00 %
	224170.107	Water Liens 2007			669.28	-669.28	100.00 %
	224170.108	Water Liens 2008			1,544.71	-1,544.71	100.00 %
	224170.109	Water Liens 2009			25,395.72	-25,395.72	100.00 %
	224230.000	Water Collector Fees			15.00	-15.00	100.00 %
	224820.000	Earnings on Investments			414.20	-414.20	100.00 %
	<b>200 Total Public Safety</b>				<b>738,275.85</b>	<b>-738,275.85</b>	
	<b>22 Total WATER FUND</b>				<b>738,275.85</b>	<b>-738,275.85</b>	

# All Departments Revenue Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

23 - HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND		Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated	% Exp
Account	Description					
234720.041	Chapter 291B (Rev)			869,779.93	-869,779.93	100.00 %
400	Total Public Works			869,779.93	-869,779.93	
23	Total HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND			869,779.93	-869,779.93	

# All Departments Revenue Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

24 - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS					
Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated % Exp
244820.000	Septic Bank Interest			356.13	-356.13 100.00 %
<b>100 Total General Government</b>					
244008.000	Police Revolving FID Fees			750.00	-750.00 100.00 %
244517.000	FEMA Ice Storm 2008			-57.25	57.25 100.00 %
244518.000	FEMA Storm Damage 2007			77,718.38	-77,718.38 100.00 %
244539.000	Comm. Policing Grant			12,089.84	-12,089.84 100.00 %
244541.000	Fire Department Revolving			4,125.00	-4,125.00 100.00 %
244542.000	Road Respect Grant			2,040.00	-2,040.00 100.00 %
244549.000	Fire Equipment Grant			3,897.00	-3,897.00 100.00 %
244550.000	Fire Turnout Gear - Borrowing			22,500.00	-22,500.00 100.00 %
244731.000	BOH - Relvolving Fees			2,035.00	-2,035.00 100.00 %
244732.000	Electrical Fees			2,510.00	-2,510.00 100.00 %
244733.000	Plumbing Fees			1,060.00	-1,060.00 100.00 %
244734.000	Building Fees			3,129.50	-3,129.50 100.00 %
244735.000	Elementary School Sewer Project			-4,560.45	4,560.45 100.00 %
<b>200 Total Public Safety</b>				127,237.02	-127,237.02
244001.000	Arts Lottery			-125.00	125.00 100.00 %
244004.000	Conservation Wetland Acct			50.00	-50.00 100.00 %
244005.000	State Aid to Libraries			2,727.24	-2,727.24 100.00 %
244006.000	Council on Aging State			3,300.00	-3,300.00 100.00 %
244007.000	Library Building			336.00	-336.00 100.00 %
244530.000	Wetland Protection			50.00	-50.00 100.00 %
<b>600 Total Culture and Rec.</b>				6,338.24	-6,338.24
244730.000	Fire Department - Revolving			800.00	-800.00 100.00 %
<b>200 Total Public Safety</b>					
244520.000	Arts Council			4,300.00	-4,300.00 100.00 %



# All Departments Revenue Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

24 - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated	% Exp
Account	Description					
244551.000	School Bus Grant			200.00	-200.00	100.00 %
600 Total Culture and Rec.				4,500.00	-4,500.00	
24 Total OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				139,231.39	-139,231.39	

# All Departments Revenue Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

31 - WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated	% Exp
Account	Description					
314820.000	Earnings on Investments			57.05	-57.05	100.00 %
100	Total General Government			57.05	-57.05	
31	Total WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND			57.05	-57.05	

# All Departments Revenue Report

From 07/01/2008 to 06/30/2009

89 - AGENCY FUNDS		Orig Bud	Amended	Received	Anticipated	% Exp
Account	Description					
894150.000	Group/Health Ins. Copay			4,328.37	-4,328.37	100.00 %
Total Insurance Withholding				4,328.37	-4,328.37	
89 Total AGENCY FUNDS				4,328.37	-4,328.37	
Grand Total		0.00	0.00	4,700,452.33	-4,700,452.33	

# Town of Blandford

Combined Balance Sheet 07/01/2008-06/30/2009

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Govern Grant Funds	Capital Project Funds	Water Fund	Trust Fund	Trust Fund (Non Exp)	Agency Fund	Long Term Debt Group	Memo Only
<b>ASSETS</b>										
Cash	167,593.75	76,845.32	20,139.30	4,245.73	285,832.00	187,005.80	408,288.75	9,196.84	0.00	1,159,147.49
Receivables	3,554.27	0.00	250,209.08	0.00	83,493.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	337,257.23
Property Taxes	781,272.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	781,272.74
Allowance for Abate & Exempt	-169,416.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-169,416.02
Farm Animal Tax	793.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	793.46
Forest Product Tax	-1,084.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,084.95
Amounts to be provided	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,700,123.65
Tax Liens	50,552.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	112,783.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	163,336.13
Motor Vehicle Excise	102,369.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102,369.34
User Charges / Liens	471.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	471.29
Tax Possessions	20,967.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,967.90
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>957,074.43</b>	<b>76,845.32</b>	<b>270,348.38</b>	<b>4,245.73</b>	<b>482,109.36</b>	<b>187,005.80</b>	<b>408,288.75</b>	<b>9,196.84</b>	<b>4,700,123.65</b>	<b>7,095,238.26</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>										
Def Rev Prop Tax	611,856.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	611,856.72
Def Rev Farm Animal	793.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	793.46
Def Forest Product Tax	-1,084.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,084.95
Def Rev Tax Liens	50,552.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	112,783.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	163,336.13
Def Rev MV Excise	102,369.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102,369.34
Def Rev - User Charges / Liens	471.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	83,493.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83,965.17
Def Rev Highway	0.00	0.00	250,209.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250,209.08
Def Tax Possessions	20,967.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,967.90
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>785,926.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250,209.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>196,277.36</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,232,412.85</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>										
Reserved for Encumb	13,685.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,685.45
Reserved for Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reserved for Deficits	-2,827.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	-125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,952.14
Reserve for Snow & Ice	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Designated	0.00	76,845.32	20,139.30	4,245.73	15.00	187,005.80	408,288.75	9,196.84	4,700,123.65	5,405,860.39
Undesignated	160,289.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	285,942.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	446,231.71
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>171,148.02</b>	<b>76,845.32</b>	<b>20,139.30</b>	<b>4,245.73</b>	<b>285,832.00</b>	<b>187,005.80</b>	<b>408,288.75</b>	<b>9,196.84</b>	<b>4,700,123.65</b>	<b>5,862,825.41</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>957,074.43</b>	<b>76,845.32</b>	<b>270,348.38</b>	<b>4,245.73</b>	<b>482,109.36</b>	<b>187,005.80</b>	<b>408,288.75</b>	<b>9,196.84</b>	<b>4,700,123.65</b>	<b>7,095,238.26</b>

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Account Number	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
011040.000	Cash Unrestricted Checkng	3,306,244.84	3,138,651.09	167,593.75
011210.091	1991 Personal Prop Tax Rc	48.73	0.00	48.73
011210.094	1994 Personal Prop Tax Rc	62.74	0.00	62.74
011210.095	1995 Personal Prop Tax Rc	93.05	0.00	93.05
011210.096	1996 Personal Prop Tax Rc	182.95	397.66	-214.71
011210.097	1997 Personal Prop Tax Rc	777.42	793.79	-16.37
011210.098	1998 Personal Prop Tax Rc	448.58	447.06	1.52
011210.099	1999 Personal Prop Tax Rc	405.77	410.58	-4.81
011210.100	2000 Personal Prop Tax Rc	464.23	445.60	18.63
011210.101	2001 Personal Prop Tax Rc	645.42	464.40	181.02
011210.102	2002 Personal Prop Tax Rc	757.74	420.21	337.53
011210.103	2003 Personal Prop Tax Rc	2,996.72	1,370.35	1,626.37
011210.104	2004 Personal Prop Tax Rc	10,747.87	1,436.80	9,311.07
011210.105	2005 Personal Prop Tax Rc	8,569.51	1,038.68	7,530.83
011210.106	2006 Personal Prop Tax Rc	6,505.63	4,124.77	2,380.86
011210.107	2007 Personal Prop Tax Rc	27,664.70	24,410.73	3,253.97
011210.108	2008 Personal Prop Tax Rc	8,406.13	4,157.88	4,248.25
011210.109	2009 Personal Prop Tax Rc	297,647.38	279,359.19	18,288.19
011220.089	1989 Real Estate Tax Rc	279.58	0.00	279.58
011220.090	1990 Real Estate Tax Rc	323.14	0.00	323.14
011220.091	1991 Real Estate Tax Rc	452.34	0.00	452.34
011220.092	1992 Real Estate Tax Rc	656.47	0.00	656.47
011220.093	1993 Real Estate Tax Rc	1,384.30	0.00	1,384.30
011220.094	1994 Real Estate Tax Rc	556.64	0.00	556.64
011220.095	1995 Real Estate Tax Rc	816.91	0.00	816.91
011220.096	1996 Real Estate Tax Rc	634.68	0.00	634.68
011220.097	1997 Real Estate Tax Rc.	839.56	0.00	839.56
011220.098	1998 Real Estate Tax Rc	848.82	0.00	848.82
011220.099	1999 Real Estate Tax Re	294.29	0.00	294.29
011220.100	2000 Real Estate Tax Rc	1,301.19	0.00	1,301.19
011220.101	2001 Real Estate Tax Rc	0.00	441.98	-441.98
011220.102	2002 Real Estate Tax Rc	6,344.96	858.12	5,486.84
011220.103	2003 Real Estate Tax Rc	54,774.78	4,478.59	50,296.19
011220.104	2004 Real Estate Tax Rc	46,109.23	509.71	45,599.52
011220.105	2005 Real Estate Tax Rc	26,549.50	4,856.87	21,692.63
011220.106	2006 Real Estate Tax Rc	42,542.48	8,985.69	33,556.79
011220.107	2007 Real Estate Tax Rc	166,244.23	13,764.13	152,480.10
011220.108	2008 Real Estate Tax Rc	256,007.08	93,345.29	162,661.79
011220.109	2009 Real Estate Tax Rc	2,642,644.49	2,379,226.74	263,417.75
011220.110	2010 Real Estate Tax Rc	0.00	2,257.69	-2,257.69
011220.999	Property Tax Overpayments	0.00	6,753.99	-6,753.99
011230.085	1985 Allow for Abatements	0.00	82.70	-82.70
011230.086	1986 Allow for Abatements	0.00	79.46	-79.46

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011230.087	1987 Allow for Abatements	0.00	1,144.17	-1,144.17
011230.088	1988 Allow for Abatements	0.00	1,929.96	-1,929.96
011230.089	1989 Allow for Abatements	0.00	3,388.94	-3,388.94
011230.090	1990 Allow for Abatements	0.00	4,115.06	-4,115.06
011230.091	1991 Allow for Abatements	0.00	3,104.40	-3,104.40
011230.092	1992 Allow for Abatements	0.00	6,141.96	-6,141.96
011230.093	1993 Allow for Abatements	0.00	8,354.34	-8,354.34
011230.094	1994 Allow for Abatements	0.00	3,161.66	-3,161.66
011230.095	1995 Allow for Abatements	0.00	12,087.13	-12,087.13
011230.096	1996 Allow for Abatements	397.66	7,098.67	-6,701.01
011230.097	1997 Allow for Abatements	738.64	10,023.29	-9,284.65
011230.098	1998 Allow for Abatements	410.21	2,787.43	-2,377.22
011230.099	1999 Allow for Abatements	404.49	16,024.11	-15,619.62
011230.100	2000 Allow for Abatements	384.44	7,880.04	-7,495.60
011230.101	2001 Allow for Abatements	392.14	5,928.45	-5,536.31
011230.102	2002 Allow for Abatements	391.18	10,242.76	-9,851.58
011230.103	2003 Allow for Abatements	2,103.66	14,154.29	-12,050.63
011230.104	2004 Allow for Abatements	1,232.38	9,417.49	-8,185.11
011230.105	2005 Allow for Abatements	1,305.57	0.00	1,305.57
011230.106	2006 Allow for Abatements	3,036.71	1,855.00	1,181.71
011230.107	2007 Allow for Abatements	4,521.10	22,737.10	-18,216.00
011230.108	2008 Allow for Abatements	1,223.07	22,354.48	-21,131.41
011230.109	2009 Allow for Abatements	20,352.27	32,216.65	-11,864.38
011240.000	Tax Liens Receivable	50,552.65	0.00	50,552.65
011260.083	1983 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	5.00	0.00	5.00
011260.084	1984 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	23.66	0.00	23.66
011260.085	1985 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	76.25	0.00	76.25
011260.086	1986 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	470.56	0.00	470.56
011260.087	1987 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	725.63	0.00	725.63
011260.088	1988 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	148.75	0.00	148.75
011260.089	1989 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	842.50	0.00	842.50
011260.090	1990 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,406.89	0.00	1,406.89
011260.091	1991 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,345.64	0.00	1,345.64
011260.092	1992 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	792.19	0.00	792.19
011260.093	1993 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	906.67	0.00	906.67
011260.094	1994 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	352.52	0.00	352.52
011260.095	1995 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	255.01	21.25	233.76
011260.096	1996 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	684.37	0.00	684.37
011260.097	1997 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	992.82	14.17	978.65
011260.098	1998 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,252.92	15.94	1,236.98
011260.099	1999 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	974.59	72.50	902.09
011260.100	2000 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	461.26	256.25	205.01
011260.101	2001 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,158.38	167.81	990.57

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011260.102	2002 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	4,084.13	239.89	3,844.24
011260.103	2003 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	4,177.16	581.25	3,595.91
011260.104	2004 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	2,597.16	142.51	2,454.65
011260.105	2005 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	5,828.28	649.18	5,179.10
011260.106	2006 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	11,212.43	1,729.38	9,483.05
011260.107	2007 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	28,856.35	10,718.58	18,137.77
011260.108	2008 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	61,838.45	40,794.38	21,044.07
011260.109	2009 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	126,376.95	100,074.09	26,302.86
011270.108	2008 Farm Animals Ex Tx	2,702.12	2,349.32	352.80
011270.109	2009 Farm Animals Ex TX	2,573.04	2,132.38	440.66
011290.109	2009 Forest Product Tax	1,084.95	2,169.90	-1,084.95
011340.000	Departmental Receivables	471.29	0.00	471.29
011850.000	Prepaid Expenses	7,416.12	3,861.85	3,554.27
011880.000	Tax Possessions	20,967.90	0.00	20,967.90
012610.000	Def Rev Real & Prop. Tax	2,842,339.54	3,454,196.26	-611,856.72
012622.000	Def Rev Tax Liens	0.00	50,552.65	-50,552.65
012623.000	Def Rev Tax Foreclosures	0.00	20,967.90	-20,967.90
012630.000	Def Rev Motor Vehicle Ex	155,477.18	257,846.52	-102,369.34
012654.000	Def Rev Forest Product Tax	1,556.24	471.29	1,084.95
012655.000	Def Rev Farm Animal	3,406.70	4,200.16	-793.46
012656.000	Def Rev Departmental	0.00	471.29	-471.29
013211.000	FB Res for Encumbrances	21,125.03	34,810.48	-13,685.45
013240.000	FB Res for Expenditures	43,715.00	43,715.00	0.00
013590.000	FB Undesignated Fund Bal	3,167,783.92	3,328,073.63	-160,289.71
013592.000	FB Unres Approp Deficits	39,391.38	36,564.24	2,827.14
013595.000	FB Res. for Snow & Ice	52,380.22	52,380.22	0.00
013910.000	Revenue	2,956,657.64	2,956,657.64	0.00
013930.000	Expenditures (Control)	3,044,038.41	3,044,038.41	0.00
013999.000	Cash Offset	81,522.21	81,522.21	0.00
221040.000	Cash	784,772.50	498,940.50	285,832.00
221310.102	Water Rates FY02	194.48	0.00	194.48
221310.103	Water Rates FY03	1,451.79	0.00	1,451.79
221310.104	Water Rates FY04	17,409.96	0.00	17,409.96
221310.105	Water Rates FY05	41,324.01	28,370.89	12,953.12
221310.106	Water Rates FY06	40,026.50	39,764.15	262.35
221310.107	Water Rates FY07	102,198.17	130,694.23	-28,496.06
221310.108	Water Rates FY08	823,864.35	812,681.59	11,182.76
221310.109	Water RatesFY09	546,613.11	478,077.63	68,535.48
221330.101	Water Liens - 2001	1,926.83	0.00	1,926.83
221330.102	Water Liens - 2002	853.01	0.00	853.01
221330.104	Water Liens - 2004	2,283.87	0.00	2,283.87
221330.105	Water Liens - 2005	8,729.77	0.00	8,729.77
221330.106	Water Liens - 2006	87,383.01	73,888.95	13,494.06

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221330.107	Water Liens - 2007	56,378.17	40,931.82	15,446.35
221330.108	Water Liens - 2008	137,521.06	93,609.59	43,911.47
221330.109	Water Liens - 2009	51,533.84	25,395.72	26,138.12
222230.000	Water Collector Fees	0.00	15.00	-15.00
222651.000	Def Revenue Water Rates	1,011,510.86	1,095,004.74	-83,493.88
222653.000	Def Revenue Water Liens	233,826.08	346,609.56	-112,783.48
223590.000	FB Undesignated	499,910.35	785,852.35	-285,942.00
223592.000	Appropriation Deifict	1,094.85	969.85	125.00
223910.000	Revenue	738,260.85	738,260.85	0.00
223930.000	Expenditures (Control)	498,940.50	498,940.50	0.00
231040.000	Pooled Cash	1,255,958.92	1,235,819.62	20,139.30
231720.040	Chapter 291	276,305.46	276,305.46	0.00
231720.041	Chapter 90 Funds	1,989,801.94	1,739,592.86	250,209.08
231720.043	Beech Hill Road	382,712.58	382,712.58	0.00
232670.000	Def Rev Highway	869,779.93	1,119,989.01	-250,209.08
233547.000	FB Chapter 90	1,736,773.98	1,739,625.86	-2,851.88
233721.000	FB Beech Hill Rd Improvement	382,712.58	400,000.00	-17,287.42
241040.000	Pooled Cash	304,449.52	227,604.20	76,845.32
243307.000	Library Building	0.00	649.95	-649.95
243308.000	Police Revolving FID Fees	739.78	1,489.78	-750.00
243517.000	FB FEMA Ice Storm 2008	53,635.42	0.00	53,635.42
243518.000	FB FEMA Storm Damage 2007	59,039.44	119,566.91	-60,527.47
243519.000	FB FEMA Snow Grant	0.00	8,621.22	-8,621.22
243520.000	FB Arts Council	3,843.75	7,603.61	-3,759.86
243521.000	FB Sale of Lots	0.00	9,654.49	-9,654.49
243522.000	FB Conservation Comm	0.00	50.00	-50.00
243523.000	FB EOCD Septic	20,901.00	37,186.08	-16,285.08
243524.000	FB State Aid to Libraries	0.00	18,287.60	-18,287.60
243528.000	FB Friends of Library	0.00	87.16	-87.16
243529.000	FB Bequeath C. Keene	0.00	2,199.51	-2,199.51
243530.000	FB Wetland Protection	0.00	2,573.27	-2,573.27
243531.000	FB Conservation Fund	0.00	987.50	-987.50
243532.000	FB Misc. Library	0.00	246.83	-246.83
243535.000	FB Fire Safety Grant	1,739.60	0.00	1,739.60
243536.000	FB Extended Polling Hours	576.00	576.00	0.00
243538.000	FB Open Space Grant	0.00	500.00	-500.00
243539.000	FB Comm. Policing Grant	16,642.91	17,851.75	-1,208.84
243539.001	FB Police Road Respect Grant	1,860.00	2,040.00	-180.00
243540.000	FB Trust of Reserv Hist	0.00	217.50	-217.50
243541.000	FB Fire Dept Revolving	5,367.85	5,801.71	-433.86
243543.000	FB COA GRANT	3,457.34	3,457.34	0.00
243544.000	FB BOH Revolving	2,310.00	2,435.00	-125.00
243545.000	FB Electrical Fee Revolving	1,320.00	3,465.00	-2,145.00



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243546.000	FB Plumbing Fee Revolving	75.00	1,425.00	-1,350.00
243547.000	FB Building Fees Revolving	2,190.00	6,458.50	-4,268.50
243548.000	FB Elementary School Sewer Project	89,211.80	81,593.00	7,618.80
243549.000	Fire Equipment Grant	0.00	3,897.00	-3,897.00
243550.000	Fire Turnout Gear - Borrowing	21,866.50	22,500.00	-633.50
243551.000	School Bus Grant	0.00	200.00	-200.00
311040.000	Cash Water Improv Project	4,245.73	0.00	4,245.73
313590.000	FB Water Imp. Capital Project	0.00	4,245.73	-4,245.73
313910.000	Revenue Control	57.05	57.05	0.00
313930.000	Expenditure Control	0.00	0.00	0.00
821040.000	Cash Trust Funds	265,333.22	80,932.01	184,401.21
821050.000	Utley Library Investments	2,604.59	0.00	2,604.59
823590.000	FB Exp. Cemetery 1 & 2	511.93	1,964.31	-1,452.38
823590.001	FB Exp. Soenburger Cem.	7.29	2,053.45	-2,046.16
823590.002	FB Exp. Susan Tiffany Cem	6,720.53	45,569.96	-38,849.43
823590.004	FB Cemetery Care	125.14	372.30	-247.16
823590.005	FB Utley Library	0.00	5,704.85	-5,704.85
823590.008	FB Exp. Taggart School	14.55	3,413.73	-3,399.18
823590.009	FB Nye School	2.92	6,686.68	-6,683.76
823590.010	FB Exp. Watson School	8.65	3,435.42	-3,426.77
823590.011	FB Exp. Electa-Watson	40.37	26,301.52	-26,261.15
823590.012	FB Exp. Arms Bicentennial	602.28	38,864.15	-38,261.87
823590.013	Exp. Watson Dean Park	7,430.29	53,642.90	-46,212.61
823590.014	FB Stabilization	66,000.00	74,767.27	-8,767.27
823590.015	FB Exp. Library Building	0.00	3,221.82	-3,221.82
823590.016	FB Exp Lot Sale Perp Care	608.33	3,079.72	-2,471.39
831040.000	Trust Fund Cash Non-Exp.	37,477.55	0.00	37,477.55
831060.000	Trust Fund Investments	457,967.10	87,155.90	370,811.20
833401.005	Nonexp. Arms Bicentennial	0.00	14,500.00	-14,500.00
833402.005	Nonexp. Watson Dean Park	7,077.88	223,830.24	-216,752.36
833403.005	FB Nonexp. Cemetery 1&2	0.00	10,550.00	-10,550.00
833404.005	FB Nonexp. Soenburger Cem	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
833405.005	FB Nonexp. Susan Tiffany	71,176.73	167,261.06	-96,084.33
833407.005	FB Nonexp. Cemetery Care	0.00	7,452.00	-7,452.00
833408.005	Nonexp. Utley Library	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
833409.005	FB Nonexp. Library Bldg.	0.00	1,088.98	-1,088.98
833410.005	FB Nonexp. Taggart School	0.00	4,985.95	-4,985.95
833411.005	FB Nonexp. Nye School	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
833412.005	FB Nonexp. Watson School	0.00	2,965.68	-2,965.68
833413.005	FB Nonexp. Electa-Watson	8,901.29	40,960.74	-32,059.45
833414.005	FB Nonexp Lot Sales PCare	0.00	8,350.00	-8,350.00

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891040.000	Pooled Cash	115,777.14	106,580.30	9,196.84
892100.000	MV Reg. Mark Fees	0.00	5,300.43	-5,300.43
892120.000	Federal Income Tax Withholdings	24,333.62	24,944.34	-610.72
892120.001	FICA Withholding	14,645.52	15,044.93	-399.41
892130.000	State Withholding	13,341.67	13,792.82	-451.15
892140.000	Retirement Withholding	21,112.32	21,483.07	-370.75
892150.000	Group/Health Insurance	21,016.05	20,543.92	472.13
892190.000	Other Payroll Withholding	7,840.00	7,840.00	0.00
892210.000	Deputy Collector's Fees	3,572.00	2,576.00	996.00
892220.000	Extra Police Duty	240.00	600.00	-360.00
892230.000	Collector's Fees	2,243.00	3,916.51	-1,673.51
892250.000	Town Clerk's Fees	0.00	204.00	-204.00
892260.000	Police Dept Firearms Fund	0.00	1,275.00	-1,275.00
892280.000	Conservation Fees	0.00	20.00	-20.00
892580.001	Federal Withhold.	3,044.33	3,044.33	0.00
892580.002	FICA Withhold.	3,925.17	3,925.17	0.00
892580.004	State Withhold.	2,304.65	2,304.65	0.00
892580.005	Retirement Withhld.	8,515.99	8,515.99	0.00
892580.006	Grp. Ins. Withhld.	19,529.99	19,529.99	0.00
901900.000	Loans Authorized	700,460.00	350,230.00	350,230.00
901901.000	Loan Authoirzed & Unissued	350,230.00	700,460.00	-350,230.00
901991.000	Amounts to be provided	4,836,207.93	136,084.28	4,700,123.65
902920.000	Landfill Cap Bond Payable	10,400.00	166,400.00	-156,000.00
902940.000	Water Bond Payable	83,184.28	4,549,807.93	-4,466,623.65
902950.000	Highway Loader	95,000.00	150,000.00	-55,000.00
902951.000	Fire Equipment	22,500.00	45,000.00	-22,500.00
<b>Report Total</b>		<b>40,179,791.96</b>	<b>40,179,791.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

CASH ON HAND 07-01-2008	\$	683,691.35	WARRANTS FY 2009	\$5,001.635.77
RECEIPTS FY 2009		4,827,795.30	CASH ON HAND 06-30-09	509.850.86

### TOWN DEBT

LOADER - PAYMENT #3 DUE FY2011, PRINCIPAL \$20,000., INTEREST 593.35

FIRE EQUIPMENT – APPROVED 3/26/09 \$22,500 – FIRST PAYMENT FY10 PRINCIPAL \$5,000, INT \$97.83

PAYMENT #2 DUE FY2011 PRINCIPAL \$5,000., INTEREST \$280.00

WATER LOAN for CONSTRUCTION OF CHLORINE CT REACTION PIPE

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

PAYMENT #15 DUE FY 2011 PRINCIPAL \$4,114.89 INTEREST \$4,287.11

LANDFILL CAP-\$249,600 FINANCED BY STATE HOUSE NOTES FOR 24 YEARS BEGINNING FY2001@ 5.95%  
INTEREST DUE FY 2011 \$8,663.20 – 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.

PERM BOND FOR PHASE 1, GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,183,803 @ 4.375% FOR 38 YEARS  
SIXTH PAYMENT DUE 6/8/2011 \$43,613.72 INTEREST, \$31,153.00 PRINCIPAL

PERM BOND FOR PHASE 2 GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,288,697 @ 4.5% FOR 39 YEARS  
SIXTH PAYMENT DUE 12/16/10 \$15,834.78 PRINCIPAL, \$54,863.22 INTEREST

PERM BOND FOR PHASE 3 GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$1,300,623 @ 4.375% FOR 38 YEARS  
FOURTH PAYMENT DUE 8/27/10 \$15,011.39 PRINCIPAL, \$55,092.61 INTEREST

PERM BOND FOR PHASE 4 GRANTED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$882,000 @ 4.125% FOR 39 YEARS  
FOURTH PAYMENT DUE 6/12/11 \$22,616 PRINCIPAL, \$56,199.77 INTEREST

### SECURITIES, TRUST FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS

Library Building Fund	4,310.80	Taggart School Fund	8,385.13
Robert A. Arms			
Bicentennial Park Fund	52,761.87	Watson School Fund	6,392.45
Susan Tiffany Stock Dividend Fund	68,453.20	Nye School Fund	7,683.76
Electa Watson Stock Dividend Fund	30,742.32	Sornberger Cemetery Fund	2,046.16
Watson Park Dividend Fund	46,212.61	Stabilization Fund	8,767.27
Cemetery 1 & 2 Fund	1,452.38	Cemetery Care Fund	97.16
Water Department Enterprise Fund	38,929.13	Lot Sale Perpetual Care Fund	1,996.39
Septic Repair Grant Fund	36,986.80		
Wallace Dean Watson Fund - Bank of America, Trustees Book Value as of 6/30/09			216,752.36
Utey Library Fund - In Custody of Library Trustees			

# SECURITIES, TRUSTS AND OTHER FUNDS

## CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS:

ACCOUNT	DEPOSIT	ACCOUNT	DEPOSIT
Sarah Shepard	100.00	Camilla A. Tiffany	1,000.00
Frank Terrel	100.00	Julette Lloyd	200.00
O.B. Brockett & Maria Knox	100.00	Henry Blair	100.00
C. Hall, Henry or H.C. Moore	150.00	Electa B. Watson	1,000.00
Susan & Belle Tiffany	1,000.00	George D. Lloyd	100.00
James Babb	102.00	Percy Shurtleff	50.00
Maria Sennet	100.00	Edna Lloyd	500.00
Lester Moore	100.00	Hattie Herrick Brockett	100.00
Sylvester Peebles	100.00	Katherine Loomis Keene	100.00
Noah Nye	100.00	Anna & Amos Loomis, Sr.	100.00
Alman W. Lloyd	500.00	Frederick Ebel	100.00
John B. Riley	100.00	Jackson & Robert Kraushar	200.00
William Bates	100.00	Irving Bryan	100.00
Elisha Walker Shepard	1,000.00	Sven & Mae Anderson	200.00
Seymour Babb	100.00	Vernon & Florence Bodurtha	200.00
Wallace Heady	100.00	Howard & Christine Wyman	100.00
Franklin J. Hall	100.00	North Blandford Old Home Day	
George B.S. Lloyd	100.00	and Lorinda Gibbs	100.00
Lester W. Lloyd	50.00	Mildred H. Mason	500.00
Grace E. Raymond	100.00	Harold G. & Hazel I. Wyman	300.00
Dennison Loomis	100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Waite	300.00
Taggart Prentice	200.00	Ester & David Ripley	100.00
Fayette E. Sheldon	100.00	Mark B. Cloutier	200.00
H.L. Hayden	300.00	Pauline S. Kuznicki	100.00
Berta E. Cross	200.00	Sarah H. Robbins	100.00
Albert D. Snow	50.00	Harold Gibbs	500.00
Winfield D. Healy	150.00	Ernest C. & Ruby J. Wyman	250.00
Nora Babb	100.00	Elwin W. & Ruth E. Wyman	250.00
C.R. Ripley	200.00	Milton Ripley	500.00
Mordecai Babb	300.00	Richard Robinson	500.00
C.W. Bates	100.00	John & Thelma Lathrop	200.00
Anna M. Hiland	100.00	Winifred Arms	2,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Weed	50.00	Total (Cemetery 1&2)	10,550.00
M.D. & B.T. Somborger	300.00		
Charles W. Shepard	100.00	Mr. & Mrs. L.M. Somborger	2,500.00
Achsah Shepard	100.00		
Frank B. Cook	100.00		
Percy Richard	100.00		
William Keene	100.00	Susan B. Tiffany	1,826.00
Leslie A. & Anna S. Miller	200.00		
Charles D. & Barbara R. Wilson	100.00	Lot Sale Perpetual Care Principal	8,350.00
Benjamin Scott	150.00		
Total (Cemetery Care)	\$ 7,602.00		

## ELECTA WATSON SCHOOL FUND-STOCKS:

723 Shares AT&T  
85 Shares Qwest  
168 Shares Verizon  
105 Shares Vodaphone (New)  
108 Shares Comcast  
14 Shares Teredata  
14 Shares NCR  
3 Shares Fairpoint

Value of Fund \$27,578.28  
(6/30/09)

## 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 Dynegy  
2304 Shares General Electric  
1812 Shares Citicorp  
115 Shares Dow  
144 Shares Praxair  
43 Shares Vodaphone  
48 Shares Comcast  
1 Share Fairpoint

Value of Fund \$ 66,480.56  
(6/30/09)

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne M. Holliday, Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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

### Births:

Daughter of Kristopher & Kelly Lewandowski, born May 5, 2009  
Daughter of Travis & Kate Stopa, born August 12, 2009  
Son of Curtis & Leah Priest, born August 13, 2009  
Daughter of Mark & Maureen Boomsma, born September 30, 2009

### Deaths:

Helen R. Weeks, age 90, died January 20, 2009  
Andrew Fredrick Lelgeman, age 41, died March 14, 2009  
Geraldine H. Buss, age 78, died April 16, 2009  
Joanne M. Dearing, age 66, died June 2, 2009  
Richard Charles Toomey, age 69, died July 1, 2009  
RosaLee B. Sibbio, age 85, died July 3, 2009

### Marriages:

Stephen M. Jemiolo to Doris L Boudin, August 8, 2009  
Jacob P. Wojcik to Kathleen S. McKee, August 9, 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
Staci Iglesias

## REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

Veterans and their dependents were consulted and assisted in filing claims for benefits under the provision of Ch 115, 108 CMR, state of Massachusetts and also assisting veterans and their families for Death Benefits, VA claims, and also Social Security.

Continuously we assist all veterans and their dependents upon their needs. In the year 2009 the VA has put tremendous efforts in providing immediate care for veterans that may have TBI and PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder respectively.

We are on call 24-7 as always to help our deserving veterans and their families.

God Bless America!!

Respectfully submitted  
Robert C. Messier

## REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Blandford Water Commission reports that even though recent upgrades to the water system over the past several years has made the public water supply more reliable and of better quality there still remains major challenges going forward. With major maintenance to the treatment plant's ozone, chlorine and soda ash systems completed the department is ready to handle other current major issues such as the leaking water storage tank.

Our current water tower has served the Town well over the years but as with all manufactured products the tank has reached the end of the designed life cycle. Having been patched several times in the past few years the tank is leaking again and fixing and repainting the tank to extend the tanks life any further would not be cost effective.

We have submitted an application to Rural Development for a grant to help defray the cost of replacing the existing tank under the Federal Governments Reinvestment Act. We hope to be approved for 40 – 70% of the actual cost of the project. However we are pleased to report that the department has approximately \$250,000 in retained earnings to help defray any rate increases for this project.

We will also be aggressively addressing the overdue water bills. Currently under State law we are required to bill all users to cover any unpaid bills in the next years billing to defray the cost for those who refuse to pay on time. There will be a program in place to help those who are unemployed, elderly or those who for other reasons are struggling to pay timely by working out reasonable

payment schedule based on their circumstances. Those who repeatedly refuse pay by the bills due date will face interest and shut off of service if necessary as provided under Law. It is not fair to all those who do pay and have to shoulder the burden of those who don't.

We are currently fixing the last of the meters so that as of July 1, 2010 we will have completed the initial first reading of all the meters connected to the system and begin billing based on the actual gallons used. However you must understand that the debt portion of the water bill will not be affected by meter reading. Finally, the commission would like to thank all water users and residents for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully,  
Blandford Water Commission  
Frank Burkott  
Rob Nichols  
Mark Boomsma

**MINUTE OF MEETING  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.  
TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
May 4, 2009**

- 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.  
**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 2008 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 53F; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**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, 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$6,215.00 for the Reserve Account; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**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 FY10, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Fire Chief; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**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 FY10, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

- 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money (\$908,242) 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.)  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**
- 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- 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.  
**DECLARED PASSED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR**
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to purchase a new 2009 OR 2008 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.  
**DECLARED PASSED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR**

**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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**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.  
**TABLED**

**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. Seven days before town meeting a post card is to be mail to all residents as a reminder that the town report is on the website and to request in writing if you would like a town report mail to you.

~~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.

**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**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.

**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**

**APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL FEBRUARY, 2010**

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

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Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MAY 9, 2009**

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 One Year Vote for One	Vote	Library Trustee for Three Years Vote for One	Vote
**COSETTE COUSINEAU, 99 Chester Rd.	115	*CHRIS KEENAN, Main St. "Candidate for Re-election"	175
*EILEEN GATES, 39 Herrick Rd.	83		
Assessor for Three Years Vote for One		Moderator for Three Years Vote for One	
*JULIE MUELLER, 9 Sunset Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	150	*DAVID HOPSON, 55 Woronoco Rd "Candidate for Re-election"	174
Board of Health for Three Years Vote for One		Planning Board for Five Years Vote for One	
*MICHAEL WOJCIK, 5 Beagle Club Rd "Candidate for Re-election".	119	Julie Mueller	34
		Mary Mangini	32

<b>Cemetery Commissioner for Three Years Vote for One</b>		<b>Planning Board for Three Years Vote for One</b>	
T.J. COUSINEAU, 99 Chester Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	182	<b>DO TO AN OVERSITE, THIS POSITION IS ALREADY FILLED</b>	XXX
			XXX
<b>Cemetery Commissioner for Two Years Vote for One</b>		<b>Selectboard for Three Years Vote for One</b>	
Robert Nichols	3	*STEPHEN JEMIOLO, 52 Beech Hill Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	81
		*ROBERT NICHOLS, 106 Main St	128
<b>Cemetery Commissioner for One Year Vote for One</b>		<b>School Committee for Three Years Vote for One</b>	
Robert Nichols	4	*MICHELLE CRANE, 15 North St.	178
<b>Field Driver for Three Years Vote for One</b>		<b>Tree Warden for Three Years Vote for One</b>	
George Reichert	27	*MICHAEL WOJCIK, 5 Beagle Club Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	86
<b>Fence Viewer for Three Years Vote for One</b>		<b>Water Commissioner for Three Years Vote for One</b>	
George Reichert	31	**RICHARD BERTRAM, 45 Otis Tolland Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	56
		*MARK BOOMSMA, 8 Nye Brook Rd	135
		<b>Water Commissioner for One Year Vote for One</b>	
		Robert Nichols	12
		Mark Boomsma	10

**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.**  
**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
**JUNE 29, 2009**

- Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of 3,000 from the Selectmen Expense (\$1,600), & Tax Title Custodian (\$1,400) line item to Town Office expenses.  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$2,200 from the Tax Title Advertising (\$1,000), Conservation Commission (\$1,000), & Park & Recreation (\$200) line items to Unemployment Compensation expenses.  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**

- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$2,000 from the Group Insurance line item to Fire Department expenses.  
**TABLED**
- Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$2,000 from the Group Insurance (\$1,000) & Veteran Benefits (\$1,000) lines item to Highway Department expenses.  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**
- Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$32,800.00 from the Tax Title Legal Fees (\$5,000), Town Counsel (\$4,000), Town Administrator (\$13,500), FICA (\$10,000), Park & Recreation (\$200) & Tax Title Custodian (\$100) line items to Sand & Salt expenses.  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**
- Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$12,000 from the Workers Compensation (\$6,000), Transfer Station Expenses (\$4,000) & Town Insurance (\$2,000) line items to Vocational Education expenses.  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**
- Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$3,000 from the Town Insurance line item to Temporary Loan Interest.  
**POSTED PONPONED INDEFINITITY**

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION  
JUNE 27, 2009**

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

Question 1:

Shall the Town of Blandford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a new 2009 Large dump truck with plow and sander.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_

Question 2:

Shall the Town of Blandford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a new 2009 Truck with utility body, sander and plow.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.**  
**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
August 31, 2009

Article 1: That the city/town of Blandford accept G.L.c64L 2(a) to impose a local meals excise.  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**

Article 2: 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 Shepard Farm for the purpose of depositing receipts received in connection donations and fees for the purpose of upgrading the facility, said sum not to exceed \$10,000 in FY10, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Shepard Farm Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.**  
**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
December 2, 2009

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$33,300 for the purchase of computer software and computer.  
**DECLARED PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR, 47 yes/7 no**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$4,446.81 from FY10 Highway Expenses to pay for prior year expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$424.49 from FY10 Fire Department Revolving Fund to pay for prior year expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$198.34 from FY10 Police Department Expenses to pay for prior year expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$112.40 from FY10 Town Office Expense to pay for prior year expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$50.00 from FY10 Library Expense to pay for prior year expenses.  
**POSTED PONED IDENTIFNTY**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from water department retaining earning a sum of \$12,665.47 to pay for prior year expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization a sum of \$5,000 to Tax Title Legal Fees.  
**PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization a sum of \$528 to Library Expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNAMIOUS VOTE**

True Copy.

ATTEST:

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Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL ELECTION  
APRIL 17, 2010**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO VOTE IN BOTH SECTIONS**

**Section 1:**

TO VOTE, place an X to the RIGHT of your choice:

**Proposed Recall (Chapter 297 of Acts of 2004)**

For the recall of Selectman Robert R. Nichols      \_\_ 159

Against the recall of Selectman Robert R. Nichols      \_\_ 212

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**Section 2:**

To vote for a person place an "X" by the name or if not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided.

**CANDIDATES**

Douglas Emo      \_\_\_\_\_

Dale Miller      \_\_\_\_\_

Robert R. Nichols      \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 3, 2010 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 2011 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, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, 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 \$6,100 for the Reserve Account; or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,400 for the Stabilization Account; 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 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 FY11, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Fire Chief; or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**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 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 for each in FY11, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, 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 Shepard Farm property, for the purpose of maintenance and improvements, and to authorize the expenditure of such fund by the Shepard Farm Revolving Fund Committee, which shall consist of a representative from each of the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, and the Historical Commission; said sum not to exceed \$10,000 for each in FY11.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Article 9:** 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 \$3,066, in accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 41, § 4A, or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 10:** 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 FY11, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 11:** 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 Transfer Station Trash Bags from residents for the purpose of purchasing trash bags from the Board of Health, said sum not to exceed \$5,000 in FY11, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Health, 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 such sums of \$976,131 as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.  
(See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of \$526,276.63 to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1,515,368 for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money \$212,259 for the Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money \$3,300 for an oil tank for the Blandford Porter Memorial Library for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Article 17:** 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, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION



**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to enter into a immediate discussions with other Western Mass Municipalities with the intent of entering an inter municipal agreement by and through the Selectboard pursuant to Ch 40 sec 4A of the MGL's for the purpose of establishing a universal, open access, financial self sustaining communication system for the provisions of broad band service, including high speed internet access, telephone and cable TV to the residences, businesses, and institutions of these Municipalities: of act in relation thereto.

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 26th day of April, 2009

I have served this Warrant as directed.

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Constable

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Date

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

	2008	2009	2010	FY11 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Moderator's Salary	48	48	48	50
Moderator's Expense	0	0	0	0
Selectboard Dept. Salaries	10,769	4,456	4456	4590
Secretary		6,470	0	6664
Selectmen's Expenses	1,800	1,800	1800	1800
Finance Committee	245	245	245	245
Reserve Account	10,000	0	0	0
Accountant Salary	9,077	9,350	9350	9630
Accountant Expenses	1,500	1,500	4825	4825
Assessor's Dept. Salaries	15,190	4,195	4195	4321
Assessor's Secretary		11,269	11269	14086
Assessor's Expenses	7,000	7,000	7211	7211
Assessor's Contract Services	23,600	27,100	28200	28200
Treasurer's Dept. Salaries	8,600	7,769	7769	8858
Clerk's Salary		851	0	876
Treasurer's Expenses	2,650	2,650	5975	6500
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	12,890	12890	13276
Tax Collector's Expenses	15,000	10,000	10300	12000
Tax Title Advertising		1,000	10000	10000
Town Counsel	10,000	12,000	12000	14000
Town Clerk's Salary	3,247	3,247	3247	3344
Town Clerk's Expenses	769	1,000	1000	2250
Street & Dog List Salary	515	515	515	530
Street & Dog List Expenses	256	256	256	256
Vital Statistics Salary	27	27	27	28
Election & Registration	1,824	1,824	1824	1824
Board of Registrar's Salary	53	53	53	55
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	300	300	300
Zoning Sec		250	0	0
Town Office Expense / Water	21,000	21,000	21000	21000
Town Building Utilities	0	0	0	15000
Computer/Software		1	33300	10000
Insurance	34,500	34,500	34500	34500
Town Reports Salary	622	622	622	640
Town Reports Expenses	700	400	400	400
Town Administrator/Secretary Salary	20,000	21,200	7571	7800
Audit - Town Records	18,000	18,000	18000	18000
Encumbered	4,000			
<b>TOTAL GEN GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>243,592</b>	<b>233,123</b>	<b>262,483</b>	<b>272,394</b>
<b>PROTECTION: PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</b>				
Police Salaries	6,920	10,848	10,848	13,966
Police Expenses	6,000	9,828	9,828	9,828
Fire Dept. Salaries	1,622	2,000	2,000	2,060
Fire Department Expenses	27,168	27,168	27,168	27,168
Encumbered	6,269	0	0	0
Ambulance Service	10,965	11,240	12,364	13,500
Building Inspector Salary	1,266	0	0	0
Building Inspector Fees	0	0	0	0
Plumbing Inspector Salary	52	0	0	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	0	0	0	0
Electrical Inspection Salary	52	0	0	0
Electrical Inspection Fees	0	0	0	0
Inspector of Animals	500	500	500	515
Emergency Management (expense)	100	100	100	100
Dog Officer Salary	791	791	791	815
Dog Officer Expenses	300	300	300	300

	2008	2009	2010	FY'11 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Tree Warden Salary	1,055	1,055	1,055	1,087
Tree Warden Expenses	400	1,000	500	2,000
Outside expense	8,000	8,000	8,500	7,000
<b>TOTAL PROTECT</b>	<b>73,468</b>	<b>76,848</b>	<b>75,964</b>	<b>78,339</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; FACILITIES</b>				
Highway Salaries	96,500	102,500	102,500	105,575
Overtime Salaries	3,848	4,000	4,000	4,120
P/T Salaries	6,125	7,000	7,000	7,210
Expenses	121,000	149,000	149,000	156,500
Snow & Ice Labor	28,000	30,000	30,000	30,900
Secretary	0	0	0	2,000
Sand & Salt	25,600	47,000	47,000	47,000
Street Lights	4,500	4,500	4,500	5,000
Transfer Station Salaries	6,490	8,400	8,400	8652
Transfer Station Expenses	63,000	75,000	75,000	67600
Cemetery Commission	2,500	3,500	3,500	3500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>357,563</b>	<b>430,900</b>	<b>430,900</b>	<b>438,057</b>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>				
Board of Health Salaries	4,381	2,250	2,250	2318
BOH Sec.		2,977	2,977	3066
Board of Health Expenses	11,675	11,675	11,675	11675
Lee Visiting Nurses	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,800
Council on Aging Expenses	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Veterans' Administration	750	1,000	1,000	1,000
Veterans' Benefits	300	1,000	1,000	1,000
Memorial Day	600	600	600	600
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>23,006</b>	<b>24,802</b>	<b>24,902</b>	<b>25,059</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				
Library Salaries	19,858	21,055	21,055	21686
Library Expenses	16,795	17,245	18,205	19177
Recreation Committee	500	500	500	500
Town Common	300	500	500	600
Historical Commission	900	900	900	900
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; REC</b>	<b>38,353</b>	<b>40,200</b>	<b>41,160</b>	<b>42,863</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>				
Hampden County Retirement	28,055	22,000	31,120	33,869
Workers' Compensation	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Unemployment Compensation	4,000	7,500	8,500	8,500
Group Insurance	39,000	38,942	41,050	41,050
FICA - Town Share	20,000	25,000	20,000	20,000
Misc. / Debt Service)	5,000	5,000	7,000	10,000
<b>TOTAL MISC. EXPENSES</b>	<b>102,055</b>	<b>104,442</b>	<b>113,670</b>	<b>119,419</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>838,037</b>	<b>910,315</b>	<b>949,079</b>	<b>976,131</b>

Water Department Budget FY Ending 6/10/2011			
Payroll		Expended	Unencumbered Balance
225450.000	Superintendent Salary	\$28,080.00	\$28,080.00
225450.001	Water Department Clerk	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
225450.003	Backup Superintendent	\$3,744.00	\$3,744.00
225450.011	Water Department Secretary	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
225450.017	Commissioners Salaries	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
225450.020	Other Labor	\$16,400.00	\$16,400.00
Total Payroll Compensation		\$0.00	\$65,224.00

Operating Expenditures			
		Expended	Unencumbered Balance
225450.002	Water Dept Utilities	\$45,540.00	\$45,540.00
225450.004	Water Dept Chemicals	\$8,800.00	\$8,800.00
225450.005	Water Dept Breaks	\$38,500.00	\$38,500.00
225450.006	Water Dept Testing	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
225450.007	Water Dept System Repairs	\$25,748.00	\$25,748.00
225450.008	Water Dept Loan	\$8,402.00	\$8,402.00
225450.010	Water Dept Office Expenses	\$1,925.00	\$1,925.00
225450.012	Water Dept Equipment Repairs	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
225450.013	Water Dept Legal/Audit Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
225450.015	Water Dept Software Support	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
225450.018	Water Dept Education & Training	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
225450.019	Water Dept Supplies	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
225450.024	Water Dept Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
225450.027	Water Dept Payroll Expense WC/DUA	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Operating Expenditures		\$151,915.00	\$151,915.00

Debt Repayment			
		Expended	Unencumbered Balance
225470.000	Phase I	\$74,766.72	\$74,766.72
225480.000	Phase II	\$70,698.00	\$70,698.00
225481.000	Phase III	\$70,104.00	\$70,104.00
225482.000	Phase IV	\$55,266.86	\$55,266.86
Total Debt Payments		\$270,835.58	\$270,835.58

Budget W/O Debt	\$217,139.00
Debt Payments	\$270,835.58
Indirect Cost	\$38,302.05
Total	\$526,276.63

\$255,441.05

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](http://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 DEFERAL 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 <a href="mailto:blandfordassessors@crocker.com">blandfordassessors@crocker.com</a>	Every Monday at 6 p.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 <a href="mailto:blandfordfd@hotmail.com">blandfordfd@hotmail.com</a>	Every Tuesday 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Fire Station
Health, Board of <a href="mailto:blandfordboh@crocker.com">blandfordboh@crocker.com</a>	First and Third Wednesday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices
Historical Commission <a href="mailto:blandfordhistoricalcommission@crocker.com">blandfordhistoricalcommission@crocker.com</a>	Second Wednesday of each month 7:30 at the Town Offices
Library Trustees <a href="mailto:info@blandfordlibrary.org">info@blandfordlibrary.org</a>	Third Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Library
Planning Board <a href="mailto:blandfordplanningboard@crocker.com">blandfordplanningboard@crocker.com</a>	First Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices
Police Department <a href="mailto:blandfordpolice@blandfordpolice.com">blandfordpolice@blandfordpolice.com</a>	Every Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at the Elementary School
Selectmen, Board of <a href="mailto:blandfordselectmen@crocker.com">blandfordselectmen@crocker.com</a>	Every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices For an appointment, call 848-2782.
Tax Collector <a href="mailto:blandfordtaxcollector@crocker.com">blandfordtaxcollector@crocker.com</a>	Monday 4-10 p.m. Wednesday 4-10 p.m at the Town Offices
Town Clerk <a href="mailto:blandfordtownclerk@crocker.com">blandfordtownclerk@crocker.com</a>	Every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office
Transfer Station	Tuesday 6 - 8 p.m. Saturday, 8 - 12 p.m.
Treasurer <a href="mailto:Anne_holliday@aspensquare.com">Anne_holliday@aspensquare.com</a>	Every Monday 7:00- 9:00 at the Town Offices
Water Department <a href="mailto:blandfordwater@crocker.com">blandfordwater@crocker.com</a>	Meeting to by posting Every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. for payments

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

### Local Emergency Numbers:

To Report a Fire	<b>911</b>
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	531-5866
Aging, Council of	Jo Taudel	848-2235
Assessors	Brenda Marra	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	885-1029
Fire Department	Mike Rocke	848-2874
Gateway Regional	Superintendent's Office	685-1011
Health, Board of	Mike Wojcik	262-4295
Highway Department	Brad Curry	848-2721
Historical Commission		848-2782
Pest Control	Brad Curry	848-2721
Porter Memorial Library	Eileen Gates	848-2853
Planning Board	Nina Dawe	848-2782
Plumbing/Gas Inspector	Peter Anderson	454-7810
Post Office	Postmaster	848-2480
Selectmen	Gail LaScala	848-2782
Tax Collector	LeeAnn Thompson	848-2804
Town Clerk	Staci Iglesias	531-5866
Town Office	General Information	848-2782
Treasurer	Anne Holliday	439-6303
Tree Warden	Mark Boomsma	848-2721
Voting Information	Town Clerk	531-5866
Water Commission	Frank Burkott	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. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (School)