

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2010-2011**



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**GLOSSARY**

**APPROPRIATION:** An authorization granted by a Town Meeting to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. 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 reserved.

**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 4/2011**

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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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Also, Please check out the Massachusetts website for more information: [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS**  
**May 2010-May 2011**  
**(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	Steve Jemiolo	2011
Cosette Cousineau	2013	Vacant	2013
<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
Rick Bertram	2013	Chuck Benson	2013
<u><b>Moderator (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Planning Board (5 years)</b></u>	
David Hopson	2012	Juliana Mueller	2014
		Mary Mangini	2014
<u><b>School Committee (3 years)</b></u>		John Bianco	2011
Michelle Crane	2012	Gordon Avery	2014
Frances Jensen	2011	Nina Dawe	2015
		T.J. Cousineau	2012
<u><b>Selectmen (3 years)</b></u>		Richard Gates	2013
Robert Nichols	2012	<u><b>Tax Collector (3 years)</b></u>	
Theodore Jensen	2011	Lee Ann Thompson	2011
Vacant	2013		
<u><b>Town Clerk (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Treasurer (3 years)</b></u>	
Staci Iglesias	2011	Anne Holliday	2013
<u><b>Tree Warden (3 years)</b></u>		<u><b>Water Comm. (3 years)</b></u>	
Mark Boomsma	2012	Mark Boomsma	2012
		Bill Levakis	2012
		Charlie Miller	2011

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

**June 30, 2010 – July 1, 2011**

**All appointments are yearly unless noted**

**\* appointments 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**

Ted Jensen

**\*Conservation Commission**

Pete Sutherland  
Mary Martin  
Pat O'Neil  
Bryan  
Joan Levakis

**\*Constables**

John Haight  
Andrew Iglesias

**\*Council on Aging**

Jo Taudel  
Linda VanWerkhoven

**Dog Officer**

Brenda Blood

**Election Clerk**

Cheryl Hopson

**Election Officers**

Joan Levakis  
Sandra Wyman  
Kim Blanchette  
Jo Taudel  
Mary Kronholm

**Election Warden**

Mary Kronholm

**Election Warden, Alternate**

Kim Blanchette

**Electrical Inspector**

Ed LaPlante

**Emergency Mgmt Co-Directors**

Brad Curry  
Joan Levakis

**\*Finance Committee**

Andy Montararo  
June Masee  
Tony van Werkhoven  
Clairsa Hart  
Patricia Herbert

**\*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 2013  
Pamela Darrow 2013  
Fran Jensen 2011

**Insp. of Animals & Slaughter**

Brenda Blood

**Insp. of Servicemen's Graves**

Doug Emo

**Measurer of Wood & Bark**

Mark Boomsma

**Pest Control**

Mark Boomsma

**Pioneer Valley Plan. Comm**

Nina Dawe

**Plumbing & Gas Inspector**

Peter Anderson

**\*Police Chief**

Kevin Hennessey

**Police Officers**

Rick Mazza (Sgt.)  
Scott King  
John Haight  
Paul Byrne  
Dennis Flores'  
Julie Skibski  
Bruce Cooley (special)

**Recreation Committee**

Chuck Bensen  
Mark Blanchette  
Jon Letendre  
Cara Letendre

**Registrars of Voters**

Joan Levakis  
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 BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The Board of Assessors is constantly working to improve procedures for evaluating real and personal property so as to minimize errors and treat all taxpayers fairly and equally. Our clerk, Brenda Marra, is to be credited with always striving to achieve this goal. Her knowledge, work ethic, and public relations skills caused her to be named "Clerk of the Year" by the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers for the year 2010. The Board is both deeply proud of Brenda and immensely grateful for all her efforts.

We are also proud to have been instrumental in bringing forward to the Town the Meals Tax. This year, we anticipate \$35,000 being added to the general fund due to the adoption of this tax. Most of this results from meals at the two McDonalds restaurants on the Turnpike.

The Board looks forward to sharing an office with the Collector of Taxes in the new Town Office at the former Blandford Elementary School. This will make communication easier for both the Board and the Collector as well as for the residents of Blandford.

Special thanks to Edna Wilander who is leaving the Board this year. Edna generously shared her expertise in administration and finance and made us all think a little harder and laugh much more often.

Our office hours are: Monday, 3:00-9:00 P.M., Wednesday, 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. and the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 12:00. Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:30..Our phone number is 848-2791 and our web site is: [blandfordassessors@yahoo.com](mailto:blandfordassessors@yahoo.com). We urge residents to call for an appointment if they wish to speak with the full board.

Property record cards may be viewed at the Town web site: [townofblandford.com](http://townofblandford.com). All taxpayers should view their record cards for accuracy after the tax bills are received in January as abatements can only be accepted for thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juliana Mueller, Chair  
Edna Wilander  
Co Cousineau  
Brenda Marra, Clerk

**REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

2010 was a difficult year for BCC given the continuing unpleasantness at Town Hall. With the poor economy we made relatively few site inspections. Elsewhere long-term plans for Shepard Farm have been delayed while leasing details are ironed out.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of veteran member Mary Martin. She was invaluable over the years and we'll miss her. Meanwhile we welcome new members Bryan Young and Joan Levakis.

As annual town meeting nears we encourage voters to familiarize themselves with the various issues surrounding proposed new zoning by-laws regarding wind turbines and solar installations. BCC feels that commercial wind turbines are nowhere near as environmentally benign as proponents claim. We remain skeptical of State efforts to expedite permitting by usurping elements of local control.

Please vote.

Pete Sutherland  
Bryan Young  
Pat O'Neil  
Joan Levakis

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the town offices. We continue to provide social, educational and recreational opportunities for the senior population in town. Coffee hour/birthday celebrations and blood pressure clinics are held on the third Tuesday of each month from 9:30 -11:00A.M. All Board meetings and agendas are posted on the Town Hall's bulletin board. Coffee hours and Special Events are posted on the Town's Informational Board at the corner of Route 23 and Russell Stage Rd. as well as posted in the Country Journal. We have volunteers that call monthly to remind individuals of upcoming events.

We are pleased to report that we continue to have about 25 seniors attend our coffee hours and about 40-50 attend our Special Events.

This past year the Lee Visiting Nurses provided us with monthly blood pressure clinics, and 2 seasonal flu clinics. A representative from our board and a representative from the BOH attended meetings on Emergency Planning at Gateway High School, and coordinated the H1N1 clinic held in town in January. We also held 2 foot clinics. We continue to sponsor a weekly exercise class. Although small our class is now growing as more residents become interested.

Our Communication Coordinator compiled an Emergency Senior Contact List and also produced and mailed out our 1st news letter "THE BLANDFORD HILLS" to 175 residents in the Spring and a 2nd edition in the Fall. This Emergency Contact List was also given to the BOH and the Fire Dept. The COA works closely with these departments in cases of emergency.

Two board members attend the monthly COA Consortium meetings (comprised of 8 hilltowns) which are held in Russell. These meetings allow us to share information and to plan events with the other hilltowns. Also one board member represents Blandford on the Board of Directors Regional COA in Florence. Board members are always available to answer questions concerning services available for seniors in town. We get many, varied inquiries over the course of the year concerning health care and related issues.

In June we held an outreach luncheon at the Blandford Ski Area, in July we held an outreach brunch at the Blandford Club, and in August we held an outreach picnic at Dick and Eileen Gates' Farm. September brought us a new "HOME". Thanks to the Board of Selectmen, we were given a room in the former Blandford School to call our own. November's Special Coffee Hour honored Blandford's Veterans. We are proud of our Vets and happy to see 18 veterans join us. We ended the year with a Christmas party in December at the Blandford Ski Area.

This year we wished Elthea Goodkin a happy retirement and welcomed Blandford's George Riechert as our new Regional COA Coordinator. George will continue to advise us and assist us in our quest for grants.

Special Thanks to the Board of Selectmen for supporting the COA and our new room. Thanks to the Blandford Store, Oma's Kitchen and Staci the Chef for catering our events. We also thank The Blandford Club, The Blandford Ski Area and Falls Brook Farm for making our events so special.

Lastly we say with sadden hearts a good-bye to our friend and board member Sarah "Sally" Robbins who passed away January 23, 2010. She will be missed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Co-Chairs: Jo Taudel and Linda van Werkhooven

Secretary: Pamela Rideout

Board Members: Anita Forish, Bernice Rabideau, Sumner Robbins, Kay Walsh, Rita Templeman, and John Tuttle

Communication Coordinator: Nancy Ackley

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Blandford Fire Department responded to ninety-two calls for assistance during the year of 2010. Among those calls were two hazardous materials incidents, one of them being very serious in nature. Once again EMS calls amount to one-half of all calls.

Training and competency has been a focus of the department. Three firefighters graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy and continue their on-going education and commitment. Additional department training include: Mental First Aid, Defensive Driving, Chainsaw Safety and Skills, CPR, Ice Rescue, Tactics and Strategy and Company Officer Training. These courses have been completed by all department personnel. Attending these trainings in addition to weekly drills and responding to EMS/Fire calls demonstrates a very high level of commitment and dedication of these young people. I have served as Chief of Department since November 5, 2010, and have seen great improvement through the courses and in-house training. A sincere thank you to the men and women of the Blandford Fire Department for a job well done.

At this time, I would like to thank the Highway and Police Departments for their assistance throughout the year and anticipate continued collaborative efforts to provide the services needed to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ackley  
Fire Chief

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

2010-11 saw the final update and improvement to the Transfer Station (TS). Through an aggressive series of cost saving measures over the tenure of the board, we have eliminated unnecessary expenditures, which in turn saved us additional monies so that we were able to achieve a number of advancements/improvements at minimal cost. This last stage of our five year plan; the paving of the Station area and its entryway provides residents cleaner, safer access to the station while driving to and from the area and again when distributing their refuse to the appropriate containers. The Board would like to thank Chairman Michael Wojcik for his intense efforts in bringing this plan to completion. The beautiful blend of form and function are a direct result of his care and thoughtful consideration during the planning stages. With proper maintenance, the newly designed Transfer Station should serve the residents of Blandford for decades to come.

The Board would like to thank Russ and Janet Lomas, proprietors of the Blandford Store and Café for having provided a convenient and friendly place to purchase TS bags. The town has truly lost two wonderful friends, helpful folks from coffee at sunrise to delicious dinner delights. It will be difficult to replace them and their endearing personalities; for now, clear bags may be purchased at the Transfer Station during regular business hours.

There are a great many caring households in town that separate their recyclables from their trash. Unfortunately, not everyone 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. "Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good action; try to use ordinary situations." Jean Paul Richter

It was with great sorrow and respect that we said our final goodbye to Mr. Albert Flyte this spring, 1921-2011. Mr. Flyte was a constant and dedicated presence at the station. His passing has left an emptiness that can not be filled.

The board would like to thank Mr. Ryan Andros for his continuing care and consideration in the day to day duties of the Transfer Station

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Wojcik, Chair  
Kate Fletcher  
Rick Bertram



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

The Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. is proud to be celebrating 10 years of providing Emergency Medical Care to the citizens of the hilltowns.

This past year has been one of achievement and improvement for the Hilltown Community Ambulance Association. Providing Emergency Medical Services to almost 9000 citizens, in 6 communities, we were requested to a service record 570 emergency calls this past year. It is during this time that we were also able to improve both our level of care, and on-duty staffing.

Established in 2001, we provided on-duty coverage with two EMTs only eight hours a day, five days a week. In 2011, ten years later, we have increased our on-duty staffing almost 300%. In addition, effective March 13th, we began providing Paramedic Level Care.

The highest possible level of pre-hospital care, Paramedic Level Care allows us to improve our service offered to the citizens of the hilltowns. This increased level of care has a strong likelihood to save lives, and reduce the time it takes to provide necessary medications to patients in distress.

One of the most important points I wish to share with the citizens is that in making these significant improvements in services provided, we have been able to maintain an operating budget based on small annual assessment increases to the communities. This has been achieved through good financial and operational management, with a continuous emphasis on fiscal responsibility.

These achievements would not have been possible without the unheralded efforts of the EMTs within your communities. These EMTs have given extraordinary efforts, day and night, in heat and cold, to see that the patients receive care. A handful of EMTs have been with the organization since day one, giving to the communities for ten years.

As we move forward, it shall be our continuous goal to provide the best possible Emergency Medical Service to the citizens of the hilltowns, and make our communities a better place to live. We thank the citizens and communities for supporting us in these efforts.

Respectfully,  
Stephen P Gaughan  
Director  
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Cell: 413 977 6185

**REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The commission has been busy with several activities in town, most involving other boards. First, as the commission responsible for preserving, protecting, and developing historical and archeological resources in the town in the form of landscapes and buildings, the Historical Commission has continued its efforts at restoring and preserving Watson Park. At the commission's request, The Trustees of Watson Park are having the historic gazebo repaired, and now that the plant inventory is nearing completion, the Historical Commission has retained the services of a landscape architect for preparing a plan for the next steps in the process. Additionally, this consultant will help identify further grant opportunities and assist in the writing of an appropriate grant. Other progress at the park includes the Trustees having the roof of the historic back barn replaced and the Water Department restoring water service to the park again. Plus, the Garden Club does periodic maintenance on the perennial flower beds and shrubs there.

After the commission suggested to the Board of Selectmen the formation of a Watson Park Advisory Committee to assist with follow-up, the Selectmen as the trustees requested that the commission organize a preliminary group to discuss ideas for the park. The concept is that this committee of representatives from many of the constituencies whose work relates to the park will make recommendations to the Selectmen in park planning and management, doing the legwork the Board does not have time for. After more information is gathered, there will be a public input session for townspeople to make suggestions, offer their services as volunteers, and donate materials where needed. The Recreation Committee has started to reinstate events there. It is hoped that the park might once again become a focal point for activities in the town.

The commission has assisted the Shepard Farm Steering Committee which has met several times, and that committee is now discussing and moving forward with possible use options. Also, the Historical Commission is supporting the Conservation Commission on considering ideas for the use of the open space property at the site which includes a beautiful brook and the potential creation of hiking trails.

Finally, working with the Cemetery Commission, the Historical Commission is looking into options for moving and displaying the old hearse building now located at the Hill Cemetery on North Street. The building is believed to date from the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century. There is hope that a grant might be secured to cover restoration efforts on this important part of Blandford's history. It appears that many of these structures have not survived in western Massachusetts, but several that do remain have been preserved.

As always, our board made our annual book donation to the Porter Memorial Library by presenting a beautifully photographed book entitled *Barns of the Berkshires*. Along with some familiar roadside barn subjects in our region such as the stone Shaker Round Barn at Hancock Shaker Village, author-photographer Stephen G. Donaldson has ventured off the beaten path to discover more hidden Berkshire gems. His concise barn history covers the origins of barns to the present in readable sections with stunning photographs. Though his comments are applied to barns in the Berkshires, they are equally relevant to the barns in all of western Massachusetts. Blandford residents should be interested to see elements that may exist in their own barns. This book reinforces the beauty, strength, history, and character of these recognizable but often disregarded features of our landscape.

Respectfully submitted,

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

### REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Porter Memorial Library is an enduring presence in the lives of Blandford residents. Through years of economic and demographic changes, the library remains the one place where townspeople relax, chat and pursue their interests surrounded by history and technology simultaneously. The Porter Memorial library's collection changes with the times and genuinely reflects the needs of its community while providing access to current technologies. Our library offers patrons a gateway to the vast network of Web databases. Patrons with laptops use the library's Wi-Fi for studying, emailing family and friends and conducting research. Townspeople without Internet access or home computers depend on Blandford town library to stay connected.

Looking forward, technology will reach and bring in more library patrons, and provide faster library circulation processing when the conversion to MASSCAT is complete. This huge project is currently underway and the Porter Memorial library staff is committed to the goal of completing this transition in fiscal year 2012. It will open up another door to the library collection via the Internet and increase circulation exponentially. Circulation figures show the makeup of the library's patronage. These statistics show who visits the library and why, and is key to increasing library usage through better use of the library budget. For fiscal year 2010 – 2011 the circulation figures are:

#### Circulation Statistics:

Adult Fiction:	1,582
Adult Nonfiction:	653
Juvenile Fiction:	424
Juvenile Nonfiction:	240
YA Fiction:	128
YA Nonfiction:	56
Periodicals:	83

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Total Print:	3,166
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Videos:	262
DVDs:	2,304
Audios:	454
CDs:	56

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Total Non-print:	3,076
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Circulation has increased overall from the previous years. The library director, Eileen Gates and library staff worked extremely hard to grow the number of people who crossed the threshold into the library everyday. They carefully purchased for the library collection and created exciting programs and events at the library. The results of their hard work are reflected in the rising circulation figures. Recording and monitoring circulation reveals what is working. We will further continue to grow Porter Memorial Library patronage by continuing to build a book and media collection based on daily, numerous patron requests. The library patrons are telling us what they want, we are listening. The shelves are packed with many brand new titles alongside the library's unique historical materials and books that have withstood the test of time. There truly is something for everyone from Blandford and the surrounding areas. .

There is no doubt that library programs and events are key to getting everyone acquainted with what the library has to offer. The Summer Reading Program, run by Michele Crane, continued its enormous popularity and upward climb in attendance with the highest attendance average in the six years of the program. Michele presented very useful information in a fun and exciting way.

Her program attracted a great core group of really dedicated parents and children using the theme "Going Green @ Your Library". The SMR program presented recycling, "upcycling", global warming and sustainable living in a fun and motivating way. They took a field trip, welcomed a presenter, raised money for a good cause and even had a mascot to engage the children in the important topics of sustainable, green living and helping others. Everyone enjoyed being outdoors for snacks and SMR program activities. This year trustees are purchasing picnic tables for the Summer Reading program to use outside of the library to avoid the work of borrowing them from the fairgrounds. This help from the trustees will continue the tradition of fresh air and summer reading fun!

Human potential to make a better world, create, learn and interact with each other are the driving themes of library programs in 2011. Patrons will come to Porter Memorial Library to be entertained with classic movies, learn new crafts, and, most importantly, meet their neighbors. It is my goal to bring the people of Blandford together in an exciting and peaceful environment. As the new library director, I am a 30 year resident of Blandford and long time patron of the Porter Memorial Library. At the library's circulation desk, I continually hear from patrons how the Porter Memorial library touched their lives. It remains a stronghold of Blandford tradition serving the town and the greater community.

Janet Lombardo  
Director

### **REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

The Porter Memorial Library continues to thrive.

This year the Cultural Council, Historical Commission, the Brainstorming Group, and of course, the Friends of the Library made use of the building.

Stepping to the next level of library service, the trustees voted to automate the library by participating in MassCat, a library catalog of holdings from school, medical, law, special and public libraries. This will allow patrons to search for books from home, place a hold on them, or request them from another library.

The new system will also track circulation of library materials and will generate notice of overdue materials, which will help the staff.

Participation in MassCat provides a unique opportunity for Porter Memorial Library to share resources with other libraries, and is less expensive than belonging to a network. This is our first step.

Eileen Gates stepped down as director earlier this spring after a little more than a year. Her exuberance, dedication, and organizational skills set a new tone and prepared the library well for making the leap to automation. We wish her well as she takes her farm in a new direction, and thank her for a job well done.

The board selected long-time resident Janet Lombardo as the new director. She brings exceptional technological skills to the library, in line with the board's decision to automate.

The Massachusetts Library System, the new, single, statewide region, was a reliable resource for the library this year. The staff, director and trustees have all participated in continuing education and informational workshops.

The trustees, in cooperation with the director (a mandate from the Board of Library Commissioners), have begun the process of scribing a new long range plan for the library. This will be a community based effort ongoing through the summer months. There must be a long range plan in place by October. This will enable the director and the board to apply for grants administered by the state.

The trustees continue to look at library expansion with an addition to the current building that will increase space and provide handicapped access. The long range plan will be vital to this process.

Thank you to the many who have donated to the library either monetarily or with materials.

Thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication to the library and for their interest in attending trustee meetings.

Total interest earned on funds held by trustees:	\$1,223.38
Expended FY 2010:	\$ 353.35

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kronholm, Chair  
Chuck Benson, Treasurer  
Christine Keenan, Member

## **REPORT OF THE MASSBROADBAND 123**

Many representatives from the 123 Western Massachusetts towns that are either without internet access or are underserved, attended the MassBroadband Institute 123 (MBI) Summit March 28.

The MBI was created by Gov. Deval Patrick and the state legislature in 2008 to extend “affordable, high-speed Internet access and broadband services across the Commonwealth.”

The U.S. Department of Commerce’s Broadband Technology Opportunities Program awarded \$45.5 million with additional funds from MBI and the state to bring the total project to \$71.6 million.

MBI is planned to be a fiber-optic high-speed Internet network covering 1,338 miles to connect the 123 communities in Western and North Central Mass. This network will serve 333,500 households, 44,000 businesses across the western third of the state and reach approximately one million residents.

MBI has contracted with Axia to provide wholesale fiber broadband to each town

Construction will begin this summer, be two-thirds completed by summer 2012 and completed by 2013.

Axia will manage and maintain the fiber-optic network.

WiredWest is in the planning mode, with 47 charter towns, which includes Blandford.

WiredWest is the result of broadband advocates from the area who want to help solve the problem of inadequate access and ensure the solution serves the communities’ needs.

WiredWest recommends a municipal fiber network to operate as the providing entity in a town.

A fiberoptic network is critical to economic development for rural towns and WiredWest’s plan is considered “future proof” accessing through the ‘middle mile’ and to the ‘last mile.’

Broadband will come to Blandford wholesale to an anchor institution and from there, provide high speed internet access to individual homes.

Blandford must have a municipal light board/plant in place to help the town capitalize on this potential for additional revenue for the town.

Wired West continues its goal of forming a cooperative that would connect to the MBI middle mile project and extend last mile connectivity to all homes and businesses in Blandford.

Mary Kronholm  
Broadband Municipal Liaison

Judy Brennan  
WiredWest Municipal Liaison

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The main focus of the Planning Board this last year was on the development of zoning bylaws to regulate the placement of wind energy and large scale, ground mounted solar developments. Many hours were spent writing or adapting model bylaws to ensure that Blandford is protected from uncontrolled development of these two forms of renewable energy. A by-right overlay district was proposed in which, if regulations are followed, certain types of wind and solar energy installations would not need a special permit. Site plan review would still be required, thus ensuring adherence to bylaw requirements.

Approval by Town Meeting of one of these bylaws will fulfill one of the five requirements of the Green Communities Act. If passed, the Commonwealth guarantees a minimum grant of \$125,000 to the Town for use in reducing energy consumption. The Planning Board held informational meetings on both bylaw and Stretch Code requirements of this Act.

A hearing for a proposed five lot sub-division in the Land’s End section of Blandford was held. After much negotiation and after approval was received from other boards, the sub-division was accepted by the Planning Board. This development will bring needed income in the form of tax dollars to the Town.

The Planning Board continues to work on issues that will benefit and protect the quality of life in Blandford. Residents are encouraged to attend our meetings which are held at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gordon Avery, Chair  
Dick Gates, Secretary  
John Bianco  
TJ Cousineau  
Nina Dawe  
Mary Mangini  
Juliana Mueller

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

This has been a difficult year for our Board. Many items that had been planned never made it to fruition. One of the largest items was to move our Town Offices to the Elementary School Building. While some offices have relocated, there are many others that still have to move so that our current office building can be leased out and generate income for the Town. Our goal is to have all moves completed by the end of this fiscal year.

We look for our Town to move into a "new age". We are hoping that someday we will have alternative methods of electrical power generation in our Town. This will bring the Town closer to being a "Green Community" so that grant funds might become available from State and Federal Governments.

We have been fortunate again this year to have volunteers helping out at the Town Office. We would like to note that their assistance is appreciated and we thank everyone who pitches in when needed.

As in the past, we look to more residents becoming involved in Town Government. We seek to have better communication between our elected officials and residents. We wish to return our community back into the one that we all have been proud of throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Jensen  
Rob Nichols

# Town of Blandford

## Financial Summary Breakdown - Previous Balance Year=2010 and Eff Date Range from 07/01/2009 to 06/30/2010

Year	Excise	Beg Bal	Billed	Paid	Abate/Exem	Refunds	Bill Adj	Tax Title	Lien	Void / PAdj	Bal Due
2010	EXCISE 1	0.00	112,153.77	92,862.86	394.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,896.04
2010	EXCISE INT 501	0.00	12.34	12.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	DEMAND 10110	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	WARRANT 10121	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<b>2010 Excise Totals</b>		0.00	112,166.11	92,875.20	394.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,896.04
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Year	PP	Beg Bal	Billed	Paid	Abate/Exem	Refunds	Bill Adj	Tax Title	Lien	Void / PAdj	Bal Due
2010	PP 1	0.00	176,442.58	151,621.51	153.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,667.37
2010	PP INT 501	0.00	162.73	162.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>2010 PP Totals</b>	0.00	176,605.31	151,784.24	153.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,667.37

Year	RE	Beg Bal	Billed	Paid	Abate/Exem	Refunds	Bill Adj	Tax Title	Lien	Void / PAdj	Bal Due
2010	RE 1	-2,278.16	1,967,561.91	1,761,092.65	16,532.30	10,055.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	197,713.89
2010	RE INT 501	0.00	4,465.98	4,465.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	WATER LN 5001	0.00	11,961.96	10,822.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,139.36
2010	WATLN INT 5002	0.00	2,170.60	1,957.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.43
2010	LIEN 5003	0.00	11,961.94	2,493.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,468.94
2010	LIEN 5004	0.00	2,170.32	415.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,754.79
	<b>Total</b>	0.00	28,264.82	15,688.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,576.52

2010	WATER LN INT 5501	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	WATLN INT INT 5502	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	LIEN INT 5503	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	LIEN INT 5504	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

2010	DEMAND 10110	0.00	130.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
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## Financial Summary Breakdown - Previous Balance Year=2010 and Eff Date Range from 07/01/2009 to 06/30/2010

Year	RE	Beg Bal	Billed	Paid	Abate/Exem	Refunds	Bill Adj	Tax Title	Lien	Void / PAdj	Bal Due
2010	WARRANT 10121	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
	<b>Total</b>	0.00	370.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00

<b>2010 RE Totals</b>	-2,278.16	2,000,662.71	1,781,256.93	16,532.30	10,055.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210,650.41
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Year	Sew/Wat	Beg Bal	Billed	Paid	Abate/Exem	Refunds	Bill Adj	Tax Title	Lien	Void / PAdj	Bal Due
2010	PB WATER 199	0.00	71,045.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71,045.11

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**Trial Balance Summary - By Account**  
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Account Number	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
011040.000	Cash Unrestricted Checkng	2,935,527.43	2,684,220.96	251,306.47
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	0.00	214.71	-214.71
011210.097	1997 Personal Prop Tax Rc	0.00	16.37	-16.37
011210.098	1998 Personal Prop Tax Rc	1.52	0.00	1.52
011210.099	1999 Personal Prop Tax Rc	0.00	4.81	-4.81
011210.100	2000 Personal Prop Tax Rc	18.63	0.00	18.63
011210.101	2001 Personal Prop Tax Rc	190.02	0.00	190.02
011210.102	2002 Personal Prop Tax Rc	374.84	0.00	374.84
011210.103	2003 Personal Prop Tax Rc	1,662.31	0.00	1,662.31
011210.104	2004 Personal Prop Tax Rc	9,324.72	0.00	9,324.72
011210.105	2005 Personal Prop Tax Rc	7,530.83	0.00	7,530.83
011210.106	2006 Personal Prop Tax Rc	2,380.86	50.00	2,330.86
011210.107	2007 Personal Prop Tax Rc	3,312.06	-34.16	3,346.22
011210.108	2008 Personal Prop Tax Rc	4,321.81	260.74	4,061.07
011210.109	2009 Personal Prop Tax Rc	18,340.06	13,130.86	5,209.20
011210.110	2010 Personal Prop Tax Rc	176,749.98	151,775.21	24,974.77
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	1,063.32	237.87
011220.101	2001 Real Estate Tax Rc	7.44	7,178.25	-7,170.81
011220.102	2002 Real Estate Tax Rc	5,951.89	-155.93	6,107.82
011220.103	2003 Real Estate Tax Rc	50,329.29	5,793.04	44,536.25
011220.104	2004 Real Estate Tax Rc	46,117.97	5,361.95	40,756.02
011220.105	2005 Real Estate Tax Rc	21,692.63	6,653.46	15,039.17
011220.106	2006 Real Estate Tax Rc	33,616.87	19,178.44	14,438.43
011220.107	2007 Real Estate Tax Rc	152,480.10	35,776.71	116,703.39
011220.108	2008 Real Estate Tax Rc	165,619.11	37,465.14	128,153.97
011220.109	2009 Real Estate Tax Rc	265,615.30	117,884.74	147,730.56
011220.110	2010 Real Estate Tax Rc	2,001,327.31	1,736,440.25	264,887.06
011220.999	Property Tax Overpayments	6,753.99	6,753.99	0.00
011230.085	1985 Allow for Abatements	0.00	82.70	-82.70



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Account Number	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
011230.086	1986 Allow for Abatements	0.00	79.46	-79.46
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	0.00	6,701.01	-6,701.01
011230.097	1997 Allow for Abatements	0.00	9,284.65	-9,284.65
011230.098	1998 Allow for Abatements	0.00	2,377.22	-2,377.22
011230.099	1999 Allow for Abatements	0.00	15,619.62	-15,619.62
011230.100	2000 Allow for Abatements	0.00	7,495.60	-7,495.60
011230.101	2001 Allow for Abatements	1,777.03	5,536.31	-3,759.28
011230.102	2002 Allow for Abatements	0.00	9,851.58	-9,851.58
011230.103	2003 Allow for Abatements	0.00	12,050.63	-12,050.63
011230.104	2004 Allow for Abatements	0.00	8,185.11	-8,185.11
011230.105	2005 Allow for Abatements	1,992.34	1,305.57	686.77
011230.106	2006 Allow for Abatements	3,071.67	1,181.71	1,889.96
011230.107	2007 Allow for Abatements	1,295.55	18,216.00	-16,920.45
011230.108	2008 Allow for Abatements	1,496.49	21,204.97	-19,708.48
011230.109	2009 Allow for Abatements	984.61	11,864.38	-10,879.77
011230.110	2010 Allow for Abatements	21,771.38	25,185.46	-3,414.08
011240.000	Tax Liens Receivable	176,545.09	43,960.13	132,584.96
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	18.75	773.44
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	233.76	0.00	233.76
011260.096	1996 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	684.37	13.54	670.83
011260.097	1997 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	978.65	907.19	71.46
011260.098	1998 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,236.98	1,195.21	41.77
011260.099	1999 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	902.09	66.88	835.21

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011260.100	2000 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	205.01	419.76	-214.75
011260.101	2001 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	990.57	1,384.79	-394.22
011260.102	2002 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	3,844.24	1,169.59	2,674.65
011260.103	2003 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	3,595.91	257.92	3,337.99
011260.104	2004 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	2,454.65	138.44	2,316.21
011260.105	2005 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	5,179.10	165.52	5,013.58
011260.106	2006 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	9,496.59	593.13	8,903.46
011260.107	2007 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	18,137.77	3,880.66	14,257.11
011260.108	2008 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	21,397.61	13,850.99	7,546.62
011260.109	2009 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	42,197.26	25,227.16	16,970.10
011260.110	2010 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	120,749.64	94,325.66	26,423.98
011270.108	2008 Farm Animals Ex Tx	352.80	0.00	352.80
011270.109	2009 Farm Animals Ex TX	440.66	159.24	281.42
011270.110	2010 Farm Animal Ex TX	1,227.92	1,105.83	122.09
011290.109	Forest Product Tax	0.00	1,560.91	-1,560.91
011340.000	Departmental Receivables	471.29	0.00	471.29
011850.000	Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
011880.000	Tax Possessions	20,967.90	0.00	20,967.90
012610.000	Def Rev Real & Prop. Tax	2,127,500.52	2,797,740.07	-670,239.55
012622.000	Def Rev Tax Liens	43,960.13	176,545.09	-132,584.96
012623.000	Def Rev Tax Foreclosures	0.00	20,967.90	-20,967.90
012630.000	Def Rev Motor Vehicle Ex	143,615.19	239,380.46	-95,765.27
012646.000	Def Rev Forest Products	475.96	0.00	475.96
012654.000	Def Rev Departmental	1,084.95	0.00	1,084.95
012655.000	Def Rev Farm Animal	1,265.07	2,021.38	-756.31
012656.000	Def Rev Departmental	0.00	471.29	-471.29
013211.000	FB Res for Encumbrances	13,685.45	17,755.85	-4,070.40
013590.000	FB Undesignated Fund Bal	5,974,159.51	6,237,800.73	-263,641.22
013592.000	FB Unres Approp Deficits	10,971.06	2,827.14	8,143.92
013595.000	FB Res. for Snow & Ice	8,261.23	0.00	8,261.23
013910.000	Revenue	2,762,016.62	2,762,016.62	0.00
013930.000	Expenditures (Control)	5,973,179.03	5,973,179.03	0.00
221040.000	Cash	782,415.46	485,592.50	296,822.96
221310.102	Water Rates 2002	194.48	0.00	194.48
221310.103	Water Rates 2003	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 2005	12,953.12	0.00	12,953.12
221310.106	Water Rates 2006	262.35	0.00	262.35
221310.107	Water Rates 2007	0.00	28,496.06	-28,496.06
221310.108	Water Rates 2008	11,182.76	0.00	11,182.76
221310.109	Water Rates 2009	68,535.48	62,627.14	5,908.34
221310.110	Water Rates 2010	518,206.64	401,474.49	116,732.15
221330.101	Water Liens - 2001	1,926.83	0.00	1,926.83

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Account Number	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
221330.102	Water Liens - 2002	853.01	0.00	853.01
221330.104	Water Liens - 2004	2,283.87	546.13	1,737.74
221330.105	Water Liens - 2005	8,729.77	127.68	8,602.09
221330.106	Water Liens - 2006	13,494.06	322.86	13,171.20
221330.107	Water Liens - 2007	15,446.35	921.64	14,524.71
221330.108	Water Liens - 2008	43,911.47	5,719.43	38,192.04
221330.109	Water Liens - 2009	26,138.12	8,561.31	17,576.81
221330.110	Water Liens - 2010	0.00	12,799.27	-12,799.27
222230.000	WD COLLECTOR'S FEES	0.00	15.00	-15.00
222651.000	Def Revenue Water Rates	464,101.63	601,700.52	-137,598.89
222653.000	Def Revenue Water Liens	28,998.32	112,783.48	-83,785.16
223590.000	FB Undesignated	483,874.92	780,682.88	-296,807.96
223592.000	APPROPRIATION DEFICIT	125.00	125.00	0.00
223910.000	Revenue	494,400.88	494,400.88	0.00
223930.000	Expenditures (Control)	485,932.50	485,932.50	0.00
231040.000	Pooled Cash	67,456.05	64,835.22	2,620.83
231720.041	Chapter 90	251,459.08	0.00	251,459.08
231720.043	BEECH HILL ROAD	63,585.22	63,585.22	0.00
231720.044	GUARDRAILS	47,316.75	47,316.75	0.00
232670.000	Def Rev Highway	47,316.75	298,775.83	-251,459.08
233547.000	FB CHAPTER 90	1,250.00	2,851.88	-1,601.88
233721.000	Beech Hill Rd Improvement	63,585.22	64,604.17	-1,018.95
241040.000	Pooled Cash	143,024.48	45,735.79	97,288.69
243307.000	Library Building	0.00	649.95	-649.95
243308.000	Police	0.00	750.00	-750.00
243517.000	FB FEMA Ice Storm 2008	53,635.42	27,993.00	25,642.42
243518.000	FB FEMA STORM DAMAGE 2007	10,179.91	60,527.47	-50,347.56
243519.000	FB FEMA Snow Grant	0.00	8,621.22	-8,621.22
243520.000	FB Arts Council	4,620.00	7,759.86	-3,139.86
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	0.00	17,241.69	-17,241.69
243524.000	FB State Aid to Libraries	157.25	20,024.00	-19,866.75
243525.000	FB Fire EMP Grant (Emerg Manage Per	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
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	3,178.27	-3,178.27
243531.000	FB Conservation Fund	0.00	1,012.50	-1,012.50
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 HRS	331.50	884.00	-552.50
243538.000	FB OPEN SPACE GRANT	0.00	500.00	-500.00
243539.000	FB Comm. Policing Grant	2,063.00	1,208.84	854.16

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243539.001	FB Police Road Respect Grant	4,905.00	5,301.00	-396.00
243540.000	FB TRUST OF RESERV HIST	0.00	217.50	-217.50
243541.000	FB FIRE DEPT REVOLVING	5,242.73	5,813.86	-571.13
243543.000	FB COA GRANT	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00
243543.001	POLICE DEPT - EQUIPMENT GRANT	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
243544.000	FB BOH REVOLVING	3,494.40	3,169.40	325.00
243545.000	FB ELECTRICAL FEE REVOLVING	1,310.00	3,590.00	-2,280.00
243546.000	FB PLUMBING FEES REVOLVING	75.00	3,100.00	-3,025.00
243547.000	FB BUILDING FEES REVOLVING	3,210.00	11,097.25	-7,887.25
243548.000	FB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEWER	7,618.80	0.00	7,618.80
243549.000	Fire Equipment Grant	3,897.00	3,897.00	0.00
243550.000	FIRE TURNOUT GEAR -	0.00	633.50	-633.50
243551.000	SCHOOL BUS GRANT	0.00	360.00	-360.00
311040.000	CASH WATER IMPROV.PROJECT	4,319.96	0.00	4,319.96
313590.000	FB WATER IMP.CAPITAL PROJ	0.00	4,319.96	-4,319.96
313910.000	REVENUE CONTROL	74.23	74.23	0.00
821040.000	Cash Trust Funds	176,503.63	10,882.71	165,620.92
821050.000	Utley Library Investments	2,604.59	0.00	2,604.59
823590.000	FB Exp. Cemetery 1 & 2	1,247.12	1,591.43	-344.31
823590.001	FB Exp. Soenburger Cem.	0.00	2,084.58	-2,084.58
823590.002	FB Exp. Susan Tiffany Cem	9,447.20	42,487.19	-33,039.99
823590.004	FB Cemetery Care	41.85	342.50	-300.65
823590.005	FB Utley Library	0.00	5,705.57	-5,705.57
823590.008	FB Exp. Taggart School	0.00	3,473.36	-3,473.36
823590.009	FB Nye School	0.00	6,720.17	-6,720.17
823590.010	FB Exp. Watson School	0.00	3,470.09	-3,470.09
823590.011	FB Exp. Electa-Watson	5,257.18	28,228.51	-22,971.33
823590.012	FB Exp. Arms Bicentennial	80.00	38,580.24	-38,500.24
823590.013	Exp. Watson Dean Park	14,676.78	57,272.62	-42,595.84
823590.014	FB Stabilization	6,056.00	9,280.32	-3,224.32
823590.015	FB Exp. Library Building	0.00	3,238.59	-3,238.59
823590.016	FB Exp Lot Sale Perp Care	0.00	2,556.47	-2,556.47
831040.000	Trust Fund Cash Non-Exp.	37,477.55	0.00	37,477.55
831060.000	Trust Fund Investments	474,983.64	0.00	474,983.64
833401.005	Nonexp. Arms Bicentennial	0.00	14,500.00	-14,500.00
833402.005	Nonexp. Watson Dean Park	0.00	310,958.61	-310,958.61
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	0.00	106,342.96	-106,342.96
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

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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	292.44	32,059.45	-31,767.01
833414.005	FB Nonexp Lot Sales PCare	0.00	8,350.00	-8,350.00
891040.000	Pooled Cash	94,719.59	78,837.81	15,881.78
892100.000	MV REG MARK FEES	0.00	6,380.43	-6,380.43
892120.000	Federal Income Tax Withholdings	23,855.30	25,541.25	-1,685.95
892120.001	FICA Withholding	13,441.97	12,654.44	787.53
892130.000	State Withholding	13,805.47	13,581.75	223.72
892140.000	Retirement Withholding	16,966.24	16,352.91	613.33
892150.000	Group/Health Insurance	22,385.33	21,470.11	915.22
892190.000	Other Payroll Withholding	14,560.00	15,704.81	-1,144.81
892210.000	Deputy Collector's Fees	3,982.00	5,475.00	-1,493.00
892220.000	Extra Police Duty	18,767.00	19,387.24	-620.24
892230.000	Collector's Fees	4,280.00	9,488.15	-5,208.15
892250.000	Town Clerk's Fees	0.00	594.00	-594.00
892260.000	Police Dept Firearms Fund	0.00	1,275.00	-1,275.00
892280.000	Conservation Fees	0.00	20.00	-20.00
901900.000	LOANS AUTHORIZED	350,230.00	0.00	350,230.00
901901.000	LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISSU	0.00	350,230.00	-350,230.00
901991.000	Amounts to be provided	4,700,123.65	119,029.39	4,581,094.26
902920.000	LANDFILL CAP BOND PAYABLE	10,400.00	156,000.00	-145,600.00
902940.000	WATER BON PAYABLE	83,629.39	4,466,623.65	-4,382,994.26
902950.000	Highway Loader	20,000.00	55,000.00	-35,000.00
902951.000	Fire Equipment	5,000.00	22,500.00	-17,500.00
<b>Report Total</b>		<b>33,858,549.36</b>	<b>33,858,549.36</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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015114.000	Moderator's Salary		\$48.00			\$48.00		100.00 %
<b>114 - Moderator Total</b>			<b>\$48.00</b>			<b>\$48.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015122.000	Selectmen's Salaries		\$4,456.00	\$-1,100.00		\$2,481.96	\$874.04	73.95 %
015122.001	Selectmen's Sec. Salary		\$6,470.00	\$1,100.00		\$5,490.00	\$2,080.00	72.52 %
015122.002	Selectmen's Expense		\$1,800.00			\$649.54	\$1,150.46	36.08 %
<b>122 - Selectmen Total</b>			<b>\$12,726.00</b>			<b>\$8,621.50</b>	<b>\$4,104.50</b>	<b>67.74 %</b>
015131.000	Finance Committee		\$245.00				\$245.00	0.00 %
<b>131 - Finance Total</b>			<b>\$245.00</b>				<b>\$245.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
015132.000	Reserve Account		\$6,215.00			\$6,215.00		100.00 %
<b>132 - 132 Total</b>			<b>\$6,215.00</b>			<b>\$6,215.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015135.000	Town Accountant Salary		\$9,350.00			\$9,350.00		100.00 %
015135.001	Town Accountant's Expense		\$4,825.00	\$-170.00		\$3,578.19	\$1,076.81	76.86 %
<b>135 - Town Accountant Total</b>			<b>\$14,175.00</b>	<b>\$-170.00</b>		<b>\$12,928.19</b>	<b>\$1,076.81</b>	<b>92.31 %</b>
015141.000	Assessor's Salaries		\$4,195.00			\$4,195.02	\$-0.02	100.00 %
015141.001	Assessor's Expense		\$7,211.00			\$4,702.60	\$2,508.40	65.21 %
015141.002	Assessor's Clerk Salary		\$11,269.00			\$11,262.00	\$7.00	99.93 %
015142.000	Assessors Contract Serv		\$28,200.00			\$28,196.69	\$3.31	99.98 %
<b>141 - Assessors Total</b>			<b>\$50,875.00</b>			<b>\$48,356.31</b>	<b>\$2,518.69</b>	<b>95.04 %</b>
015145.000	Treasurer's Salary		\$7,769.00			\$7,769.00		100.00 %
015145.002	Treasurer's Expense		\$5,975.00			\$5,936.41	\$38.59	99.35 %
015145.001	Treasurer's Clerk		\$850.00			\$639.38	\$210.62	75.22 %
015145.005	Tax Title Legal Fees		\$5,000.00			\$2,126.83	\$2,873.17	42.53 %
015145.006	Tax Title Custodian		\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00	0.00 %
015145.007	Tax Title Advertising		\$5,000.00			\$3,690.00	\$1,310.00	73.80 %
<b>145 - Treasurer Total</b>			<b>\$26,094.00</b>			<b>\$20,161.62</b>	<b>\$5,932.38</b>	<b>77.26 %</b>
015146.000	Tax Collector's Salary		\$12,890.00			\$12,890.00		100.00 %
015146.001	Tax Collector's Expense		\$10,300.00			\$10,401.74	\$-101.74	100.98 %
015146.003	Tax Title Legal - TC		\$10,100.00			\$10,025.00	\$75.00	99.25 %

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<b>146 - Tax Collector Total</b>			<b>\$33,290.00</b>			<b>\$33,316.74</b>	<b>-\$26.74</b>	<b>100.08 %</b>
015151.000	Town Counsel		\$12,000.00	\$170.00		\$12,814.19	\$-644.19	105.29 %
015151.999	Town Council - Emcumb	\$8,685.45				\$8,685.45		100.00 %
<b>151 - Town Counsel Total</b>		<b>\$8,685.45</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>		<b>\$21,499.64</b>	<b>-\$644.19</b>	<b>103.08 %</b>
015161.002	Street & Dog List Salary		\$515.00			\$515.00		100.00 %
015161.003	Street & Dog List Expense		\$256.00			\$124.93	\$131.07	48.80 %
015161.000	Town Clerk's Salary		\$3,247.00			\$3,375.00	\$-128.00	103.94 %
015161.001	Town Clerk's Expense		\$1,000.00			\$614.72	\$385.28	61.47 %
015161.004	Vital Statistics Salary		\$27.00			\$27.00		100.00 %
015162.000	Election & Registrations		\$1,824.00			\$1,635.92	\$188.08	89.68 %
015163.000	Bd of Registrars Salary		\$53.00			\$53.00		100.00 %
<b>161 - Town Clerk Total</b>			<b>\$6,922.00</b>			<b>\$6,345.57</b>	<b>\$576.43</b>	<b>91.67 %</b>
015171.000	Conservation Commission		\$2,000.00			\$1,442.83	\$557.17	72.14 %
015173.000	Conservation Maps		\$250.00				\$250.00	0.00 %
<b>171 - Convservation Commission Total</b>			<b>\$2,250.00</b>			<b>\$1,442.83</b>	<b>\$807.17</b>	<b>64.12 %</b>
015175.000	Planning Board		\$400.00			\$103.00	\$297.00	25.75 %
<b>175 - Planning Board Total</b>			<b>\$400.00</b>			<b>\$103.00</b>	<b>\$297.00</b>	<b>25.75 %</b>
015177.000	Zoning Secretary		\$250.00				\$250.00	0.00 %
015176.000	Zoning Board of Appeals		\$300.00			\$17.45	\$282.55	5.81 %
<b>176 - Zoning Board Total</b>			<b>\$550.00</b>			<b>\$17.45</b>	<b>\$532.55</b>	<b>3.17 %</b>
015192.000	Town Office Expense		\$21,000.00	\$371.00		\$21,348.00	\$23.00	99.89 %
015192.004	Town Computer Equipment		\$33,301.00	\$-1,000.00		\$32,226.16	\$74.84	99.76 %
015424.000	Street Lights		\$4,500.00	\$-371.00		\$4,129.13	\$-0.13	100.00 %
<b>192 - Town Office Total</b>			<b>\$58,801.00</b>	<b>-\$1,000.00</b>		<b>\$57,703.29</b>	<b>\$97.71</b>	<b>99.83 %</b>
015195.000	Town Reports Salary		\$622.00			\$622.00		100.00 %
015195.001	Town Reports Expenses		\$400.00				\$400.00	0.00 %
<b>195 - Town Report Total</b>			<b>\$1,022.00</b>			<b>\$622.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>60.86 %</b>

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015196.000	Town Administrator Salary		\$1.00				\$1.00	0.00 %
<b>196 - Town Administrator Total</b>			<b>\$1.00</b>				<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
015199.000	Audit - Town Records		\$18,000.00			\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	66.66 %
015199.998	ENCUMB AUDIT-TOWN RECORDS	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00		100.00 %
<b>199 - Town Audit Total</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>			<b>\$17,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>73.91 %</b>
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			\$53.00	\$247.00	17.66 %
<b>292 - Animals Total</b>			<b>\$1,591.00</b>			<b>\$1,344.00</b>	<b>\$247.00</b>	<b>84.47 %</b>
015821.000	St. Assmnt MV Ex Tax		\$980.00			\$940.00	\$40.00	95.91 %
<b>821 - 821 Total</b>			<b>\$980.00</b>			<b>\$940.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>95.91 %</b>
015822.000	St. Assmnt Air Pollution		\$336.00			\$336.00		100.00 %
<b>822 - 822 Total</b>			<b>\$336.00</b>			<b>\$336.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015823.000	PIONEER PLANNING COMM		\$185.00			\$182.10	\$2.90	98.43 %
<b>823 - Pioneer Planning Total</b>			<b>\$185.00</b>			<b>\$182.10</b>	<b>\$2.90</b>	<b>98.43 %</b>
015835.000	St. Assmt. Reg. Transit		\$2,257.00			\$2,257.00		100.00 %
015840.000	STRAP REPAY		\$7,574.00			\$7,574.00		100.00 %
<b>825 - 825 Total</b>			<b>\$9,831.00</b>			<b>\$9,831.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015192.009	Town Insurance		\$34,500.00	\$51.00		\$34,551.00		100.00 %
015911.000	Hampden County Retirement		\$31,120.00			\$31,119.00	\$1.00	99.99 %
015912.000	Worker's Compensation		\$6,000.00	\$-4,051.00		\$1,870.00	\$79.00	95.94 %
015913.000	Unemployment Compensation		\$8,500.00	\$-2,900.00		\$5,559.34	\$40.66	99.27 %
015914.000	Group Insurance		\$41,050.00			\$41,042.40	\$7.60	99.98 %
015919.000	FICA - Town Share		\$20,000.00	\$-7,000.00		\$13,441.97	\$-441.97	103.39 %
<b>911 - Insurance Total</b>			<b>\$141,170.00</b>	<b>\$-13,900.00</b>		<b>\$127,583.71</b>	<b>\$-313.71</b>	<b>100.24 %</b>
015231.000	Hilltown Comm. Ambulance		\$12,364.00			\$12,360.12	\$3.88	99.96 %
<b>192 - Town Office Total</b>			<b>\$12,364.00</b>			<b>\$12,360.12</b>	<b>\$3.88</b>	<b>99.96 %</b>



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015210.000	Police Salaries		\$10,848.00			\$11,359.00	\$-511.00	104.71 %
015210.001	Police Expense		\$9,828.00			\$11,897.83	\$-2,069.83	121.06 %
<b>210 - Police Total</b>			<b>\$20,676.00</b>			<b>\$23,256.83</b>	<b>\$-2,580.83</b>	<b>112.48 %</b>
015220.000	Fire Dept. Salary		\$2,000.00			\$2,200.00	\$-200.00	110.00 %
015220.001	Fire Dept. Exp.			\$1,400.00		\$697.81	\$702.19	49.84 %
015220.003	Fire Dept. Utilities		\$4,500.00	\$141.00		\$4,540.14	\$100.86	97.82 %
015220.004	Fire Dept. Maint/Repair		\$6,000.00	\$-1,541.00		\$4,188.91	\$270.09	93.94 %
015220.005	Radio Maintenance		\$1,000.00			\$772.90	\$227.10	77.29 %
015220.007	Dispatch 911		\$4,500.00			\$4,475.06	\$24.94	99.44 %
015220.008	Fire Training/Supplies		\$10,168.00			\$9,955.51	\$212.49	97.91 %
015220.009	Fire Gas/Oil		\$1,000.00			\$50.00	\$950.00	5.00 %
015291.000	Emergency Management		\$100.00				\$100.00	0.00 %
<b>220 - Fire Total</b>			<b>\$29,268.00</b>			<b>\$26,880.33</b>	<b>\$2,387.67</b>	<b>91.84 %</b>
015294.000	Tree Warden Salary		\$1,055.00			\$1,055.00		100.00 %
015294.001	Tree Warden Expense		\$500.00	\$1,503.00		\$1,888.76	\$114.24	94.29 %
015294.002	Tree Warden Outside Svce.		\$8,500.00	\$-1,503.00		\$6,997.44	\$-0.44	100.00 %
<b>294 - Tree Warden Total</b>			<b>\$10,055.00</b>			<b>\$9,941.20</b>	<b>\$113.80</b>	<b>98.86 %</b>
015422.000	Highway Salaries		\$102,500.00			\$102,705.45	\$-205.45	100.20 %
015422.002	Highway Expenses		\$149,000.00	\$27,085.00		\$178,213.96	\$-2,128.96	101.20 %
015422.003	Highway Utilities					\$110.96	\$-110.96	100.00 %
015422.005	Salt & Sand		\$47,000.00			\$55,261.23	\$-8,261.23	117.57 %
015422.008	Highway P/T Salaries		\$7,000.00			\$6,972.75	\$27.25	99.61 %
015422.011	Snow & Ice Labor		\$30,000.00	\$-11,600.00		\$18,358.71	\$41.29	99.77 %
015422.001	Highway Overtime Salary		\$4,000.00			\$4,075.90	\$-75.90	101.89 %
<b>422 - Highway Total</b>			<b>\$339,500.00</b>	<b>\$15,485.00</b>		<b>\$365,698.96</b>	<b>\$-10,713.96</b>	<b>103.01 %</b>
015433.000	Transfer Station Salaries		\$8,400.00			\$8,282.50	\$117.50	98.60 %
015433.001	Cartage/Tipping		\$50,000.00	\$-20,585.00		\$29,414.89	\$0.11	99.99 %
015433.002	Transfer St Expenses		\$25,000.00	\$22,967.00		\$48,662.33	\$-695.33	101.44 %
<b>433 - Transfer Station Total</b>			<b>\$83,400.00</b>	<b>\$2,382.00</b>		<b>\$86,359.72</b>	<b>\$-577.72</b>	<b>100.67 %</b>

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<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Carry Fwd</b>	<b>Orig Bud</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Encumb</b>	<b>Expend</b>	<b>Unencum Bal</b>	<b>% Exp</b>
015491.000	Cemetery Commission		\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00		100.00 %
<b>491 - Cemetery Total</b>			<b>\$3,500.00</b>			<b>\$3,500.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015510.000	Board of Health Salaries		\$2,250.00			\$1,500.00	\$750.00	66.66 %
015510.003	BOH Expenses		\$11,675.00	\$-2,967.00		\$8,707.79	\$0.21	99.99 %
015510.001	Bd of Health Sec. Salary		\$2,977.00			\$2,972.50	\$4.50	99.84 %
<b>510 - Board of Health Total</b>			<b>\$16,902.00</b>	<b>\$-2,967.00</b>		<b>\$13,180.29</b>	<b>\$754.71</b>	<b>94.58 %</b>
015300.000	GATEWAY REG SCHOOL DIST.		\$1,503,451.00			\$1,491,023.21	\$12,427.79	99.17 %
015301.000	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		\$130,955.00			\$117,946.00	\$13,009.00	90.06 %
<b>300 - Education Total</b>			<b>\$1,634,406.00</b>			<b>\$1,608,969.21</b>	<b>\$25,436.79</b>	<b>98.44 %</b>
015522.000	Lee Visiting Nurses		\$3,800.00			\$3,635.00	\$165.00	95.65 %
015541.001	Council on Aging Expenses		\$1,600.00			\$1,574.51	\$25.49	98.40 %
<b>541 - Council on Aging Total</b>			<b>\$5,400.00</b>			<b>\$5,209.51</b>	<b>\$190.49</b>	<b>96.47 %</b>
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			\$1,800.00	\$-800.00	180.00 %
<b>543 - Veterans Total</b>			<b>\$2,600.00</b>			<b>\$3,400.00</b>	<b>\$-800.00</b>	<b>130.76 %</b>
015610.000	Library Salaries		\$21,055.00			\$20,934.00	\$121.00	99.42 %
015610.001	Library Expenses		\$17,677.00			\$17,707.00	\$-30.00	100.16 %
<b>610 - Library Total</b>			<b>\$38,732.00</b>			<b>\$38,641.00</b>	<b>\$91.00</b>	<b>99.76 %</b>
015630.000	Park & Recreation		\$500.00			\$335.48	\$164.52	67.09 %
015651.000	Historical Commission		\$900.00			\$389.11	\$510.89	43.23 %
015650.000	Town Common		\$500.00			\$500.00		100.00 %
<b>630 - Recreational Total</b>			<b>\$1,900.00</b>			<b>\$1,224.59</b>	<b>\$675.41</b>	<b>64.45 %</b>
015751.000	Long Term Debt Interest							100.00 %
<b>751 - 751 Total</b>								<b>100.00 %</b>
015752.000	Temporary Loan Interest		\$48,046.00			\$98,643.83	\$-50,597.83	205.31 %
<b>752 - 752 Total</b>			<b>\$48,046.00</b>			<b>\$98,643.83</b>	<b>\$-50,597.83</b>	<b>205.31 %</b>

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015150.106	MVE Refunds 06					\$13.54	\$-13.54	100.00 %
015150.108	MVE Refunds 08					\$353.54	\$-353.54	100.00 %
015150.109	MVE Refunds 09					\$653.29	\$-653.29	100.00 %
015150.110	MVE Refunds 10					\$139.75	\$-139.75	100.00 %
015110.101	Personal Prop. Refund 101					\$9.00	\$-9.00	100.00 %
015110.102	Personal Prop. Refund 2002					\$37.31	\$-37.31	100.00 %
015110.103	Personal Prop Refund 2003					\$35.94	\$-35.94	100.00 %
015110.104	Personal Prop Refunds 2004					\$13.65	\$-13.65	100.00 %
015110.107	Pers Prop Refunds 07					\$58.09	\$-58.09	100.00 %
015110.109	Pers Prop Refunds 09					\$51.87	\$-51.87	100.00 %
015120.101	Real Estate Refunds 01					\$7.44	\$-7.44	100.00 %
015120.102	Real Estate Refunds 02					\$465.05	\$-465.05	100.00 %
015120.103	Real Estate Refunds 03					\$33.10	\$-33.10	100.00 %
015120.104	Real Estate Refunds 04					\$518.45	\$-518.45	100.00 %
015120.106	Real Estate Refunds 06					\$60.08	\$-60.08	100.00 %
015120.108	Real Estate Refunds 08					\$2,957.32	\$-2,957.32	100.00 %
015120.109	Real Estate Refunds 09					\$2,197.55	\$-2,197.55	100.00 %
015120.110	Real Estate Refunds 2010		\$19,792.68				\$19,792.68	0.00 %
<b>999 - Unclassified Total</b>			<b>\$19,792.68</b>			<b>\$7,604.97</b>	<b>\$12,187.71</b>	<b>38.42 %</b>
<b>01 - GENERAL FUND Total</b>		<b>\$13,685.45</b>	<b>\$2,664,248.68</b>			<b>\$2,679,468.51</b>	<b>\$-1,534.38</b>	<b>100.05 %</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$13,685.45</b>	<b>\$2,664,248.68</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,679,468.51</b>	<b>\$-1,534.38</b>	<b>100.05 %</b>

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<b>22 - WATER FUND</b>								
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225450.000	Water Dept Supt Salary		\$28,080.00			\$28,080.00		100.00 %
225450.001	Water Dept Clerk		\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00		100.00 %
225450.002	Water Dept Utilities		\$41,400.00	\$-1,221.00		\$34,705.20	\$5,473.80	86.37 %
225450.003	Water Dept Back Up Supt.		\$3,744.00			\$3,744.00		100.00 %
225450.004	Water Dept Chemicals		\$8,000.00			\$7,110.00	\$890.00	88.87 %
225450.005	Water Dept Breaks		\$35,000.00	\$-22,823.00		\$11,242.49	\$934.51	92.32 %
225450.006	Water Dept Testing		\$10,000.00			\$7,542.00	\$2,458.00	75.42 %
225450.007	Water Dept System Repairs		\$23,408.00	\$14,850.00		\$38,247.21	\$10.79	99.97 %
225450.008	Water Dept Loan		\$8,402.00			\$8,402.00		100.00 %
225450.009	Water Dept Meter Reader							100.00 %
225450.010	Water Dept. Office Expens		\$1,750.00	\$2,073.00		\$3,786.00	\$37.00	99.03 %
225450.011	Water Dept. Secr. Salary		\$6,000.00			\$6,000.00		100.00 %
225450.012	Water Dept. Equip Repairs		\$3,000.00			\$2,214.41	\$785.59	73.81 %
225450.013	Water Dept. Legal Fees		\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00	0.00 %
225450.015	Software/Support		\$8,000.00	\$5,900.00		\$13,900.00		100.00 %
225450.017	Water Commissioner Salary		\$6,000.00			\$4,099.73	\$1,900.27	68.32 %
225450.018	Water Education & Train.		\$2,000.00			\$1,048.00	\$952.00	52.40 %
225450.019	Water Dept. Supplies		\$5,000.00	\$1,221.00		\$6,220.68	\$0.32	99.99 %
225450.020	Water Dept. Other Labor		\$16,400.00			\$5,250.00	\$11,150.00	32.01 %
<b>450 - Total</b>			<b>\$214,184.00</b>			<b>\$186,591.72</b>	<b>\$27,592.28</b>	<b>87.11 %</b>
<b>22 - WATER FUND Total</b>			<b>\$214,184.00</b>			<b>\$186,591.72</b>	<b>\$27,592.28</b>	<b>87.11 %</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$214,184.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$186,591.72</b>	<b>\$27,592.28</b>	<b>87.11 %</b>

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014110.106	06 Personal Property Taxes			\$50.00	\$-50.00	100.00 %
014110.107	07 Personal Property Taxes			\$-34.16	\$34.16	100.00 %
014110.108	08 Personal Property Taxes			\$89.38	\$-89.38	100.00 %
014110.109	09 Personal Property Taxes			\$13,008.01	\$-13,008.01	100.00 %
014110.110	2010 Personal Property Tax			\$151,621.51	\$-151,621.51	100.00 %
014120.102	02 Real Estate Taxes			\$-2,407.01	\$2,407.01	100.00 %
014120.103	03 Real Estate Taxes			\$2,910.01	\$-2,910.01	100.00 %
014120.104	04 Real Estate Taxes			\$1,878.83	\$-1,878.83	100.00 %
014120.105	05 Real Estate Taxes			\$-4,854.06	\$4,854.06	100.00 %
014120.106	06 Real Estate Taxes			\$4,841.48	\$-4,841.48	100.00 %
014120.107	07 Real Estate Taxes			\$20,753.12	\$-20,753.12	100.00 %
014120.108	08 Real Estate Taxes			\$19,839.17	\$-19,839.17	100.00 %
014120.109	09 Real Estate Taxes			\$99,757.28	\$-99,757.28	100.00 %
014120.110	2010 Real Estate Taxes			\$1,712,564.88	\$-1,712,564.88	100.00 %
014142.000	Tax Liens Redeemed			\$47,660.13	\$-47,660.13	100.00 %
014143.000	Tailings (uncleared checks)			\$18,238.86	\$-18,238.86	100.00 %
014145.000	Tax Title Receipts			\$700.00	\$-700.00	100.00 %
014150.092	92 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$18.75	\$-18.75	100.00 %
014150.101	01 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$5.00	\$-5.00	100.00 %
014150.102	02 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$246.25	\$-246.25	100.00 %
014150.103	03 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$257.92	\$-257.92	100.00 %
014150.104	04 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$138.44	\$-138.44	100.00 %
014150.105	05 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$165.52	\$-165.52	100.00 %
014150.106	06 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$593.13	\$-593.13	100.00 %
014150.107	07 Motor Vehcile Taxes			\$3,813.16	\$-3,813.16	100.00 %
014150.108	08 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$13,795.57	\$-13,795.57	100.00 %
014150.109	09 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$24,420.89	\$-24,420.89	100.00 %
014150.110	10 Motor Vehicle Taxes			\$92,281.19	\$-92,281.19	100.00 %
014162.109	09 Farm Animal Excise			\$159.24	\$-159.24	100.00 %
014162.110	10 Farm Animal Excise			\$1,105.83	\$-1,105.83	100.00 %

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014163.000	Forest Product Tax			\$475.96	\$-475.96	100.00 %
014171.000	Penalty & Int. on Taxes			\$27,832.81	\$-27,832.81	100.00 %
014172.000	Penalty & Int. Excise			\$3,475.57	\$-3,475.57	100.00 %
014180.000	In Lieu of Taxes			\$180,623.93	\$-180,623.93	100.00 %
014321.000	Fees - Fire Dept.			\$445.00	\$-445.00	100.00 %
014323.000	Fees - Assessors			\$51.00	\$-51.00	100.00 %
014324.000	Fees - Dump Stickers			\$32,470.20	\$-32,470.20	100.00 %
014325.000	Fees - Health Board			\$9,847.49	\$-9,847.49	100.00 %
014329.000	Fees - Town Clerk			\$75.00	\$-75.00	100.00 %
014331.000	Police Revolving Surcharg			\$1,998.86	\$-1,998.86	100.00 %
014332.000	Fees - Other			\$5.00	\$-5.00	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.			\$1,225.00	\$-1,225.00	100.00 %
014615.000	Abatements Vets,Blind,S.S			\$450.00	\$-450.00	100.00 %
014616.000	Abatements to the Elderly			\$2,518.00	\$-2,518.00	100.00 %
014617.000	Local Meals Tax			\$16,863.35	\$-16,863.35	100.00 %
014661.000	Lottery Aid			\$111,873.00	\$-111,873.00	100.00 %
014664.000	State Owned Land			\$11,866.00	\$-11,866.00	100.00 %
014820.000	Earnings of Investments			\$537.77	\$-537.77	100.00 %
014830.000	Revenue to be determined			\$11,432.91	\$-11,432.91	100.00 %
014840.000	Miscellaneous Revenue			\$407.75	\$-407.75	100.00 %
014850.000	BORROWING PROCEEDS			\$52,500.00	\$-52,500.00	100.00 %
<b>100 - General Government Total</b>				<b>\$2,702,642.96</b>	<b>\$-2,702,642.96</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
014771.000	Fines - District Court			\$9,225.00	\$-9,225.00	100.00 %
<b>200 - Public Safety Total</b>				<b>\$9,225.00</b>	<b>\$-9,225.00</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
014662.000	Chapter 70 School Aid			\$44,506.00	\$-44,506.00	100.00 %
014663.000	Vocational Transportation			\$3,107.00	\$-3,107.00	100.00 %
<b>300 - Education Total</b>				<b>\$47,613.00</b>	<b>\$-47,613.00</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

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014327.000	Fees - Planning Board			\$146.00	\$-146.00	100.00 %
<b>400 - Public Works Total</b>				<b>\$146.00</b>	<b>\$-146.00</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>01 - GENERAL FUND Total</b>				<b>\$2,759,626.96</b>	<b>\$-2,759,626.96</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,759,626.96</b>	<b>\$-2,759,626.96</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The following is the birth, deaths and marriages for Blandford in 2010.

**Births:**

Daughter of Jon & Cara Letendre, born January 9, 2010  
Son of Shane & Kathleen Bloomrose, born January 26, 2010  
Son of Aaron & Delaney Noe, born June 8, 2010

**Deaths:**

Sarah L. Robbins, age 87, died January 23, 2010  
Stanley Vaughan, age 49, died February 5, 2010  
Philip Weaver, age 59, died February 6, 2010  
David Keough, age 54, died February 7, 2010  
Warren Gregersen, age 60, died May 11, 2010  
Karen Clark, age 65, died May 14, 2010  
Henry Gliniak, age 57, died June 20, 2010  
Connie Nichols, age 77, died September 29, 2010

**Marriages:**

Richard P. Igel to Ria Mason, married April 24, 2010  
Michael T. Kinnerty to Alyson K. Obara, married May 1, 2010  
James Taylor Hanan, III to Danielle Marie Best, married September 9, 2010  
Kyle James LeCours to Jennifer Lee Marra, married September 25, 2010  
David B. Warren to Arlene F. Ringer, married October 6, 2010  
Kenneth Mark Anderson to Michelle Anne Wright, married November 6, 2010  
Keith Allyn Beaudreau to Renee Noel Baillargeon, married September 25, 2010

Respectfully submitted,  
Staci Iglesias

## REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Blandford Water Commission has worked over the past year on upgrades and improvements to the water system. We were successful in our efforts to find a way to avoid purchasing a new water tower to replace the existing one. This was accomplished with new software in the pump house and a "new" way of running the system. So far it has been very successful and saved the water users a large amount of money.

We have put a lot of work into painting hydrants, refurbishing the pump house and purchased new software to oversee the billing system. We are working toward converting our billing system to consumption based instead of flat rated based, but this will require a few more purchases by the department and the gathering of base data.

The commissioners would like to genuinely thank the water users and residents of Blandford for their continued support; it is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Levakis, Chair  
Charles Miller  
Mark Boomsma



**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.  
TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
May 3, 2010

- Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officials and act thereon  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS 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 2011 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 53F  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS 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, 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$6,100 for the Reserve Account.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,400 for the Stabilization Account.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS 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 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize a revolving fund for the 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS 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 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- 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.

**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**

- 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$937,557 and transfer from Water Department funds \$38,302, a total sum of **\$975,859** as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.  
(See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- 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  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$1,515,368** for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money **\$198,159** for the Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.  
**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**
- Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money **\$22,500** for the transportation expenses for Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**
- 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.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMIOUS VOTE**

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

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Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MAY 8, 2010**

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

<b>Assessor for One Year Vote for One</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Planning Board for Four Years Vote for One</b>	<b>Vote</b>
*EDNA WILANDER, Maple Ln.	173	*GORDON AVERY, Kaolin Rd	171
<b>Assessor for Three Years Vote for One</b>		<b>Planning Board for Four Years Vote for One</b>	
*COSETTE COUSINEAU, Chester Rd. "Candidate for Re-election"	149	*MARY MANGINI, Herrick Rd	161
<b>Board of Health for Three Years Vote for One</b>		<b>Selectboard for Three Years Vote for One</b>	
**RICHARD BERTRAM, Otis Tolland Rd	114	**DARLENE HORNE, North Blandford Rd	108
*STEPHEN JEMIOLO, Beech Hill Rd	85	Dale Miller (write -in)	94
<b>Cemetery Commissioner for One Year Vote for One</b>		<b>Tree Warden for Three Years Vote for One</b>	
*STEPHEN JEMIOLO, Beech Hill Rd	128	*MARK BOOMSMA, Nye Brook Rd	118
		*NEIL GEARY, Beagle Club Rd	88
<b>Cemetery Commissioner for Three Years Vote for One</b>		<b>Water Commissioner for Three Years Vote for One</b>	
		*WILLIAM LEVAKIS, Russell Stage Rd	160
<b>Library Trustee for Three Years Vote for One</b>		<b>Water Commissioner for One Year Vote for One</b>	
*CHUCK BENSEN, Haight Rd "Candidate for Re-election"	116	*FRANK BURKOTT, Otis Stage Rd	72
**KATHLEEN DEVINY, Herrick Rd	94	**RICHARD BERTRAM, Otis Tolland Rd.	38
		*CHARLIE MILLER, Gore Rd.	103
<b>Planning Board for Five Years Vote for One</b>			
Nina Dawe (write-in)	18		

**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.**  
**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
June 28, 2010

- Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$170 from Town Accountant Expenses to Town Counsel.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$51.00 from Worker's Compensation to Town Insurance.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$11,600 from Snow & Ice Labor to Highway Expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$1,100 from Selectmen's Salaries to Selectmen's Secretary Salary.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$7,000 from FICA – Town Share to Highway expenses  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$2,900. From Unemployment Comp to Highway expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$4,000 from the Worker's Comp. to Highway expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**
- Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$1,000 from the Town Computer Equipment to Highway expenses.  
**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

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Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.  
TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
MARCH 1, 2011

- Article 1: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 41, s. 1B, to make the elected position of Collector of Taxes an appointed position, such appointment to be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three years; provided, however that before such change may take effect, the change must be approved by the voters of the Town at the 2011 Annual Town Election; provided further that the incumbent elected Collector of Taxes serving at the time of the Annual Town Election shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected or until said individual otherwise vacates such office; or take any other action relating thereto.  
**POSTPONED UNTIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 41, s. 1B, to make the elected position of Treasurer an appointed position, such appointment to be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three years; provided, however that before such change may take effect, the change must be approved by the voters of the Town at the 2011 Annual Town Election; provided further that the incumbent elected Treasurer serving at the time of the Annual Town Election shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected or until said individual otherwise vacates such office; or take any other action relating thereto.  
**POSTPONED UNTIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**
- Article 3: See attached Wind Energy Facilities bylaw  
**POSTPONED UNTIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**
- Article 4: See attached Solar Photovoltaic Installation bylaw  
**POSTPONED UNTIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

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Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS.**  
**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
April 4, 2011

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$71,500 from Gateway Line Item to Town Office Expenses (\$10,000), Town Building (\$20,000), Vocational transportation (\$2,500), Highway Department (\$25,000), Veterans Benefits (\$10,000), Fire Department Gas/Oil (\$2,000) and Police Department Expenses (\$2,000).

Amended to:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$76,500 from Gateway Line Item to Town Office Expenses (\$10,000), Town Building (\$20,000), Vocational transportation (\$2,500), Highway Department (\$25,000), Veterans Benefits (\$10,000), Fire Department Gas/Oil (\$2,000) Police Department Expenses (\$1,100), Police Salaries (\$900) and Treasurer Tax Title account (\$5,000).

**PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$2,000 from Water Dept. System Repairs to Water Dept. Clerk.

Amended to:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$2,000 from Water Dept. Retained Earnings to Water Dept. Clerk.

**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$10,000 from Water Dept. Retained Earnings to Water Dept. Other Labor.

**PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

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Staci E. Iglesias, Town Clerk

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 Tuesday 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>	Third Wednesday of each month 7:30 at the Library
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	Keith Bloomrose	848-2782
Conservation Commission	Pete Sutherland	848-2782
Dog Officer	Brenda Blood	848-2888
Electrical Inspector	Dana Wojcik	848-2348
Fire Department	Tom Ackley	848-2783
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	Janet Labardo	848-2853
Planning Board	Nina Dawe	848-2782
Plumbing/Gas Inspector	Peter Anderson	454-7810
Post Office	Postmaster	848-2480
Selectmen		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	Bill Levakis	848-2782
Zoning Commission	Sumner Robbins	848-2873

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 5-9 p.m.	Thursday: 10-8 p.m.
Tuesday: 10-8 p.m.	Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

<b>Town Meeting:</b>	Held the First Monday in May Annually, 7:30 p.m. (School)
<b>Town Elections:</b>	Held the Second Saturday in May Annually. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (School)

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

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

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Blandford qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Blandford Elementary School on May 2, 2011 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 2012 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, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, 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 \$10,000 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 \$10,000 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 FY12, 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 Council on Aging for the purpose of depositing funds received in connection with events that occur for the Council on Aging for the purpose of paying costs and expenses related to the purchase of items to benefit and Council, said sum not to exceed \$5,000 in FY12, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Chair of the Council on Aging; or take any other action relative thereto.?????*

**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 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 FY12, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Article 9:** 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 FY12.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Article 10:** 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 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 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 FY12, 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, 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 FY12, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$xxx,xxx and transfer from Water Department funds \$xx,xxx, a total sum of \$xxx,xxx as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. (See Proposed Departmental Budgets.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Department Funds a sum of \$xxx,xxx to operate the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; 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 \$xxxxxxx for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 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 \$xxxxxx for the Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; 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, 2011 through June 30, 2012; or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to increase exemption amount for Senior exemption from \$500 to \$800.
- Article 19:** To see if the Town would vote to increase gross receipts for edibility for Seniors exemption from \$13,000 single, \$15,000 married to \$20,000 single, \$25,000 married.
- Article 20:** To see if the Town would vote to increase whole estate allowed for Seniors exemption to \$40,000 single, \$50,000 married.
- Article 21:** The council on ageing would like to ask the Town to accept G.L.59 section 5k which would allow the town to establish a senior citizen property tax work off abatement program. It would be made available to the first ten seniors who income & age qualify each year .They would apply to the COA. The single income allowance would be \$20,000 Married \$25,000, single assets \$40,000 married \$50,000 and be at least sixty years of age. The maximum abatement amount would be five hundred dollars, only one work off abatement would be allowed per parcel. They would receive the state minimum wage for each hour. The COA would keep track of the hours and report them to the Assessor's Office by October 1<sup>st</sup> each year to apply the abatement to their actual tax bills.
- Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 41, s. 1B, to make the elected position of Collector of Taxes an appointed position, such appointment to be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three years; provided, however that before such change may take effect, the change must be approved by the voters of the Town at the 2011 Annual Town Election; provided further that the incumbent elected Collector of Taxes serving at the time of the Annual Town Election shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected or until said individual otherwise vacates such office; or take any other action relating thereto.
- Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 41, s. 1B, to make the elected position of Treasurer an appointed position, such appointment to be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three years; provided, however that before such change may take effect, the change must be approved by the voters of the Town at the 2011 Annual Town Election; provided further that the incumbent elected Treasurer serving at the time of the Annual Town Election shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected or until said individual otherwise vacates such office; or take any other action relating thereto.
- Article 24:** See attached Wind Energy Facilities bylaw
- Article 25:** See attached Solar Photovoltaic Installation bylaw
- Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the Blandford Elementary School property located at 1 Russell Stage Road from the Gateway Regional School District for education/school to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, including use as a Town Hall, and to raise and appropriate transfer or borrow \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for purposes of renovating, furnishing and equipping said building for use as a Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$175,000 to purchase a new 2011 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.
- Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to purchase a new 2011 Cab and Chassis with 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 \$60,000 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.

**Article 29:** 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.

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 25th day of April, 2011

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I have served this Warrant as directed.

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Constable

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Date