



Minutes of September 3, 2014 Special Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden, SS.

Town of Blandford

CERTIFIED COPY OF VOTE

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the **TOWN OF BLANDFORD**, held on September 3, 2014, at Blandford Town Hall, One Russell Stage Road, Blandford, Massachusetts, at 7:00 P.M., the following business was transacted.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$725,000.00, more or less, to fund payment to BRD, LLC in the matter of BRD LLC v. Town of Blandford; and further, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, sec. 7 and 8 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; or take any other action relative thereto.

AMENDMENT VOTED: To amend by striking out in the first sentence, the words “to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or”

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Article appropriately motioned and seconded as amended.

Passed unanimously

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation permitting the Town to borrow at one time or from time to time such sums of money as may be necessary for the purpose of paying any final judgment entered against the Town on the case entitled BRD LLC v. Town of Blandford, Hampden Superior Court, C.A. No. 12-00476, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$725,000.00, the term of such borrowing to be for a period of up to ten years, notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. c. 44, sec. 7 and 8 or any other general or special law to the contrary; provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; or take any other action relative thereto.

AMENDMENT VOTED: To amend following the words “for a period of up to ten years” by adding “no longer than twenty (20) years.”

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Article appropriately motioned and seconded as amended.

Passed unanimously

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 22F, which allows elected boards and officials to set reasonable fees and charges for licenses, permits and services provided by said elected boards and officials, or by boards or appointees under their jurisdiction, provided that such fees and charges are retained entirely by the Town, and provided further that the fee or charge being collected immediately prior to acceptance of this section for any license, permit, certificate service or work shall be utilized until a new fee or charge is fixed under M.G.L. c. 40, § 22F; or take any other action relative thereto

Article appropriately motioned and seconded.

Passed unanimously

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$9,020.00 from the Stabilization Fund into the Highway Garage Repair Fund.

(two-thirds majority vote required for passage)

AMENDMENT VOTED: To amend following the words “from the Stabilization Fund” by adding from the “**Building**” Stabilization Fund.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$9,020.00 from the **Building** Stabilization Fund into the Highway Garage Repair Fund.

Article appropriately motioned and seconded.

Passed unanimously

A true copy, Attest:

Mary N. Kronholm, Town Clerk