



Minutes of November 12, 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:

Charles Benson 111 was elected as moderator in the absence of the Town Moderator.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of \$66,517.99 for the purpose of paying down notes from emergency hurricane damage borrowing; or take any other action relative thereto.

AMENDMENT VOTED: To amend by striking "available funds" and inserting "stabilization funds;
AMENDMENT VOTED: to include after damage "and borrowing for highway equipment loan."

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization funds a sum of \$66,517.99 for the purpose of paying down notes from emergency hurricane damage and for borrowing for highway equipment loan; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article appropriately motioned and seconded as amended.

Passed unanimously (two-thirds vote required)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to enact the following general bylaw prohibiting the public consumption and use of marijuana, and further to insert such bylaw into Section IX, Public Safety, of the Town of Blandford Bylaws:

G. Prohibition of Public Consumption or Use of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol.

- a. No person, whether in or upon a vehicle, conveyance, or on foot, shall burn, smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols (as defined in G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, school, school grounds, cemetery, or parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the Town; or in or upon any place to which the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees.

- b. Any marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol burned, smoked, ingested, or otherwise used or consumed in violation of this by-law shall be seized, held, and disposed of in accordance with G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 47A.
- c. Whoever is found in violation of this bylaw shall, when requested by an official authorized to enforce this by-law, state his true name and address to said official. Failure to provide such identifying information upon request, or provision of false, incorrect, or otherwise invalid identifying information, shall be considered a separate violation of this bylaw.
- d. This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or equity, including, but not limited to enforcement by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. C. 40, Section 21D, by any police officer.
The fine for a violation of this by-law shall be Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars for each offense. A penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 32L.

or take any other action relative thereto.

AMENDMENT VOTED: in section d: strike Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars and after a violation of this by-law shall be, insert: “set by the selectboard for each offense.”

Article Tabled

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund into the Audit fund for the purpose of continued funding of a forensic audit; or take any other action relative thereto. (two-thirds majority vote required for passage)

AMENDMENT VOTED: strike \$20,000 and insert “\$5,000”; strike Audit fund and insert “Line item 65 Audit Services”

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund into Line item 65 Audit Services for the purpose of continued funding of a forensic audit; or take any other action relative thereto. (two-thirds majority vote required for passage)

Article appropriately motioned and seconded
Passed with a vote of 20 yea; 2 nay

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,473.64 from the Stabilization Fund into the Town Hall Repair/Maintenance Fund for the purpose of funding the new security system; or take any other action relative thereto. (two-thirds majority vote required for passage)

Article appropriately motioned and seconded
Passed with a vote of 18 yea, 4 nay

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 40, sec. 8G authorizing the Town to enter into enter into agreements with other cities and towns to provide police mutual aid programs to increase the capability of police departments to protect the lives, safety, and property of the people in the area designated in the agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article motioned and appropriately seconded to **Pass Over**
Unanimous vote to pass over

A true copy, Attest:

Mary N. Kronholm, Town Clerk