



**Warrant Annual Town Meeting
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Hampden, ss.
Town of Blandford**

TO: One of the Constables in 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 Town Hall, One Russell Stage Road, Blandford, Massachusetts on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7 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 raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,591,448.00 for the Gateway Regional School District as determined using the alternative assessment method for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 for Vocational Education (account #015301.000) for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$30,200.00 for the transportation expenses (account #015302.000) for Vocational Education for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., c. 44, sec. 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with M.G.L., c. 44, sec. 17; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of \$85,000.00 to purchase a Class 500 Series truck for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of \$300,000 for the Capital Projects account (#015920.000); or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$75,000.00 for the Building Stabilization Account; or take any other action relative thereto.
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, including the stabilization fund, the amounts of \$47,499 and \$48,916, totaling \$96,415, to pay for any outstanding costs or indebtedness related to the purchase of a new rescue truck for the Fire Department and a new plow truck for the Highway Department as previously acquired by the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$97,752 to pay for Tropical Storm Irene Damage debt incurred by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$25,000 for the Building Stabilization Account; or take any other action relative thereto.
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$41,379.00 for the Reserve Account (account #015132.000); or take any other action relative thereto.
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §5B to establish a special stabilization fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing the Town Library, said fund to be called the Library Building Stabilization Fund; and further, to transfer from the Building Stabilization Fund the sum of \$100,000 to be deposited into the Library Building Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,107,770.15 to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto. (See proposed Departmental Budgets).
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$535,082.80 from Water Department Receipts to operate the Water Department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto. (See proposed departmental budget).
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings the sum of \$6,251 to the Water Stabilization account; or take any other action relative thereto.
Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department FY20 Water Dept. Testing account (#225450.006) the sum of \$140.00 to pay for previous fiscal year MICROBAC invoice #DA8101404 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department FY20 Water Dept Utilities account (#225450.002) the sum of \$603.00 to pay for previous fiscal year Verizon invoices that were not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote adopt the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53 F ½ establishing the broadband operations as the Municipal Light Plant Enterprise Fund effective Fiscal Year 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to fund fiber optic drop construction and installation in connection with the construction and build-out of the Town's broadband system, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law SECTION IV: PROVISIONS FOR DISTRICTS, Sub Section 4.2: BUSINESS DISTRICT, Sub Section 4.2.1; Sub Section 4.2.1.9, by deleting:

Any additional use, which is not specifically prohibited or already requires a Special Permit from another Board, for which the Board of Selectmen may grant permission.
as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

Any additional use, which is not specifically prohibited or already requires a Special Permit from another Board, for which the Zoning Board of Appeals may grant permission.
or take any other relative action thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law, SECTION VIII: GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS, subsection 8.1: PURPOSE, subsection 8.1.2: Definitions, by deleting:

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION, LARGE SCALE GROUND MOUNTED:
A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof mounted, and has a rated nameplate capacity greater than 250 KW DC.
as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION, LARGE SCALE GROUND MOUNTED: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof mounted, and has a rated nameplate capacity greater than 250 kW DC or occupies more than 40,000 square feet of surface area.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law SECTION VIII: GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS, subsection 8.1: PURPOSE, subsection 8.1.2: Definitions, to insert the following new definitions in alphabetical order:

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION, MEDIUM SCALE GROUND MOUNTED: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof mounted, and has a rated nameplate capacity between 10 kW DC and 250 kW DC, or occupies at least 1750 square feet and no more than 40,000 square feet of surface

area.

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION, SMALL SCALE GROUND

MOUNTED: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof mounted, and has a rated nameplate capacity of less than 10 kW DC, or occupies less than 1750 square feet of surface area.

or take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law, SECTION VIII: GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS, subsection 8.2: APPLICABILITY, subsection 8.2.2, by deleting:

All Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall require a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval issued by the Planning Board in accordance with this section and Section IX.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

All Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall require a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval issued by the Planning Board in accordance with this section and Section IX.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law, SECTION VIII: GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS, subsection 8.2: APPLICABILITY, to insert the following new subsections:

8.2.3 All Medium Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall require Site Plan Approval issued by the Planning Board in accordance with this section and Section IX.

8.2.4 All Small Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations with a maximum height of less than 9 feet shall require a building permit from the building inspector. Small Scale installations with a maximum height between 9 feet and 20 feet, in addition to a building permit shall require Site Plan Approval issued by the Planning Board in accordance with this section and Section IX. Small Scale installations with a maximum height exceeding 20 feet shall require a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval issued by the Planning Board in accordance with this section and Section IX.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws to rename the Board of Selectmen as the Select Board, and, for such purposes, to replace the words "Board of Selectmen" or "Selectmen" with "Select Board" and "Selectman" with "Select Board Member", and to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and number issues in related text is revised to properly reflect such change in title; and, further, to amend Chapter II(A), Board of Selectmen, of the General Bylaws by inserting the following new subsections after the existing subsections thereof:

Select Board

Sec. 1. For purposes of these bylaws and otherwise, the Board of Selectmen shall be referred to as the Select Board. Members of the Board shall be termed "Select Board Members", and each year the Select Board shall select a chair from among its members.

Sec. 2. The Select Board shall have all the powers and duties of a board of selectmen under the general laws and any special laws applicable to the Town of Blandford as well as such other powers and duties as are provided in these bylaws.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 110A, to allow the Office of the Town Clerk to remain closed on Saturdays and to treat Saturday as a legal holiday for the purposes of calculating the time frame for filing or taking other action required by law, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Department Stabilization account the sum of \$20,000 to Water Department Capital Expense account (#225450.029) to pay for ongoing water line upgrades; or take any other action relative thereto.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, county of Hampden, ss.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in town elections to vote at

BLANDFORD TOWN OFFICE
1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford

Saturday, the twenty-seventh of June, 2020
From 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

To cast their votes in the town election for candidates for the following offices:

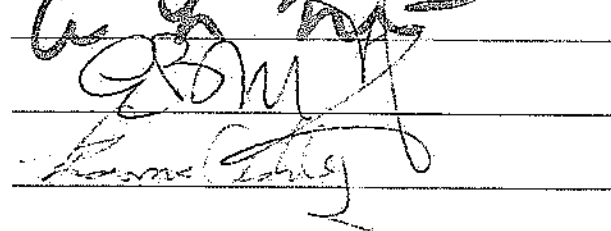
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| Assessor | for three years |
| Board of Health | for three years |
| Cemetery Commissioner | for three years |
| Cemetery Commissioner | for two years |
| Fence Viewer | for three years |
| Field Driver | for three years |
| Library Trustee | for three years |
| Municipal Light Board | for three years |
| Planning Board | for four years |
| Planning Board | for three years |
| Selectman | for three years |
| School Committee | for three years |
| Town Clerk | for three years |
| Water Commissioner | for three years |

QUESTION, non-binding referendum question:

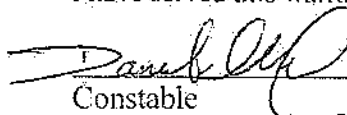
Do you favor construction of a new exit on the Massachusetts Turnpike in the Town of Blandford?
Yes No

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Blandford this 3 Day of June, 2020.

Blandford Board of Selectmen:



I have served this warrant as directed:

 Daniel O'Neil
Constable

Chief of Police