



**Minutes Special 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, February 3, 2020 at 7 P.M., then and thereto to act on the following matters:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 External IT Support account #015192.004 the sum of \$519.65 to pay for a previous fiscal year invoice from AccessPlus that was not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto:

- Invoice #6804 for \$519.65 on 3/1/2019

*Finance Committee Recommends: Yes
Motion appropriately made and seconded.
Article 1 passed unanimously*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Cartage/Tipping account #015433.001 the sum of \$3,019.83 to pay for a previous fiscal year invoice from USA Hauling & Recycling that was not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Finance Committee Recommends: Yes
Motion appropriately made and seconded.
Article 2 passed unanimously*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 BOH Expenses account #015510.003 the sum of \$44.95 to pay for a previous fiscal year invoice for postage that was not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Finance Committee Recommends: Yes
Motion appropriately made and seconded.
Article 3 passed unanimously*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Town Office Supplies account #015191.000 the sum of \$111.62 to pay for the previous fiscal year combined invoices from W.B. Mason as listed below that were not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto:

- Invoice #I64796151 for \$90.75 on 3/25/2019
- Invoice #I64139332 for \$8.18 on 3/5/2019
- Invoice #I64870979 for \$12.69 on 3/26/2019
- GRAND TOTAL = \$111.62

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 4 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Highway Garage – Utilities account #015422.016 the sum of \$39.99 to pay for a previous fiscal year invoice from Verizon that was not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto:

- Invoice #9824637895 for \$39.99 on 2/1/2019

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 5 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Highway Expenses account #015422.002 the sum of \$458.86 to pay for a previous fiscal year invoice from Carrot Top Industries, Inc. that was not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto:

- Invoice #42396900 for \$458.86 on 4/26/2019

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 6 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Town Hall Utilities account #015192.001 the sum of \$0.88 to pay for a previous fiscal year invoice from Verizon that was not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto:

- Invoice #66428357 for \$0.88 on 7/10/2019

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 7 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Town Hall Misc. Exp. (incl mowing) account #015192.002 the sum of \$160.00 to pay for a previous fiscal year invoice from Protective Security Services that was not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto:

- Invoice #P 864 for \$160.00 on 6/24/2019

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 8 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Audit Services – Town Records account #015199.000 the sum of \$4,000.000 to pay for previous fiscal year invoices from the Town of Blandford Water Department for water service provided to the Town that were not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 9 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Conservation Commission account #015171.000 the sum of \$2,581.94 to pay for previous fiscal year invoices from the Town of Blandford Water Department for water services provided to the Town that were not included in any encumbrances; or take other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 10 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY20 Group Insurance (Health) account #015914.000 to the FY20 Town Insurance account #015192.009 the sum of \$3,237 to pay for current fiscal year invoices from MIIA Property & Casualty Group, Inc.; or take any other action relative thereto.

- Invoice #MIIA-2019110133 for \$2,191.00 on 11/1/2019
- Invoice #MIIA-2019120133 for \$1,163.00 on 12/1/2019
- MIIA Rewards Credit -\$117.00 (credit)
- GRAND TOTAL = \$3,237.00

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 11 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY20 Animal Control Expense account #015292.003 the sum of \$34.90 to pay for a previous fiscal year invoice for animal control supplies not included in any encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes
Motion appropriately made and seconded
Article 12 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of \$98,560 to the Tree Warden Outside Svce. account #015294.002 for post ice storm debris management; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes
Motion appropriately made and seconded
Article 13 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of \$100,000 to the Stabilization Account to replace funds transferred from stabilization at previous special town meeting for a truck for highway department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes
Motion appropriately made and seconded
Article 14 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Stabilization a sum of \$6,000 to Water Dept. Capital Expenses account #225450.029 to pay for water system meter program upgrades; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes
Motion appropriately made and seconded
Article 15 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Stabilization a sum of \$10,000 to Water Dept. Capital Expenses account #225450.029 to pay for a feasibility study for treatment plant upgrades; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes
Motion appropriately made and seconded
Article 16 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Police Salaries account #015210.000 to Police Expense account #015210.001 the sum of \$31,500; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion appropriately made and seconded

Article 17 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.40, §57, allowing the Town to deny licenses or permits, among other things, when the applicant or owner of the property to which the license or permit relates owes municipal taxes or fees; and further to amend the General By-Laws by inserting therein Article XXI, Licenses and Permits - Denial, Revocation or Suspension for Failure to Pay Taxes or Charges, implementing the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §57, the full text of which is as follows:

XXI. Licenses and Permits - Denial, Revocation or Suspension for Failure to Pay Taxes or Charges:

A. Licenses and permits of delinquent taxpayers

1. The Tax Collector shall annually, and may periodically, furnish each Town department, board, commission, or division, hereinafter referred to as the "Licensing Authority", that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the "Party", that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board

2. The Licensing Authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any Party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Licensing Authority from the Tax Collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any Party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Licensing Authority from the Tax Collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the Party and the Tax Collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the Party is given a hearing to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any Party. The Tax Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the Licensing Authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceedings at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation, or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the Licensing Authority receives a certificate issued by the Tax Collector that the Party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the Town as the date of issuance of said certificate.

3. Any Party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the Licensing Authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

4. The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or member of his immediate family, as defined in section one (1) of chapter two hundred and sixty eight (268) in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

B. Application of By-Law

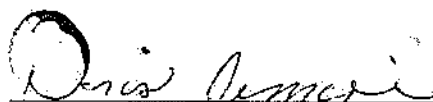
1. This by-law shall not apply to the following licenses and permits:
 - a. Permits for open burning: G.L.c. 48, §13
 - b. Bicycle permit: G.L. c. 85, §11A
 - c. Permits to sell articles for charitable purposes: G.L.c. 101, §33
 - d. Work permits for children: G.L.c. 149, §69
 - e. Food and Beverage License: G.L.c. 140, §21E
 - f. Dog License: G.L.c. 140, §137
 - g. Fishing & Hunting License: G.L.c. 131, §12
 - h. Marriage License: G.L.c. 207, §28
 - i. Theatrical and Public Exhibit Permits: G.L.c. 140, §181

or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion and seconded to table to annual meeting failed

Passed unanimous

A TRUE COPY ATTEST



Doris Jerniole, Town Clerk

February 4, 2020