



**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 21, 2021 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 \$1,646,875.00 for the Gateway Regional School District as determined using the alternative assessment method for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; 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 \$120,000 for Vocational Education (account #015301.000) for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$180,034.00 to the Building Stabilization Fund (account #015901.002); or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of 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 G.L. c. 44, sec. 17; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,210,786.02 to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; or take any other action relative thereto.

(See proposed Departmental Budgets).

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$287,000 for the Capital Projects account (#015920.000); or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to the Emergency Stabilization Fund account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000.00 to be deposited into the Library Building Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to pay toward the principal of the road bond debt; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$541,982.00 from Water Department Receipts to operate the Water Department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; or take any other action relative thereto.

(See proposed departmental budget).

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Water Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings the sum of \$188,088.00 to the Water Department Capital Expenses Account (#225450.028); or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Stabilization Fund a sum of money to the Water Breaks and Repair Account to pay for emergency repair of the water main break on Russell Stage Road, including any incidental and related expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Municipal Light Stabilization Fund the sum of \$70,000 to defray the broadband operating expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to fund fiber optic drop construction and installation in connection with the construction and build-out of the Town's broadband system, including any incidental and related expenses, and further to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, sec. 7 or 8 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, sec. 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws, Section I. Town Meeting, category A. by deleting:

The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the First Monday of May each year.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the First Monday of June each year.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws, Section I. Town Meeting, category B. by deleting:

The Annual Town elections shall be held on the second Saturday in May of each year from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

The Annual Town elections shall be held on the second Saturday in June of each year from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws, Section VII. Dog Control, by inserting the new subsection as follows:

10. Fees; certification or statement that dog has been spayed; dogs serving blind persons; dogs owned by persons aged 70 or over; dogs serving deaf persons; refunds

No fee shall be charged for a license issued under this section for a service animal as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or regulations promulgated thereunder. No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog owned by a person aged 70 years or over. No license fee or portion thereof shall be refunded because of the subsequent death, loss, spaying or removal from the commonwealth or other disposal of the dog, nor shall a license fee or portion thereof paid by mistake be paid or received after it has been paid over to the Town.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive ministerial corrections and revisions only to the grammar, formatting, and numbering of the Town's General Bylaws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of G.L. c. 39, sec. 23(D) which provide that a member of any Town board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received, provided that before any such vote the member shall certify in writing that they have examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof, such written certification to be part of the record of the hearing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation providing for a property tax exemption incentive for firefighters who reside in the Town; and to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to any bill so filed unless approved in advance by the Select Board, and to authorize the Select Board to approve such revisions as fall within the public purpose of this vote; or take any other action relative thereto.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Town of Blandford, Massachusetts, Hampden County SS

To the Constables of Chief of Police of the Town of BLANDFORD

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 Hall
1 Russell Stage Road
Blandford

On Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of June, 2021 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. for the following candidates:

ASSESSOR for THREE YEARS
BOARD of HEALTH for THREE YEARS
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for THREE YEARS
FENCE VIWER for THREE YEARS
FENCE VIEWER for TWO YEARS
FIELD DRIVER for THREE YEARS
LIBRAYR TRUSTEE for THREE YEARS
MODERATOR for THREE YEARS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD for THREE YEARS
PLANNING BOARD for FIVE YEARS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for THREE YEARS
SELECT BOARD for THREE YEARS
TREE WARDEN for THREE YEARS
WATER COMMISSIONER for THREE YEARS

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Blandford this ____ Day of _____, 2021.

Blandford Select Board:

I have served this warrant as directed:

Constable
