

Annual Town Report Blandford, Massachusetts 2021

For the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021



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Updated March 2020

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Title, Term	Expires
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Assessor (3 years)

Stephen Jemiolo	2022
Amie McLaughlin	2023
Eric McVey <small>to fill unexpired term</small>	2022

Cemetery Commission (3 years)

TJ Cousineau	2022
Stephen Jemiolo	2024
Peter Sparks	2023

Fence Viewer (3 years)

VACANT	2021
VACANT	2022

Field Driver (3 years)

Vacant	2022
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Health, Board of (3 years)

Jennifer Girard	2022
David Chaffee	2023
Brett Hartley	2024

Library Trustee (3 years)

Charles Benson	2022
Byam Stevens	2023
Mary Kronholm	2024

Moderator (3 years)

David Hopson	2024
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Municipal Light Plant Board (3 years)

Kim Bergland	2024
Peter Langmore	2023
June Masse	2022

Title, Term	Expires
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Planning Board (5 years)

VACANT	2023
Michael Hutchins	2023
Edna Wilander	2024
Sarah Simpson	2023
Paul Martin	2024

School Committee (3 years)

Keri Morawiec	2024
Terri Garfield	2023

Selectmen (3 years)

Thomas Ackley	2022
Cara Letendre	2023
Theodore J. Cousineau	2024

Town Clerk (3 years)

Doris Jemiolo	2023
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Tree Warden (3 years)

Mark Boomsma	2024
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Water Commissioner (3 years)

Brian Champiney	2022
Bradley Currey	2024
Michael Keier	2023

If you have any interest in being appointed to fill one of the vacancies on any of the boards, you are encouraged to attend their meeting(s), speak with their board members, and submit a letter of interest to both the board of your interest and the Board of Selectmen.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Animal Control Officer (1 year)
Teresa Donovan

Agricultural Commission (3 years)
Eileen Gates 2022
Dick Gates 2022
David Hopson 2022
Leon Ripley 2022
Jane Rohman 2022

Arts Council (3 years)
Mary Kronholm 2024
Nicole Daviau 2022
Sue Racine 2022
Byam Stevens 2022
Peter Curro 2024

Building Inspector
Jason Forgeue 2022

Burial Agent (by Bo H)
TJ Cousineau 2022

Chief procurement Officer (1 year)
Vacant

Conservation Commission (3 years)
Dick Gates Chair 2024
Colleen Doyle 2024
Jon Letendre 2022
John Piper 2024
Nate Maynard 2023

Council on Aging (3 years)
Barbara Langmore 2022
Heidi Taberman 2024
Pat Lombardo 2024
Joann Martin 2024
Mary Mangini 2022
Bob Twyman 2024

Election Warden (1 year)
Pamela Darrow 2022
Deputy Election Warden
Jennifer Girard

Electrical Wiring Inspector (1 year)
John VanHeynigen 2022

Emergency Management
Dave Waldron 2022
Dave Mottor 2022
Jennifer Girard 2022
Tammy Wiedhaas 2022
Christopher Dunne 2022

Finance Committee (3 years)
Janet Lombarado, 2024
Deb Brodie 2024
Cathy Smelcer 2023
Vacant – two positions

Highway Department Sup.
Dave Waldron 2022

Historical Commission
Jo-Anne Auclair 2023
Don Carpenter 2023
Mick Brennan 2023
Katy Milford 2022
Linda Barnard 2022
Vacant 2

Information Technology Specialist
Novus

Inspector of Animals and Slaughter
(1 year)
Vacant

Inspector of Veteran's Graves
Douglas Emo

Measurer of Bark and Wood (1 year)
Vacant

Pest Control (3 years)
Vacant

Pioneer Valley Planning Comm. (1year)
TJ Cousineau

Plumbing and Gas Inspector (1 year)
Aaron Poteat
Plumbing and Gas Inspector Asst.
(1 year)
Nicholas Chiusano

Police Chief (3 years)
Tammy Wiedhaas 2024

Records Access Officer
Doris Jemiolo

Recreation Committee (3 years)
Chuck Benson 2024
Keri Morawiec 2022
Joann Martin 2024
Judtin LaFrance 2024
Vacant 1

Registrars of Voters (3 years)
Co Cousineau 2024
Robert Twyman 2022
Margit Mikuski 2022

Tax Collector
Sara Hunter
Asst. Tax Collector
Karen Shaw

Town Accountant
Eric Kinsherf

Town Administrator
Christopher Dunner 2025

Town Counsel
KP-Law P.C.

Treasurer
Sara Hunter

Asst. Treasurer
Karen Shaw

Veteran's Agent (1 year)
Joseph Henning 2022

Watson Park Superintendent (1 year)
Douglas Emo

Zoning Board of Appeals (3 years)
Don Brainerd 2024
Jim Kronholm 2023
Sonja Hutchins 2023
Sumner Robbins, Alternate

Unless otherwise noted, appointments are made by the Board of Selectmen.

If you have any interest in serving on any of the boards, you are encouraged to attend their meeting(s), speak with their board members, and submit a letter of interest to both the board of your interest and the Board of Selectmen.

SELECT BOARD

Citizens of Blandford, the year 2021-2022 has been one of change and progress. We began the fiscal year with an announcement from then Town Administrator Joshua Garcia that he was going to begin a campaign for Mayor of Holyoke, but not to worry because he “probably wouldn’t win”. Needless to say, we re-convened our previous Town Administrator Hiring Committee and after thorough screening and interviews hired our new Town Administrator, Christopher Dunne. He came with excellent recommendations and experience, and we are thrilled to have him on board.

After receiving the resignation of our former Highway Superintendent, Rene Senecal, the board put together a hiring committee to help screen applicants. The end result of that thorough process brought us our new Highway Superintendent, Dave Waldron.

In 2021, Blandford was awarded funding under the Community Compact Cabinet’s Best Practices program to develop a formal Wage and Classification Plan. The Town contracted with the Edward J. Collins Center at UMass Boston to carry out a study which would form the basis of this plan. Throughout 2021, the Collins Center worked with the Town to document current positions, salaries, stipends, and wages.

The Town worked with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) on Local Rapid Recovery Planning efforts to develop a set of short-term actionable objectives for post-pandemic transition that reflect the needs and priorities of local businesses and residents. A local stakeholder group worked with PVPC from mid-June to mid-August to help guide and assist our rapid recovery planning efforts with their ideas and opinions as various projects were considered, refined, and ultimately included in the final plan.

The Town contracted with GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. for professional engineering and landscape architectural design services that will help the town guide rehabilitation efforts of five Town-owned parcels known as the “Town Commons” located at the juncture of Route 23, North Blandford Road, and North Street.

The Town has contracted with City Point Partners for Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) services to help guide the Town through the process of getting to construction phase of building a new highway department facility and re-purposing the existing highway department facility as a new fire station. It is expected for the OPM to help guide the Town’s decision-making process with reliable cost analysis, constructability reviews, and construction oversight.

We are continuing our efforts to resolve ongoing issues associated with Springfield Water and Sewer Commission security gates on Cobble Mountain Road.

In October, 2021 our Town Administrator and Highway Superintendent’s efforts were rewarded with a \$999,000 grant from the MASSWorks Infrastructure Program to support the North Blandford Road improvement project.

The Select Board thanks all the volunteers, committee members and board members for their time and commitment to our wonderful town. Without them, none of the progress listed above would have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Letendre, Chair, Thomas Ackley, Clerk, T.J. Cousineau, Member

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

On behalf of the Town, under the direction of the Select Board, I submit to you this short summary as your Town Administrator. In my first year in the position, I will strive to build on the successes recently enjoyed by our community through the continued advancement of projects which ensure the effective management of the Town’s affairs. These endeavors will include:

- Passage of a balanced budget that safeguards the fiscal health of our community while making critical investments in our infrastructure and human capital
- Ongoing exploration of opportunities for regionalization and shared services to reduce costs and improve retention and recruitment both of employees and contracted services
- Continued efforts to resolve issues around the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission’s gating of Cobble Mountain Road
- ♦ Completion of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that will guide future spending on the Town’s capital assets
- ♦ Continuous monitoring of grant funding opportunities the Town can pursue from state, federal, private, and nonprofit sources
- ♦ Coordination with relevant Town boards and commissions on solar, cannabis and other major commercial and industrial developments to continue building Blandford’s tax base while safeguarding our natural and

environmental assets

Through these efforts and more, I hope to position Blandford to continue delivering the quality services residents have come to expect from their town government and to further strengthen our community.

Sincerely,

Christopher E. Dunne, MPA

The Following Reports are in Alphabetical Order

ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of Blandford, I submit to you the following Annual Financial Report.

Our mission is to ensure that the appropriate financial and auditing controls within the Town are maintained in an efficient, cost-effective and responsive manner. We oversee all departmental appropriations assuring that departments operate within their annual budget. In addition, we are responsible for maintaining all financial records and that they are in compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

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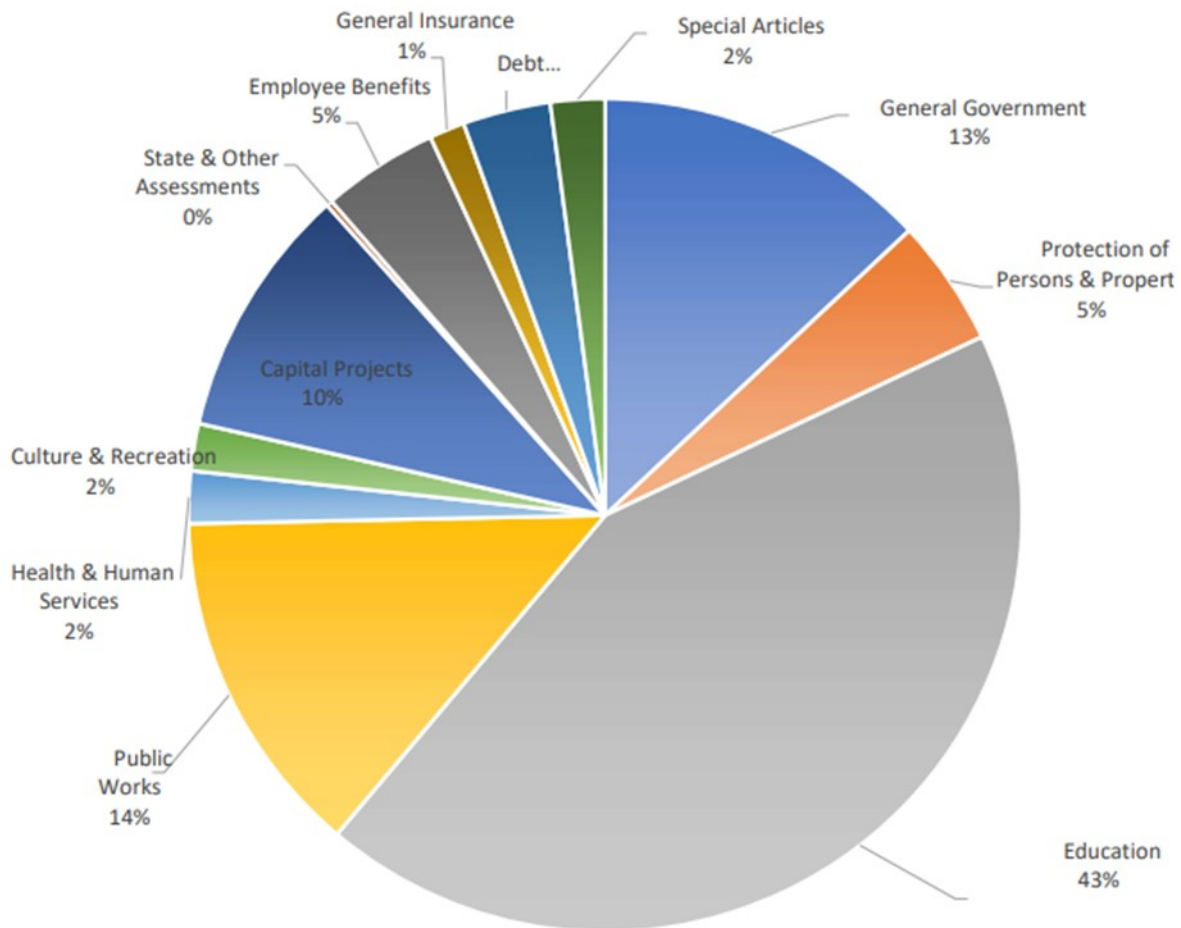
TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types		Capital Projects	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue		Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	1,240,591.92	1,331,837.60	667,443.81	324,220.37	890,103.77		4,454,197.47
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	3,366.44						3,366.44
Real estate taxes	609,914.07						609,914.07
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(17,201.04)						(17,201.04)
Rollback Taxes	1,670.66						1,670.66
Tax liens	18,995.26						18,995.26
Tax Foreclosures	70,789.69						70,789.69
Motor vehicle excise	58,663.30						58,663.30
User fees				69,494.63			69,494.63
Utility liens added to taxes				57,505.19			57,505.19
Departmental	419.97						419.97
Other Receivables							0.00
Due from other governments	5,355.00						5,355.00
Working deposit						3,304,366.59	3,304,366.59
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds						3,304,366.59	3,304,366.59
Total Assets	1,992,565.27	1,331,837.60	667,443.81	451,220.19	890,103.77		8,637,537.23
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Other liabilities							0.00
Agency Funds					14,537.05		14,537.05
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	597,750.13						597,750.13
Tax liens	18,995.26						18,995.26
Tax Foreclosures	70,789.69						70,789.69
Motor vehicle excise	58,663.30						58,663.30
User fees				69,494.63			69,494.63
Utility liens added to taxes				57,505.19			57,505.19
Departmental	292.50						292.50
Other Receivables							0.00
Due from other governments							0.00
Due to other governments	5,355.00		2,249,999.00				5,355.00
Bonds payable						3,304,366.59	2,249,999.00
Notes payable						3,304,366.59	3,304,366.59
Total Liabilities	751,845.88	0.00	2,249,999.00	126,999.82	14,537.05		6,447,748.34
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for encumbrances	40,779.62			134.42			40,914.04
Reserved for expenditures	512,000.00			193,088.00			705,088.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	117,993.00						117,993.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit	(791.11)			(1,537.58)			(2,328.69)
Undesignated fund balance	570,737.88	1,331,837.60	(1,582,555.19)	132,535.53	875,566.72		1,328,122.54
Total Fund Equity	1,240,719.39	1,331,837.60	(1,582,555.19)	324,220.37	875,566.72	0.00	2,189,788.89
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,992,565.27	1,331,837.60	667,443.81	451,220.19	890,103.77	3,304,366.59	8,637,537.23

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

		Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Amounts	Variance with
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis	Carried Forward to Next Year	Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Revenues:							
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 3,112,160.30	\$ 3,112,160.30	\$ 3,078,388.47	\$ -	\$ (33,771.83)	
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 237,000.00	\$ 237,000.00	\$ 209,051.11	\$ -	\$ (27,948.89)	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 91,036.68	\$ -	\$ 49,036.68	
Charges for Services - Trash Disposal	\$ -	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 6,733.16	\$ -	\$ (16,266.84)	
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 39,700.00	\$ 39,700.00	\$ 38,582.72	\$ -	\$ (1,117.28)	
Other	\$ -	\$ 272,458.00	\$ 272,458.00	\$ 371,929.30	\$ -	\$ 99,471.30	
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 12,824.38	\$ -	\$ 24.38	
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 2,944.82	\$ -	\$ (5,355.18)	
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 213,628.00	\$ 213,628.00	\$ 209,352.00	\$ -	\$ (4,276.00)	
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 3,961,046.30	\$ 3,961,046.30	\$ 4,020,842.64	\$ -	\$ 59,796.34	
Expenditures:							
Current Fiscal Year:							
General Government	\$ -	\$ 705,902.00	\$ 669,812.25	\$ 555,685.18	\$ 33,841.62	\$ 80,285.45	
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 218,813.28	\$ 218,695.81	\$ 210,743.76	\$ 1,821.15	\$ 6,130.90	
Education	\$ -	\$ 1,798,075.00	\$ 1,844,458.20	\$ 1,842,619.31	\$ -	\$ 1,838.89	
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 629,756.61	\$ 628,014.81	\$ 578,769.11	\$ 285.67	\$ 48,960.03	
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 97,946.07	\$ 100,946.07	\$ 86,645.41	\$ 70.74	\$ 14,229.92	
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 92,073.08	\$ 93,906.72	\$ 77,869.86	\$ 4,760.44	\$ 11,276.42	
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 9,327.95	\$ 9,327.95	\$ 9,327.95	\$ -	\$ -	
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 277,321.40	\$ 230,938.20	\$ 193,155.35	\$ -	\$ 37,782.85	
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 395,425.00	\$ 425,425.00	\$ 419,519.06	\$ -	\$ 5,905.94	
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 58,452.00	\$ 58,452.00	\$ 58,452.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Debt Service:							
Principal	\$ -	\$ 106,339.00	\$ 106,339.00	\$ 106,339.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$ -	\$ 39,093.76	\$ 39,093.76	\$ 39,093.46	\$ -	\$ 0.30	
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 208,115.38	\$ 90,021.32	\$ 117,993.00	\$ 101.06	
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 4,513,525.15	\$ 4,633,525.15	\$ 4,268,240.77	\$ 158,772.62	\$ 206,511.76	
Other Expenditures:							
Prior Year Articles	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 70,429.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,693.01	\$ -	\$ 14,736.79	
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 85,429.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,693.01	\$ -	\$ 14,736.79	
Total Expenditures	\$ 85,429.80	\$ 4,513,525.15	\$ 4,633,525.15	\$ 4,338,933.78	\$ 158,772.62	\$ 221,248.55	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures							
	\$ (85,429.80)	\$ (552,478.85)	\$ (672,478.85)	\$ (318,091.14)	\$ (158,772.62)	\$ 281,044.89	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 38,747.85	\$ 158,747.85	\$ 196,043.66	\$ -	\$ 37,295.81	
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 102,730.00	\$ -	\$ (2,730.00)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ (61,252.15)	\$ 58,747.85	\$ 93,313.66	\$ -	\$ 34,565.81	
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses							
	\$ (85,429.80)	\$ (613,731.00)	\$ (613,731.00)	\$ (224,777.48)	\$ (158,772.62)	\$ 315,610.70	
Audit Adjustments							
				\$ 3,248.14			
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year							
		\$ 1,462,248.73	\$ 1,462,248.73	\$ 1,462,248.73	\$ -	\$ -	
Fund Balances, End of Year							
	\$ (85,429.80)	\$ 848,517.73	\$ 848,517.73	\$ 1,240,719.39	\$ (158,772.62)	\$ 315,610.70	

BUDGET FY2021 EXPENDITURES



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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ■ General Government | ■ Protection of Persons & Property |
| ■ Education | ■ Public Works |
| ■ Health & Human Services | ■ Culture & Recreation |
| ■ Capital Projects | ■ State & Other Assessments |
| ■ Employee Benefits | ■ General Insurance |
| ■ Debt | ■ Special Articles |

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
015114.000	Moderator's Salary	\$	125.00		\$	-	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00
015122.000	Selectmen's Salaries	\$	6,650.00		\$	6,650.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015122.001	Selectmen's Sec Salary	\$	15,657.50		\$	15,384.09	\$ 273.41	\$ 273.41	
015122.002	Selectmen's Expense	\$	5,450.00		\$	5,336.92	\$ 113.08	\$ 49.78	\$ 63.30
015196.000	Town Administrator/Secretary Salary	\$	68,507.50		\$	68,509.20	\$ (1.70)	\$ (1.70)	
015131.000	Finance Committee	\$	200.00		\$	135.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	
015132.000	Reserve Account	\$	41,379.00	\$ (34,330.00)	\$	7,049.00	\$ 7,049.00	\$ 7,049.00	
015137.000	Accounting Consultant	\$	30,334.00		\$	26,583.15	\$ 3,750.85	\$ 0.20	\$ 3,750.85
015199.000	Audit Services - Town Records	\$	21,000.00		\$	-	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
015141.000	Assessor's Salary	\$	6,650.00		\$	4,992.00	\$ 1,658.00	\$ 1,658.00	
015141.001	Assessor's Expense	\$	2,000.00		\$	532.86	\$ 1,467.14	\$ 1,467.14	
015141.002	Assessor's Clerk Salary	\$	1,000.00		\$	-	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
015141.003	Assessor's Dues, Membership Fees	\$	250.00		\$	140.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	
015141.004	Assessor's Education & Training	\$	800.00		\$	-	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
015141.005	Assessor's Mileage	\$	200.00		\$	-	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
015141.006	Assessor's Registry of Deeds	\$	100.00		\$	-	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
015141.007	Assessor's Legal Notices	\$	150.00		\$	-	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
015141.009	Assessor's Misc Expenses	\$	600.00		\$	-	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
015142.000	Assessor's Contract Service	\$	64,000.00		\$	56,969.88	\$ 7,030.12	\$ 7,030.12	
015145.001	Treasurer's Clerk	\$	15,153.00		\$	13,488.15	\$ 1,664.85	\$ 1,664.85	
015145.002	Treasurer's Expense	\$	19,000.00	\$ (99.70)	\$	18,900.30	\$ 8,292.30	\$ 7,073.16	\$ 1,219.14
015145.003	Assistant Treasurer & Tax Collector	\$	31,365.00		\$	32,154.41	\$ (789.41)	\$ (789.41)	
015145.004	Treasurer's Clerk (2)	\$	14,820.00		\$	13,809.00	\$ 1,011.00	\$ 1,011.00	
015145.005	Tax Title Legal Fees	\$	30,000.00		\$	12,153.80	\$ 17,846.20	\$ 17,846.20	
015145.008	Treasurer/Coll Prof Services	\$	90,180.00		\$	90,180.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,456.72
015151.000	Town Counsel	\$	30,000.00	\$ (6,241.93)	\$	23,758.07	\$ 2,974.35	\$ 2,974.35	
015161.000	Town Clerk Stipend	\$	22,331.00		\$	22,331.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015161.001	Town Clerk's Expense	\$	3,000.00		\$	2,652.25	\$ 347.75	\$ 347.75	
015161.002	Street & Dog List Salary	\$	791.00		\$	-	\$ 791.00	\$ 791.00	
015161.003	Street & Dog List Expense	\$	350.00		\$	350.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015161.004	Vital Statistics Salary	\$	51.00		\$	51.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015161.005	Bylaw Change Advertising	\$	800.00		\$	-	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
015161.009	Town Clerk Assistant	\$	3,190.00		\$	3,190.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015162.000	Election & Registrations	\$	8,706.00		\$	8,706.00	\$ 3,183.84	\$ 3,183.84	
015163.000	Board of Registrars Salary	\$	60.00		\$	60.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015171.000	Conservation Commission	\$	5,000.00		\$	861.72	\$ 4,138.28	\$ 4,138.28	
015175.000	Planning Board	\$	10,000.00		\$	3,924.30	\$ 6,075.70	\$ 6,075.70	
015176.000	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$	500.00		\$	45.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00	
015177.000	Zoning Secretary	\$	500.00		\$	150.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
015182.000	Town Consultant Ser Econ Dev	\$	14,000.00	\$ (6,000.00)	\$	3,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	
015191.000	Town Office Supplies (all)	\$	5,000.00		\$	3,966.01	\$ 1,033.99	\$ 1,033.99	
015192.004	External IT Support / Computer, Soft	\$	45,476.00	\$ 6,434.55	\$	51,398.05	\$ 512.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 262.50
015192.000	New Town Hall Maint & Repairs	\$	9,000.00	\$ (4.98)	\$	8,995.02	\$ 6,616.23	\$ 2,378.79	\$ 1,098.00
015192.001	Town Hall Utilities	\$	25,000.00	\$ (3,282.56)	\$	21,717.44	\$ 216.00	\$ 10.67	\$ 205.33
015192.002	Town Hall Misc. Exp (incl mowing)	\$	7,200.00	\$ 3,606.46	\$	10,806.46	\$ 636.00	\$ -	\$ 636.00
015192.003	Town Hall - Fuel	\$	15,000.00		\$	9,737.84	\$ 5,262.16	\$ 5,262.16	
015192.005	Town Hall - Labor	\$	15,004.00		\$	10,512.77	\$ 4,491.23	\$ 4,491.23	
015192.010	Town Water Bills	\$	12,903.00		\$	11,467.36	\$ 1,435.64	\$ 1,435.64	
015193.000	Old Town Hall Expenses	\$	5,000.00	\$ 3,828.41	\$	8,828.41	\$ 320.00	\$ 295.02	\$ 24.98

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
015195.000	Town Reports Salary	\$	759.00		\$	759.00	\$	-	
015195.001	Town Report Expenses	\$	710.00		\$	-	\$	710.00	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ -	\$ 705,902.00	\$ (36,089.75)	\$ 669,812.25	\$ 555,685.18	\$ 114,127.07	\$ 80,285.45	\$ 33,841.62
PUBLIC SAFETY									
015210.000	Police Salaries	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	
015210.001	Police Expense	\$	77,450.00		\$ 77,450.00	\$ 77,450.00	\$	-	
015220.000	Fire Dept Salary - Chief	\$	21,736.00		\$ 21,736.00	\$ 21,318.00	\$ 418.00	\$	
015220.001	Fire Dept. Exp.	\$	40,300.00		\$ 40,182.53	\$ 39,616.82	\$ 565.71	\$ 498.60	\$ 67.11
015231.000	Hilltown Comm. Ambulance	\$	31,767.28	(117.47)	\$ 31,767.28	\$ 31,767.27	\$ 0.01	\$	
015232.000	Building Inspector Salary	\$	10,910.00		\$ 10,910.00	\$ 10,910.00	\$	-	
015232.001	Building Inspector Expenses	\$	510.00		\$ 510.00	\$	\$ 510.00	\$ 5.96	\$ 504.04
015233.000	Berkshire County Dispatch	\$	4,940.00		\$ 4,940.00	\$ 4,940.00	\$	-	
015249.010	Inspector of Animals	\$	800.00		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$	-	
015291.000	Emergency Management	\$	100.00		\$ 100.00	\$	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
015292.000	Animal Control Salary	\$	6,050.00		\$ 6,050.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
015292.003	Animal Control Expense	\$	2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 460.17	\$ 2,039.83	\$ 2,039.83	
015294.000	Tree Warden Salary	\$	1,250.00		\$ 1,250.00	\$	\$ 1,250.00	\$	1,250.00
015294.001	Tree Warden Expense	\$	500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$	-	
015294.002	Tree Warden Outside Service	\$	20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,931.50	\$ 68.50	\$ 68.50	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ -	\$ 218,813.28	\$ (117.47)	\$ 218,695.81	\$ 210,743.76	\$ 7,952.05	\$ 6,130.90	\$ 1,821.15
EDUCATION									
015300.000	Gateway Reg. School Dist.	\$	1,646,875.00		\$ 1,646,875.00	\$ 1,646,875.00	\$	-	
015301.000	Vocational Education	\$	120,000.00	46,383.20	\$ 166,383.20	\$ 166,383.20	\$	-	
015302.000	Vocational Transportation	\$	30,200.00		\$ 30,200.00	\$ 29,361.11	\$ 838.89	\$ 838.89	
015303.000	MARS Consult Serv (school budget)	\$	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$ -	\$ 1,798,075.00	\$ 46,383.20	\$ 1,844,458.20	\$ 1,842,619.31	\$ 1,838.89	\$ 1,838.89	\$ -
PUBLIC WORKS									
015422.000	Highway Salaries	\$	246,801.61		\$ 246,801.61	\$ 228,464.29	\$ 18,337.32	\$ 18,337.32	
015422.001	Highway Overtime Salary	\$	4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,279.72	\$ 1,720.28	\$ 1,720.28	
015422.002	Highway Expenses	\$	30,000.00	(1,078.34)	\$ 28,921.66	\$ 28,298.55	\$ 623.11	\$ 623.11	
015422.003	Highway Expense - Clothing Allowance	\$	3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,208.40	\$ 291.60	\$ 291.60	
015422.004	Hwy Equipment Repairs - Outside Svc	\$	42,000.00		\$ 42,000.00	\$ 41,780.87	\$ 219.13	\$ 219.13	
015422.006	Highway Vehicle Maintenance	\$	10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,852.55	\$ 147.45	\$ 147.45	
015422.008	Highway P/T Salaries	\$	7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00	\$	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	
015422.012	Highway Equip Rental	\$	15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,999.99	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	
015422.013	Highway - Western Mass Mower	\$	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$	-	
015422.014	Highway - Vehicle Fuel	\$	18,000.00		\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,917.71	\$ 2,082.29	\$ 2,082.29	
015422.015	Highway Garage - Maint & Repairs	\$	5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,911.07	\$ 88.93	\$ 88.93	
015422.016	Highway Garages - Utilities	\$	4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,108.73	\$ 391.27	\$ 351.22	\$ 40.05
015422.018	Highway Repair New Roads	\$	100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 99,999.71	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29	
015422.019	Highway Tree Canopy Work	\$	18,000.00		\$ 18,000.00	\$ 10,950.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,050.00	
015422.005	Salt & Sand	\$	55,000.00	8,250.35	\$ 63,250.35	\$ 63,250.35	\$	-	
015442.009	Highway Plow Blades/Nuts/Bolts Wint	\$	15,000.00	5,915.80	\$ 20,915.80	\$ 20,915.80	\$	-	
015433.010	Highway - Fuel/Oil Winter Exp.	\$	17,000.00	(5,915.80)	\$ 11,084.20	\$ 3,081.53	\$ 8,002.67	\$ 8,002.67	
015422.011	Snow & Ice Labor	\$	32,455.00	(8,250.35)	\$ 24,204.65	\$ 21,884.23	\$ 2,320.42	\$ 2,320.42	
015491.000	Cemetery Commission Expenses	\$	5,000.00	(663.46)	\$ 4,336.54	\$ 3,865.61	\$ 470.93	\$ 437.95	\$ 32.98
015492.001	Municipal Light Board	\$	-		\$ -	\$	\$	(212.64)	\$ 212.64
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$ -	\$ 629,756.61	\$ (1,741.80)	\$ 628,014.81	\$ 578,769.11	\$ 49,245.70	\$ 48,960.03	\$ 285.67
HUMAN SERVICES									
015510.000	Board of Health Salaries	\$	2,650.00		\$ 2,650.00	\$ 903.91	\$ 1,746.09	\$ 1,746.09	

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Account Number		Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Revisions	Budget	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES											
015510.001	BOH Secretary Salary		\$	3,425.00		\$	3,425.00	\$	-	\$	
015510.003	BOH & Transfer Station Expenses		\$	24,000.00	(1,232.93)	\$	22,767.07	\$	18,459.93	\$	4,236.40
015510.010	Transfer Station Salaries		\$	12,431.07	4,232.93	\$	16,664.00	\$	-	\$	
015510.011	Cartage/Tipping		\$	34,000.00		\$	34,000.00	\$	-	\$	
015522.000	Lee Visiting Nurses		\$	350.00		\$	350.00	\$	-	\$	
015541.001	Council On Aging Expenses		\$	2,250.00		\$	2,250.00	\$	1,211.55	\$	350.00
015541.002	Council on Aging - Admin. Support		\$	3,050.00		\$	3,050.00	\$	1,038.45	\$	1,038.45
015543.000	Veterans Administration		\$	1,790.00		\$	1,790.00	\$	-	\$	
015543.001	Veteran's Benefits		\$	14,000.00		\$	14,000.00	\$	6,858.98	\$	6,858.98
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES			\$	97,946.07	3,000.00	\$	100,946.07	\$	86,645.41	\$	14,229.92
CULTURE & RECREATION											
015610.000	Library Salaries		\$	55,629.08		\$	55,629.08	\$	46,085.69	\$	9,543.39
015610.001	Library Expenses		\$	9,389.38	1,500.00	\$	10,889.38	\$	99.36	\$	1.42
015610.002	Library Materials		\$	16,254.62		\$	16,254.62	\$	16,251.18	\$	3.44
015630.000	Recreation Committee		\$	3,300.00	333.64	\$	3,633.64	\$	3,222.03	\$	411.61
015543.004	Memorial Day		\$	1,500.00		\$	1,500.00	\$	1,499.38	\$	0.62
015651.000	Historical Commission Expense		\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	21.56	\$	315.94
015651.002	Historical Consultant		\$	5,000.00		\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION			\$	92,073.08	1,833.64	\$	93,906.72	\$	77,869.86	\$	11,276.42
DEBT											
015751.003	Excluded-Landfill Principal-Long Term		\$	10,400.00		\$	10,400.00	\$	-	\$	
015751.100	Irene Storm Damage Principal		\$	95,939.00		\$	95,939.00	\$	-	\$	
015752.003	Excluded-Landfill Interest-Long Term		\$	2,475.20		\$	2,475.20	\$	-	\$	
015752.005	Broadband ST Interest		\$	34,805.56		\$	34,805.56	\$	0.01	\$	0.01
015752.100	Irene Storm Damage Interest		\$	1,813.00		\$	1,813.00	\$	1,812.71	\$	0.29
TOTAL DEBT			\$	145,432.76	-	\$	145,432.76	\$	145,432.46	\$	0.30
ASSESSMENTS											
015823.000	Pioneer Planning Comm		\$	203.95		\$	203.95	\$	-	\$	
015821.000	RMV Assessment		\$	600.00		\$	600.00	\$	-	\$	
015822.000	Air Pollution Assessment		\$	389.00		\$	389.00	\$	-	\$	
015835.000	Regional Transit Charge		\$	3,135.00		\$	3,135.00	\$	-	\$	
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS			\$	5,000.00		\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS											
015911.000	Hampden County Retirement		\$	94,968.00		\$	94,968.00	\$	93,380.00	\$	1,588.00
015912.000	Workers Compensation		\$	10,200.00		\$	10,200.00	\$	-	\$	
015913.000	Unemployment Compensation		\$	6,000.00		\$	6,000.00	\$	1,077.23	\$	4,922.77
015914.000	Group Insurance (Health)		\$	148,709.40	(46,383.20)	\$	102,326.20	\$	72,113.14	\$	30,213.06
015192.011	Town Fire & Police Disability Insur		\$	6,444.00		\$	6,444.00	\$	6,171.00	\$	273.00
015919.000	Medicare - Town Share		\$	11,000.00		\$	11,000.00	\$	10,213.98	\$	786.02
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			\$	277,321.40	(46,383.20)	\$	230,938.20	\$	193,155.35	\$	37,782.85
CAPITAL PROJECTS											
015920.000	Capital Projects		\$	395,425.00	30,000.00	\$	425,425.00	\$	419,519.06	\$	5,905.94
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS			\$	395,425.00	30,000.00	\$	425,425.00	\$	419,519.06	\$	5,905.94
OTHER INSURANCE											
015192.009	Town Insurance		\$	58,452.00		\$	58,452.00	\$	58,452.00	\$	-
TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE			\$	58,452.00	-	\$	58,452.00	\$	58,452.00	\$	-
TOTAL BUDGET			\$	4,428,525.15	(3,115.38)	\$	4,425,409.77	\$	4,178,219.45	\$	206,410.70
FY2021 ARTICLES											

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
015610.900	Porter Library-Pave/Ext Lot		\$ 85,000.00		\$ 85,000.00	\$ 84,939.66	\$ 60.34	\$ 60.34	
015491.000	Cemetery PYB			\$ 663.46	\$ 663.46	\$ 663.46	\$ -	\$ -	
015422.002	Highway PYB			\$ 884.84	\$ 884.84	\$ 884.84	\$ -	\$ -	
015192.000	New Town Hall Maint & Repairs			\$ 174.35	\$ 174.35	\$ 174.35	\$ -	\$ -	
015151.000	Town Counsel PYB			\$ 982.06	\$ 982.06	\$ 982.06	\$ -	\$ -	
015422.910	Highway Garage OPM			\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 2,007.00	\$ 117,993.00	\$ -	\$ 117,993.00
015422.909	Highway-PYB			\$ 193.50	\$ 193.50	\$ 193.50	\$ -	\$ -	
015145.901	Treasurer-PYB			\$ 99.70	\$ 99.70	\$ 95.77	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.93	
015220.902	Fire-PYB			\$ 117.47	\$ 117.47	\$ 80.68	\$ 36.79	\$ 36.79	
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 123,115.38	\$ 208,115.38	\$ 90,021.32	\$ 118,094.06	\$ 101.06	\$ 117,993.00
TOTAL FY2021 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 4,513,525.15	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 4,633,525.15	\$ 4,268,240.77	\$ 365,284.38	\$ 206,511.76	\$ 158,772.62
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS									
015900.002	Transfers to Chapter 90		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,730.00	\$ (2,730.00)	\$ (2,730.00)	
015901.002	Stabilization / Building		\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 102,730.00	\$ (2,730.00)	\$ (2,730.00)	\$ -
TOTAL ALL FY2021 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 4,613,525.15	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 4,733,525.15	\$ 4,370,970.77	\$ 362,554.38	\$ 203,781.76	\$ 158,772.62
PRIOR YEAR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD									
015433.900	Transfer Station-Pave Lot	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES									
015122.002	Selectmen Expense	\$ 273.60		\$ 273.60	\$ 273.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015141.001	Assessors Expenses	\$ 2.40		\$ 2.40	\$ 2.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015145.008	Treas/Coll Prof Services	\$ 8,166.63		\$ 8,166.63	\$ 8,166.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015151.000	Town Counsel	\$ 3,487.08		\$ 3,487.08	\$ 3,487.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015192.001	Town Hall Utilities	\$ 329.71		\$ 329.71	\$ 329.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015192.002	Town Hall Misc	\$ 520.00		\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015210.001	Police Expense	\$ 2,910.00		\$ 2,910.00	\$ 2,910.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015220.001	Fire Dept Expense	\$ 204.56		\$ 204.56	\$ 204.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015292.003	Animal Control Expense	\$ 72.25		\$ 72.25	\$ 72.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015302.000	Vocational Transportation	\$ 8,456.00		\$ 8,456.00	\$ 8,456.00	\$ -	\$ 8,456.00	\$ 8,456.00	
015422.002	Hwy Expense	\$ 8,021.60		\$ 8,021.60	\$ 8,021.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015422.004	Hwy Equip Outside Repairs	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,909.62	\$ 90.38	\$ 90.38	\$ 90.38	
015422.018	Hwy Repair New Roads	\$ 15,489.00		\$ 15,489.00	\$ 15,489.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015491.000	Cemetery Comm Expense	\$ 69.14		\$ 69.14	\$ 69.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015510.003	BOH Expenses	\$ 3,070.79		\$ 3,070.79	\$ 3,070.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015610.001	Library Expenses	\$ 423.63		\$ 423.63	\$ 423.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015610.002	Library Materials	\$ 3,743.00		\$ 3,743.00	\$ 3,743.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015914.000	Group Insurance	\$ 6,190.41		\$ 6,190.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,190.41	\$ 6,190.41	
TOTAL PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 70,429.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,429.80	\$ 55,693.01	\$ 14,736.79	\$ 14,736.79	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 85,429.80	\$ 4,613,525.15	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 4,818,954.95	\$ 4,441,663.78	\$ 377,291.17	\$ 218,518.55	\$ 158,772.62

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2021	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Special Revenue:					
Federal Grants:					
Fire EMPG Grant	\$ (703.92)	\$ 1,864.96	\$ -	\$ 2,568.88	\$ (703.92)
Fire VFA Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cares	\$ (7,797.61)	\$ -	\$ 17,194.00	\$ 24,991.61	\$ (7,797.61)
ARPA	\$ 65,522.52	\$ -	\$ 65,522.52	\$ -	\$ 65,522.52
COA-HVES	\$ 1,418.66	\$ -	\$ 8,640.00	\$ 7,221.34	\$ 1,418.66
State Grants:					
Chapter 90	\$ -	\$ (115,399.59)	\$ 415,713.70	\$ 300,314.11	\$ -
Green Community Grant	\$ (2,080.62)	\$ (2,080.62)	\$ 110,764.00	\$ 110,764.00	\$ (2,080.62)
MA Vulnerable Prep Grant	\$ 16.71	\$ 1,578.51	\$ -	\$ 1,561.80	\$ 16.71
CCP IT Grant	\$ 940.00	\$ 15,360.00	\$ -	\$ 14,420.00	\$ 940.00
Covid 19 Grant	\$ 656.73	\$ 1,132.56	\$ 656.73	\$ 1,132.56	\$ 656.73
Fire Safety Grant	\$ 5,503.81	\$ 5,503.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,503.81
FY21 Fire Safety Equipment Grant	\$ (8,453.44)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,453.44	\$ (8,453.44)
MVP Master Plan	\$ (102,823.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,823.00	\$ (102,823.00)
CCP Wage & Classification Plan	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Extended Polling Hours	\$ 3,144.60	\$ 891.56	\$ 2,253.04	\$ -	\$ 3,144.60
State Aid to Libraries	\$ 15,669.00	\$ 14,775.64	\$ 8,316.39	\$ 7,423.03	\$ 15,669.00
Library Covid Remote	\$ 2,055.00	\$ -	\$ 2,055.00	\$ -	\$ 2,055.00
Arts Council	\$ 9,065.53	\$ 5,765.53	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 9,065.53
COA State Grant	\$ 2,236.02	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,763.98	\$ 2,236.02
COA Better Together	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
COA Field Demonstration Grant	\$ (15,939.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,939.00	\$ (15,939.00)
COA Sig Grant	\$ (17,595.67)	\$ (21,267.79)	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 18,827.88	\$ (17,595.67)
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:					
Transportation Network	\$ 14.40	\$ 12.90	\$ 1.50	\$ -	\$ 14.40
Revolving Funds:					
Wetland Protection	\$ 3,428.27	\$ 3,428.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,428.27
Electrical Fee Revolving	\$ (424.00)	\$ 1,226.00	\$ 2,390.00	\$ 4,040.00	\$ (424.00)
Plumbing Fees Revolving	\$ (1,980.00)	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 1,975.00	\$ (1,980.00)
COA Revolving	\$ 7,552.62	\$ 5,330.97	\$ 3,335.00	\$ 1,113.35	\$ 7,552.62
Bags Revolving	\$ -	\$ 1,012.00	\$ 18,666.84	\$ 19,678.84	\$ -
Board of Health Revolving	\$ (791.73)	\$ (600.00)	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 2,141.73	\$ (791.73)
Plumbing Inspections	\$ 217.50	\$ 217.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217.50
Fire Department Revolving	\$ 3,264.18	\$ (726.87)	\$ 5,730.00	\$ 1,738.95	\$ 3,264.18

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2021	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Conservation Fund	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,875.00
Conservation Comm.	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Planning Board Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Planning Board-Solar 53G	\$ 556.61	\$ 556.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 556.61
Planning Board-Syncarpha 53G	\$ 15,198.05	\$ 5,998.74	\$ 10,260.80	\$ 1,061.49	\$ 15,198.05
Planning Board-G Millard 2 53G	\$ 879.97	\$ 879.30	\$ 0.67	\$ -	\$ 879.97
Planning Board-Otis Stage 53G	\$ 2,823.35	\$ 2,821.81	\$ 1.54	\$ -	\$ 2,823.35
Planning Board-Rolling Potato 53G	\$ 2,292.60	\$ 2,291.56	\$ 1.04	\$ -	\$ 2,292.60
Planning Board-Fleur Marijuana 53G	\$ 2,765.57	\$ -	\$ 10,000.58	\$ 7,235.01	\$ 2,765.57
Conservation-Fleur Marijuana 53G	\$ 401.62	\$ -	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,598.38	\$ 401.62
Arts Council Local Receipts	\$ 2.38	\$ -	\$ 2.38	\$ -	\$ 2.38
Library Insurance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Water Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,359.05	\$ 1,359.05	\$ -
Insurance Revolving	\$ -	\$ 0.20	\$ -	\$ 0.20	\$ -
Extra Police Duty	\$ 103.02	\$ 103.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103.02
Other Special Revenue:					
Skating Rink Project	\$ 395.00	\$ 395.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 395.00
Elections CTCL	\$ 31.73	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,968.27	\$ 31.73
COA Sarah Gillette	\$ -	\$ (2,030.00)	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 2,030.00	\$ -
Stabilization Accounts:					
Stabilization	\$ 503,163.69	\$ 601,732.25	\$ 1,431.44	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 503,163.69
Library Building	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
Building Projects	\$ 499,714.33	\$ 519,609.19	\$ 100,105.14	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 499,714.33
Wired West	\$ 74,030.07	\$ 134,030.07	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 74,030.07
Water	\$ 107,413.05	\$ 262,412.83	\$ 0.22	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 107,413.05
Total Special Revenues	\$ 1,331,837.60	\$ 1,447,275.92	\$ 1,006,206.58	\$ 1,121,644.90	\$ 1,331,837.60

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
CAPITAL PROJECTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2021	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Capital Projects:					
Storm Damage	\$ -	\$ (95,939.00)	\$ 95,939.00	\$ -	\$ -
Small Bridge Repair	\$ -	\$ (161,094.87)	\$ 416,138.92	\$ 255,044.05	\$ -
2018 Mack Truck	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185.00
Highway Plow Truck	\$ 2,155.20	\$ 2,155.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,155.20
Town Road Improvement	\$ (498,799.99)	\$ (444,021.68)	\$ -	\$ 54,778.31	\$ (498,799.99)
Broadband	\$ (1,086,095.40)	\$ (87,516.53)	\$ 48,645.14	\$ 1,047,224.01	\$ (1,086,095.40)
Total Capital Projects	\$ (1,582,555.19)	\$ (786,231.88)	\$ 560,723.06	\$ 1,357,046.37	\$ (1,582,555.19)

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - WATER ENTERPRISE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

		Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Amounts	Variance with
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis		Carried Forward to Next Year	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:							
Water Usage Revenues	\$ -	\$ 534,682.80	\$ 534,682.80	\$ 599,025.03	\$ -	\$ 64,342.23	
Water Liens Added to Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Penalties & Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,975.71	\$ -	\$ 6,975.71	
Earnings on Investments	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 292.04	\$ -	\$ (107.96)	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,640.47	\$ -	\$ 27,640.47	
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 535,082.80	\$ 535,082.80	\$ 633,933.25	\$ -	\$ 98,850.45	
Expenditures:							
Current Fiscal Year:							
Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 119,525.00	\$ 96,575.00	\$ 86,617.63		\$ 9,957.37	
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 112,000.00	\$ 255,819.27	\$ 241,968.01	\$ 134.42	\$ 13,716.84	
Debt Service:							
Debt-Principal	\$ -	\$ 101,394.79	\$ 101,394.79	\$ 101,394.79	\$ -	\$ -	
Debt-Interest	\$ -	\$ 147,415.16	\$ 147,415.16	\$ 147,415.16	\$ -	\$ -	
Capital Expenses	\$ -	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 48,950.00	\$ 40,476.82	\$ -	\$ 8,473.18	
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,180.73	\$ 1,180.73	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 516,334.95	\$ 651,334.95	\$ 619,053.14	\$ 134.42	\$ 32,147.39	
Other Expenditures:							
Prior Year Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 2,119.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,119.66	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 2,119.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,119.66	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,119.66	\$ 516,334.95	\$ 651,334.95	\$ 621,172.80	\$ 134.42	\$ 32,147.39	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (2,119.66)	\$ 18,747.85	\$ (116,252.15)	\$ 12,760.45	\$ (134.42)	\$ 130,997.84	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ 38,747.85	\$ 38,747.85	\$ 38,747.85	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ (18,747.85)	\$ 116,252.15	\$ 116,252.15	\$ -	\$ -	
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (2,119.66)	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 129,012.60	\$ (134.42)	\$ 130,997.84	
Audit Adjustments				\$ -			
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 195,207.77	\$ 195,207.77	\$ 195,207.77	\$ -	\$ -	
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (2,119.66)	\$ 195,207.77	\$ 195,207.77	\$ 324,220.37	\$ (134.42)	\$ 130,997.84	

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
WATER EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>									
225450.000	Water Dept. Supt. Salary	\$	37,050.00	\$ (16,850.00)	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 13,240.53	\$ 6,959.47	\$ 6,959.47	
225450.003	Water Dept. Back Up Supt.	\$	34,055.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 34,855.00	\$ 35,835.30	\$ (980.30)	\$ (980.30)	
225450.011	Water Dept. Sec. Salary	\$	10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,994.56	\$ 5.44	\$ 5.44	
225450.016	Licensed Assistant	\$	11,020.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 12,120.00	\$ 12,291.84	\$ (171.84)	\$ (171.84)	
225450.017	Water Commissioner Salary	\$	6,400.00	\$ -	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5,333.30	\$ 1,066.70	\$ 1,066.70	
225450.020	Water Dept. Other Labor	\$	21,000.00	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 9,922.10	\$ 3,077.90	\$ 3,077.90	
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES		\$ -	\$ 119,525.00	\$ (22,950.00)	\$ 96,575.00	\$ 86,617.63	\$ 9,957.37	\$ 9,957.37	\$ -
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>									
225450.002	Utilities	\$	35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,251.02	\$ (251.02)	\$ (385.44)	\$ 134.42
225450.004	Chemicals	\$	10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,327.37	\$ 1,672.63	\$ 1,672.63	
225450.005	Breaks & Repairs	\$	34,000.00	\$ 141,500.00	\$ 175,500.00	\$ 172,309.63	\$ 3,190.37	\$ 3,190.37	
225450.006	Testing	\$	5,000.00	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 8,990.00	\$ 6,430.29	\$ 2,559.71	\$ 2,559.71	
225450.009	Dues, Fees, Memberships	\$	1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	
225450.010	Office Expense	\$	3,200.00	\$ -	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,661.19	\$ 538.81	\$ 538.81	
225450.012	Equipment Repairs	\$	2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 107.71	\$ 2,692.29	\$ 2,692.29	
225450.019	Education & Training	\$	2,800.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
225450.028	Maintenance	\$	18,000.00	\$ (170.73)	\$ 17,829.27	\$ 16,380.80	\$ 1,448.47	\$ 1,448.47	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ -	\$ 112,000.00	\$ 143,819.27	\$ 255,819.27	\$ 241,968.01	\$ 13,851.26	\$ 13,716.84	\$ 134.42
<u>DEBT</u>									
USDA									
225483.000	Phase 1	\$	31,153.00	\$ -	\$ 31,153.00	\$ 31,153.00	\$ -	\$ -	
225483.000	Phase 2	\$	24,590.93	\$ -	\$ 24,590.93	\$ 24,590.93	\$ -	\$ -	
225483.000	Phase 3	\$	23,034.86	\$ -	\$ 23,034.86	\$ 23,034.86	\$ -	\$ -	
225483.000	Phase 4	\$	22,616.00	\$ -	\$ 22,616.00	\$ 22,616.00	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL		\$ -	\$ 101,394.79	\$ -	\$ 101,394.79	\$ 101,394.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USDA-All Phases		\$	147,415.16	\$ -	\$ 147,415.16	\$ 147,415.16	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL INTEREST		\$ -	\$ 147,415.16	\$ -	\$ 147,415.16	\$ 147,415.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL DEBT		\$ -	\$ 248,809.95	\$ -	\$ 248,809.95	\$ 248,809.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</u>									
225450.029	Capital Projects	\$	36,000.00	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 48,950.00	\$ 40,476.82	\$ 8,473.18	\$ 8,473.18	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		\$ -	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 48,950.00	\$ 40,476.82	\$ 8,473.18	\$ 8,473.18	\$ -
TOTAL FY2020 BUDGET		\$ -	\$ 516,334.95	\$ 133,819.27	\$ 650,154.22	\$ 617,872.41	\$ 32,281.81	\$ 32,147.39	\$ 134.42
<u>TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</u>									
225450.023	Overhead Costs-Transfer to General Fund	\$	38,747.85	\$ -	\$ 38,747.85	\$ 38,747.85	\$ -	\$ -	
225991.002	Transfers to Stabilization	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		\$ -	\$ 38,747.85	\$ -	\$ 38,747.85	\$ 38,747.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL FY2020 BUDGET & TRANSFERS		\$ -	\$ 555,082.80	\$ 133,819.27	\$ 688,902.07	\$ 656,620.26	\$ 32,281.81	\$ 32,147.39	\$ 134.42
<u>FY2021 ARTICLES</u>									
225870.902	STM 9/20 A4 Prior Year Bills	\$	-	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	
225450.903	STM 3/21 A2&3 Prior Year Bills	\$	-	\$ 1,075.73	\$ 1,075.73	\$ 1,075.73	\$ -	\$ -	

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
WATER EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Close	Carry Forward
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES									
		\$	-	\$ 1,180.73	\$ 1,180.73	\$ 1,180.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES</u>									
225450.804	ENCFY20 Ost/Vzn Water Dept Utilities	\$	1,726.91	\$ -	\$ 1,726.91	\$ 1,726.91	\$ -	\$ -	
225450.805	ENCFY20 Elm-Water Breaks & Repairs	\$	330.75	\$ -	\$ 330.75	\$ 330.75	\$ -	\$ -	
225450.806	ENCFY20 Reminder Pub-Water Office Expense	\$	62.00	\$ -	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES		\$	2,119.66	\$ -	\$ 2,119.66	\$ 2,119.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		\$	2,119.66	\$ 555,082.80	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 692,202.46	\$ 659,920.65	\$ 32,281.81	\$ 32,147.39
									\$ 134.42

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2021	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Trust Funds:					
<i>Non-Expendable:</i>					
Arms Bicentennial	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,500.00
Watson Dean Park	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
Cemetery 1 & 2	\$ 10,550.00	\$ 10,550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,550.00
Soenburger Cemetery	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Sarah Robbins	\$ 22,079.00	\$ 22,079.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,079.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 7,452.00	\$ 7,452.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,452.00
Taggart School	\$ 4,985.95	\$ 4,985.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,985.95
Nye School	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Watson School	\$ 2,965.68	\$ 2,965.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,965.68
Electa-Watson	\$ 44,662.87	\$ 40,717.04	\$ 3,945.83	\$ -	\$ 44,662.87
Lot Sale Perpetual Care	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 8,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,350.00
<i>Expendable Trust:</i>					
Cemetery 1 & 2	\$ 3,810.15	\$ 3,772.04	\$ 38.11	\$ -	\$ 3,810.15
Soenburger Cemetery	\$ 15.65	\$ 8.93	\$ 6.72	\$ -	\$ 15.65
Susan Tiffany Cemetery	\$ 126,018.59	\$ 80,357.98	\$ 49,612.61	\$ 3,952.00	\$ 126,018.59
Cemetery Care	\$ 2,700.60	\$ 429.63	\$ 2,270.97	\$ -	\$ 2,700.60
Taggart School	\$ 3,710.57	\$ 3,687.50	\$ 23.07	\$ -	\$ 3,710.57
Nye School	\$ 6,936.56	\$ 6,915.51	\$ 21.05	\$ -	\$ 6,936.56
Watson School	\$ 1,980.29	\$ 1,967.16	\$ 13.13	\$ -	\$ 1,980.29
Electa-Watson	\$ 64,662.89	\$ 62,508.75	\$ 2,154.14	\$ -	\$ 64,662.89
Arms Bicentennial	\$ 9,886.86	\$ 12,290.60	\$ 71.26	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 9,886.86
Watson Dean Park	\$ 465,270.31	\$ 363,861.92	\$ 112,652.56	\$ 11,244.17	\$ 465,270.31
Lot Sale Perpetual Care	\$ 5,849.14	\$ 9,907.36	\$ 2,899.78	\$ 6,958.00	\$ 5,849.14
Sarah Robbins	\$ 1,952.86	\$ 1,889.12	\$ 63.74	\$ -	\$ 1,952.86
OECD Septic Accounts	\$ 23,726.75	\$ 23,623.81	\$ 102.94	\$ -	\$ 23,726.75
Agency Funds:					
Employee Withholdings	\$ 2,748.76	\$ 6,170.11	\$ 7,518.30	\$ 10,939.65	\$ 2,748.76
Deputy Collector Fees	\$ 84.26	\$ 1.00	\$ 4,083.26	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 84.26
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 699.60	\$ 1,327.60	\$ 1,349.00	\$ 1,977.00	\$ 699.60
Conservation Fees	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275.00
Police Dept Firearms Fund	\$ 10,624.00	\$ 7,949.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 10,624.00
Southern Hilltown	\$ 105.43	\$ 5,685.72	\$ -	\$ 5,580.29	\$ 105.43
Total Trust & Agency Funds	\$ 890,103.77	\$ 747,728.41	\$ 193,626.47	\$ 51,251.11	\$ 890,103.77

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

No report submitted

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Blandford Cultural Council is funded by an annual appropriation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Our mandate is to re-grant those funds to underwrite events that bring community members together to enjoy cultural programming. While not fully back to normal, cultural programming in our community showed some recovery from the woeful impact of Covid in 2020.

To that end, the BCC awarded grants in the amount of \$6,240 to underwrite concerts at the White Church, programming for children at Porter Memorial Library and Gateway Regional, a very successful art show at the Blandford Club, and art instruction for seniors at the Town Hall, among other projects.

It seems likely that live cultural programming will continue to be effected in the near future. But, the BCC's grant award process will still be guided by the following priorities:

- 1) Providing direct cultural programming for the citizens of Blandford
- 2) Using MCC funds to support Blandford cultural organizations
- 3) Supporting cultural programming for the children in the Gateway District

In keeping with those priorities, the BCC has awarded \$7,136 in F/Y 2022 in support of: the Blandford Historical Society's Summer Concert Series at the White Church, programming at Porter Memorial Library, a second annual art show at the Blandford Club to coincide with the annual Bel Canto Opera Concert, and cultural programming at Gateway Regional that includes in-house concerts and trips to cultural institutions.

Given our commitment to providing cultural programming for young people, we are pleased to welcome longtime Gateway Middle School Principal Peter Curro to the Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Byam Stevens, Chair; Susan Racine, Secretary; Mary Kronholm, Treasurer;
Nicole Daviau and Peter Curro, Members

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors' Office continues in its efforts to obtain accurate and fair assessments of all taxable property located in town. Property assessment data for Blandford is available online at <https://townofblandford.com/town-departments/assessors/>.

The Board of Assessors hopes that the following information will shed some light on what they do and the various assessing-related procedures:

The Assessors are required to value all property in their community annually at market value as of January first of each year. This is done by reviewing the sale prices of land and residences and comparing them against the existing assessed values. Our goal is to value real estate at 100% of the market value to ensure that all taxpayers are assessed fairly and pay their fair share of the property tax burden.

We are obligated to view all property in town every ten years in order to maintain accurate property inventory data. During the normal course of work the assessing office performs routine inspections. While there is no statutory requirement that you allow the assessors inside, if you choose to not allow an interior inspection it may result in inaccurate data concerning your property and it may prevent you from appealing your assessment.

After receiving the first actual bill for the fiscal year, you may file an abatement with our office. The abatement applications are located outside of the Assessors' office and must be returned by the deadline date on your tax bill. Assessors are prohibited by law and therefore have no authority to act on untimely applications so please understand we cannot waive those requirements. If you are dissatisfied with the Assessors' decision on your abatement you may appeal to the Massachusetts State Appellate Tax Board (ATB). More information how to do this is provided on the abatement form.

FY2022's tax rate decreased to \$14.79, and the town's total valuation increased to \$225,401,589.00

Below is a summary of figures taken from the FY2022 Tax Recapitulation Sheet along with data from the previous year:

FISCAL YEAR	FY2021	FY2022
Appropriations from Town		
Meetings	5,647,224.43	5,736,703.57
Cherry Sheet Offsets	3064.00	3586.00
Overlay Deficits	0.00	0.00

Cherry Sheet Charges	9,124.00	8,608.00	
Overlay Allowance:	20,413.82	25,025.60	
TOTAL AMT. TO BE RAISED:	5,690,226.25		5,776,251.90
Total Local Receipts:	635,258.00	635,258.00	
Cherry Sheet State Receipts:	216,692.00	221,248.00	
Free Cash:	658,560.00	512,000.00	
Other available funds:	468,960.33	196,410.67	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	2,557,652.13		2,442,562.40
TAX LEVY:	4,520,306.22	4,621,578.20	
<i>Town Valuations By Class:</i>			
Residential	143,897,320.00	162,862,960.00	
Open Space	0.00	0.00	
Commercial	6,771,389.00	7,572,226.00	
Industrial	2,281,200.00	3,668,100.00	
Personal Property	23,433,769.00	51,298,303.00	
Exempt Property	0.00	0.00	
New Growth	176,383,678.00	225,401,589.00	
Tax Rate (per thousand)	17.76	14.79	

Certain elderly and veterans may qualify for a reduction in their real estate taxes if they meet specific age, income and residency criteria set by law. The qualifications are complex and varied and we suggest that you speak with a member of the assessing staff to determine if you may qualify. Please be prepared to provide personal information such as income tax returns, bank statements, birth certificates as all are needed to determine qualification. This information is also kept strictly confidential.

The Assessors are also responsible for valuing certain non-real estate property called "Personal Property" in assessing parlance. While full-time residents are generally exempt from this tax, certain items are taxable. If you own a tractor (not a lawn mower), machinery, golf carts or other such equipment you are required to inform the Assessors annually of such property by filing a document known as a "Form of List" with our office. These forms are also available outside the Assessors' office. If you own a business or have a residence in Blandford that is not your primary residence, you most likely have taxable personal property and should file a Form of List with our office. Again, you have the opportunity to appeal the value established for any of your personal property through abatement procedures.

Should you trade in, sell, junk or total your automobile and cancel/transfer your registration, you may be entitled to have a portion of the excise tax on that vehicle credited to you. No excise tax less than \$5.00 can be abated. If you divest yourself of your vehicle, we suggest you file an Excise Abatement form (again available outside of the Assessors' office and online) along with the required documentation and the assessing staff will process your request as soon as possible.

There are state programs covering forest, farm and recreational land that value the affected land at specified amount or percentage set by the state. There are many restrictions, obligations and potential penalties associated with these programs and they vary depending on the use of the land.

More information concerning these programs can be found in this document:

<https://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.net/files/Ch61-v2.pdf> and on the following websites:
www.masswoods.net and www.extension.umass.edu/nrec/.

Please feel free to talk to us if you have any questions about any of your tax issues. The Blandford Select Board has contracted with Regional Resource Group (RRG) to provide Assessing services. RRG contracts with several other towns in the Berkshires and across the state to provide these services. An employee-owned business, RRG staff members now work with Blandford officials and staff to provide residents with helpful, high-quality assistance and service.

Your interaction with RRG staff members can be done through the Virtual Assessor portal, via live-video-link. The RRG staff is available each weekday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. To connect with an RRG representative, click the CHAT button on the Assessors Webpage (<https://townofblandford.com/town-departments/assessors/>) and RRG's live-via-video office staff will appear on your screen to provide personal assistance. You can also leave voicemail at 413-848-4270 ext. 200 or email the Assessors at assessors@townofblandford.com.

The Board generally holds a meeting on the First week of the month unless otherwise posted.
Stephen Jemiolo Chair, Amie McLaughlin and Eric McVey, Members

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Forty seven permits were issued by the building department during FY2021 which is slightly above average of the previous few years. Two of these permits were for new single family dwellings, while ten more were for major home renovations, additions, or large garage/barn projects. Despite the continued impacts of the pandemic, we have construction of a large new industrial building underway with numerous planned major improvement and re-opening projects throughout our town.

Seventeen energy conservations permits pulled this year including solar installations, window/replacements, and insulation and air sealing upgrades. Eight permits were also issued for wood or pellet stoves. Please note that the installation of any solid-fuel burning appliance (wood stoves, pellet stoves, etc.) requires a permit, regardless of the installer. The fee for this permit is reasonable, required by all home insurance companies, and important to the safety of the inhabitants of the structure. If you have already installed one of these devices, you can still apply for a permit and have a quick inspection.

A large thank you goes out to all of the other town departments and boards for their assistance and cooperation when requested. The dedication of these numerous, primarily volunteer, individuals is greatly appreciated and a testament to their commitment to the betterment of our town.

We went live with our online permitting process during FY2021 which has vastly improved the efficiency and reporting necessary of the department. Under normal circumstances, office hours are every first and third Monday of the month from 4:00-5:30, however I am readily available to meet with you in the office, at your home, or at the jobsite as needed. As a hill town resident myself, I am consistently in the area so please feel free to reach out to me anytime at (413) 205-6504. Copies of each type of building permit application are located on the website for you to access at your convenience.

Jason Forgue, Building Commissioner

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

There were no burials from July first through June 30, 2021. Work was done on fixing fallen monuments, and foundations. Also some work was done, taking down dead trees.

I would like to thank John Bocon and Don Mikesh for their years of service at the cemetery. They did a great job for us and will be missed.

Contracts were signed by the board of commissioners, with LB's Property Maintenance for cemetery care, and with Liberty Hill Tree Care for grooming overgrown trees and removal of dead trees at Hill cemetery.

TJ Cousineau, Cemetery Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Blandford Conservation Commission (BCC) has continued to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and provide oversight of Town owned conservation land under its control. The current Commission members are Dick Gates (Chair), John Piper, Coleen Doyle and Jon Letendre and Nathan Maynard.

The BCC's activities have continued to be focused on working with Mass DEP to resolve violations that occurred at two large scale solar development projects. Mass DEP continues to be heavily involved with the solar projects at North Blandford Road (Park Avenue Solar) and Otis Stage Road (Nextera) due to significant wetland violations. The BCC also worked diligently over several months to develop an Order of Conditions (permit) for the Belle Fleur Marijuana Cultivation facility on Otis Stage Road. The BCC has also worked very closely with Belle Fleur to ensure compliance with that Order since site work began.

Other activities of the BCC related to the Wetlands Protection Act have included reviewing Requests for Determination, issuing Determinations of Applicability, reviewing projects, and issuing Orders of Conditions (Permits) for those projects, issuing amended Orders of Conditions and Extensions of Orders. Additional activities include reviewing local building permits and issuing hunting permits for the Knittel, Shepard Farm, and Long Pond Conservation Areas.

In conjunction with updating the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan, the longer term-goals of the BCC are to develop more passive recreational use of the Town owned Conservation Properties, and this would include improved parking areas and hiking trail development at Long Pond and hopefully Shepard Farm. The BCC has also been working with the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission to locate parking areas and

kiosks at Public Access Areas within their Watershed properties.
Respectfully submitted,
Dick Gates, Chair

COUNCIL ON AGING

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council on Aging's activities were either strictly limited or non-existent for the preceeding fiscal year. We look for a better time next year.
Margit Mikuski, Director

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has continued its work with all departments and Town Administrator Christopher Dunne to craft a budget for Fiscal Year 2023 which we believe is adequate to meet the needs of the town and its residents.

We have taken into consideration an 8.5% inflation increase, the \$110,000 decrease in the Gateway Regional School District's assessment, which has given us some flexibility, and a decrease in local receipts.

The Finance Committee is prepared and ready to provide increased oversight and communication to all town officials, department, boards and committees to work more closely together to achieve town goals.
Janet Lombardo, Chair; Cathy Smelcer, Deb Brodie, members

BLANDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The pandemic that so greatly impacted the town and the fire department in 2020 continued to have significant impacts on our operations in 2021. Several times during the year we had to close down non-essential operations and only respond to emergencies. As the virus worsened we were forced to upgrade the personal protective equipment we needed to wear. Thankfully we were able to acquire a great number of masks to protect the first responders in Blandford. We also handed out over 1,000 KN-95 masks to our residents to increase their protection levels. We are still in good shape with protective equipment thanks to the diligence of the members and assistance from MEMA.

For the calendar year 2021 the Blandford Fire Department responded to 125 calls for service, an increase over 2020. The majority of our responses, 49.6%, being medical emergencies. Blandford firefighters respond to render first aid to the sick and injured prior to the arrival of an ambulance. The total number of hours spent responding to calls for members of the department was 487, all of these hours are not compensated as your firefighters are strictly volunteer. Your firefighters also 1192 spent hours training in 2021 despite not being to do in person training for most of the year. This training consisted of many weekly drills as well as a large scale regional drill in Huntington that consisted of moving large volumes of water with tanker trucks.

In May we took delivery of our much needed tanker truck. It has been used at a few fires and has already proven to be a critical piece of apparatus for us.

As we look ahead to 2023, we are awaiting notice of award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on a regional grant worth nearly 1 million dollars. If we are fortunate enough to receive this grant we will be able to replace all of our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and only be required to pay 5% of the total cost.

In closing I would like to thank the dedicated men and women of the Blandford Fire Department. They respond all hours of the day to help those in need with no compensation. The members of the department are:

Respectfully,

Fire Chief David Mottor

Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Ackley

Captain Kyle LaPlante

Lieutenant Adam Dolby

Firefighter John Carrington

Firefighter Noah Dal Zovo

Firefighter Derek Daudelin

Firefighter Ronan Mottor

Firefighter Edward LaPlante

Firefighter Matthew Perry

Firefighter Walter Selkirk

Lieutenant John Piper

Chief's Aide Pat Lombardo

Firefighter David Chafee

Firefighter Andrew Shannon

Firefighter Samuel Epstein

Firefighter Claude Jean-Calixte

Firefighter Jackie O'Brien

Firefighter Joseph Al-Khatib

Firefighter Caitlin Talbot

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continued to have another challenging year with the remnants of pandemic and we continued to strive in making progress towards providing better health and human services for our residents.

We received a Public Health Excellence Grant for shared nursing services. This has allowed us to hire a nurse to be shared with several other of the hill towns. The nursing service will organize and implement vaccination clinics and other clinical services and perform other related duties as necessary to promote the health of the community. In addition to adding a nurse to our team we will be adding a “wellness” check person who will organize blood pressure clinics and home visits to individuals who request them.

The Board of Health worked with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and has completed our drill planning for 2022 and are now working on our future public health preparedness plan. Working with Hilltown Community Health Center, we held a vaccination clinic for COVID-19 inoculations, boosters and vaccines for age-appropriate children. We have also provided residents with over 300 test kits.

While we continue to strengthen our services, the transfer station now provides a drop off box for books, clothing, and common household products. Although not available yet, we soon will be able to provide a drop off for oil.

As we continue to implement and develop a healthier community, we have extended food, cottage kitchen, camp, beaver, tobacco, hauling, well and septic permits and perc tests. We continue to provide service for health, environmental health, hazardous, nuisance and water issues. In the coming year residents will be able to have access to all well and septic plans for their residential home via the website.

We will continue to improve upon, support and provide health and environmental protection to promote a healthy community. We are happy to address any public concerns or issues and craft a more positive environment for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Bret Hartley, Chair, Jennifer Girard, member, David Chaffee, clerk

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2021 brought many changes to the Highway Dept. At the end of June, Rene Senecal retired and I was hired to keep the Department moving the projects forward that Rene had begun. In September the Town received the Mass Works Grant for \$999,000.00 to make major improvements on North Blandford Rd. We were able to complete the paving and drainage on Russell Stage Rd.

The highway crew was completed with the hiring of two new members to give a fully staffed department. With this crew, we are able to handle many of our own repairs in house to control costs. I am proud to work with James Start, Matthew Perry, Andrew Shannon and Ray Hultay, their dedication makes all this possible.

Through the collaboration with Eversource, we were able to remove many trees from Gore Rd. at no cost to the Town. The project for a new highway garage and fire station has begun with the hiring of Weston and Sampson as project managers and architects. We have worked on improving the drainage on the road sides and started culvert replacement program.

Due to the teamwork of the Town Administrator, Select Board and Finance Committee, we are able to keep moving forward with the projects. We appreciate all the support we have had from the residents of Blandford and look forward to making Blandford a better place to live.

Respectfully submitted

David Waldron, Highway Superintendent

Hilltown Community Ambulance Association

No report submitted

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Blandford Historical Commission continued its work to preserve and protect historical and archeological structures, landscapes and sites in Blandford, as charged by the state.

Jo-anne Auclair, secretary

DIRECTOR, PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2021 has continued to be a year dominated by the uncertainty of COVID. After beginning the year with

curbside service, Porter Memorial Library reopened to the public. Despite these difficulties the Library has grown its collection, increased its circulation and foot traffic, and presented many well attended programs including a successful summer reading program. The staff at the library have been dedicated to making this year one of creative solutions and professional growth. Sam Stevens graduated with his Masters in Library and Information Science with a focus on Archives in December and Director Daviau has continued to work towards her MILS degree as well as grow through presenting opportunities at the Massachusetts Small Library Forum and other conferences.

In 2021 the library was visited 1,918 times, an 25% increase from 1,532 in 2020. Circulation has increased 112%, in 2021 the library circulated 9,702 items. Patrons have saved \$144,281 by using the library this year. This is the value of the items that have been circulated to patrons. Given the Fiscal Year 22 library budget of \$81,371 the library is a sound investment that contributes to the lives of residents. This amount is only the cost of the library items that were circulated and does not take into consideration the value of the hotspots, internet access, technology help, research assistance, and programming and educational opportunities. The library has added 1,991 items and maintains a collection of 10,217 items, including books, DVD's, puzzles, games, telescopes, and even cake pans! In October the state provided 15 hotspots to the library to circulate to patrons free of charge. These have been very popular and over 35 patrons have checked them out to use at home.

The library made great progress in stabilizing and organizing the historical collection, completing the LSTA grant that was obtained in 2020 and concluded in October of 2021. Sam Stevens has been instrumental in the completion of this important project. In September the Historical Collection was moved to the Library Annex at Town Hall where it is maintained by Sam Stevens and is protected from sunlight in the cabinet system. The items have all been organized and documented in a finding aid and basic repairs have been made to the collection. The rare books as well as the books originally owned by Josephine Porter are housed in the main library and have been put in custom archival boxes to protect from sunlight and dust. The historic Porter Inn sign is being fully restored and preserved by the Williamstown Conservation Center.

Programming at the library has been restarted and well received. The nine week Tales and Tails summer reading program launched with a High Flying Dogs and concluded with the raffle and book giveaway party. Kids sewed stuffed pets, created luminaries, and had guest presenters including Ashley Nevue's rabbits and Hazel the vet. The LSTA programming grant enabled the creation of 50 bags for outdoor activities patrons can check out to complete a Blandford Passport.

The ALA Libraries Transforming Communities grant enabled the library to collaborate with the Historical Commission and facilitate two conversations about the history of the library and the park. In August this grant culminated with the installation of the permanent StoryWalk in Watson Park. The Storywalk was built by local volunteer Louis Daviau, who designed and constructed the 20 boards. The Blandford Highway Department installed the boards along the lower part of the drive of Watson Park across from the playground. Director Daviau and the Historical Commission created backing pages with the historical narrative of the park along the bottom to educate walkers about the parks' unique features. Every month the picturebook in the boards is changed to provide reading opportunities for the many people who stroll along the walkway. Kids and adults have commented about how much they enjoy the opportunity to read while taking a walk and eagerly await the books. Each book has a coordinating craft that is available to pick up at the library. The grant funded purchasing enough books for an entire year of the walk and craft supplies.

Nicole Daviau, Director Porter Memorial Library

PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES

In October of 2016, the Trustees of Porter Memorial Library announced a Long Range Plan to expand both the physical plant of the Library and the delivery of services to Library patrons. The plan was conceived to be executed in three phases: 1) Catalogue Conversion, 2) Reconfiguration & Renovation, 3) Expansion.

In the Catalogue Conversion phase, every item in the PML collections was given a digital identity and a barcode, making it possible for PML to become a member of the CW/MARS (Central and Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing) network. PML patrons now enjoy access to over 9 million items in the collections of 144 member libraries.

The Reconfiguration & Renovation phase will be complete in the Spring of 2022. Since 2018, new lighting, carpeting, and HVAC have been added for the comfort of our patrons. The parking lot was expanded for easier patron access and a new router and wifi system installed for faster access to the internet. Roof, gutter and bulkhead repair that is in keeping with the Library's historical design has been completed, the final siding repair to be completed in the Spring. The end result is improved services to our patrons and considerable in-

vestment in the architectural integrity and function of a beloved Town landmark.

Phase 3 (Expansion) of the Long Range Plan will be a multi-year process. The Trustees and PML Director Nicole Daviau are well along in the planning process. Architectural review, fund-raising and grant-writing, the bidding process, construction and commissioning of the new facility will all take time. But, the dynamic growth in the delivery of library services demands expanded facilities. Under Director Daviau's leadership, PML foot traffic and circulation have more than doubled. Since 2017, 191 new library cards have been issued, an astounding statistic in a town of 1,200.

Director Daviau and the dedicated and talented PML Staff initiate and execute an amazing array of programming geared to every constituency in Blandford, from toddlers to senior citizens. From Summer Reading to Family Photo Day to STEM Club, nary a week goes by that doesn't see a special event at PML. In addition to the core book, music and DVD collections, PML circulates educational, cooking, and crafting materials; not to mention games, puzzles and toys. There is literally something for everyone at PML.

Mary Kronholm, Chair; Charles Benson, Treasurer; Byam Stevens

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

The Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project is finally complete! Service connections to Blandford homes began in the Spring of 2021. The network is owned by Blandford. Westfield Gas & Electric (Whip City Fiber) will be the Internet Service Provider (ISP), and Network Operator (NO). There are 52.8 miles of fiber installed.

The Blandford MLP, Select Board, and Finance Committee, voted to cover all "drop costs" for up to \$10,000 per premise for standard installs. That program is now ended, and 88% of the premises have signed up for either service or a "cold drop". A subscription for \$85 per month includes free equipment. A "cold drop" means only fiber to the home, and no equipment.

In addition, there was a grant to cover the \$99 activation fee for subscribers over 65.

It has taken several years to first design the network and then make the utility poles ready to install fiber network. Many poles had to be replaced and throughout the town existing electric and telephone lines had to be moved to allow room for fiber to be attached to the poles. Several areas such as turnpike crossings required custom engineering solutions and special permissions. Sertex began the actual construction on November 30, 2020. Constructing the fiber network is a 3 step process: Installing steel strand on poles, lashing Fiber to the strand, and finally installing Multi Port Service Terminals. The Town is divided into five (5) Fiber Service Areas (FSA's).

The Network Hub is located at 4 North Blandford Rd, and includes a Hut, generator and propane back-up. We currently have 2 gigs of service into the Town. As of this writing, there have been no interruptions in the service.

If you are new to town, or have not yet done so, sign-ups can be done online through the website: www.whipcityfiber.com/blandford or by going to the Town of Blandford website. If you do not have a computer, and wish to sign up for a "cold drop", please contact Peter at 413-505-9086.

The Blandford MLP wishes to thank all of you for the tremendous support you have given to this project! We are looking forward to improving the network by adding redundancy in case of outages due to storms, etc.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Langmore, Manager
Kim Bergland, June Masee, Members

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board reports that we are continuing to receive significant revenue from property taxes and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement fees for three Solar Fields in operation. There are two more Solar Projects that were previously approved for construction that have been delayed due to COVID-19 and Inter-connection agreement issues with Eversource. One-year extension was granted, in hopes that the construction could commence later this year.

The Special Permit for the town's first large marijuana growing facility was approved and construction began on land preparation, but the project was put on hold due to material shortages. The project should be completed this year. Property taxes generated by this facility will be substantial as will the 3% fee on revenue from sales.

The revenue from Solar and marijuana projects will help the town stabilize our property taxes and pay for needed capital and departmental improvements.

We have also significantly updated and improved our Bylaws over the last few years. This year we pre-

pared for the town annual meeting more Bylaw revisions, improvement and corrections. With these revisions we made progress in expanding protection to the Long Pond Watershed District and we put some measures in place that would meet the request from residents in the Master Plan. In the coming year we will be working on Bylaw revision that will need to be addressed due to FEMA updating the Floodplain maps and rules.
Michael Hutchins, Chair

CHESTER-BLANDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 was an exciting and challenging time for the Chester-Blandford Police Department (CBPD). The Department, as part of a shared services agreement, serves both Chester and Blandford. The Department is comprised of a full-time Chief of Police (the Department's first!!) and four part-time officers. In 2021 the Department was very busy helping in the community. The Department added prescription drug drop off boxes to both their Chester and Blandford offices. They had a booth at the Littleville Fair to answer questions and to offer identify theft forms, elopement forms for families with autistic children or family members with dementia and cool things for the kids. We assisted the Blandford Fire Department with their pancake fundraiser breakfast and participated in a "Touch a Truck" program for kids that have sensory sensitivity. We now have an officer that checks in weekly with the Chester Elementary School to visit with the kids and staff. This winter we assisted the Chester Fire Department and Santa deliver presents to kids in town. The Police Department has created a Police Association with the purpose of giving back to the community. The Department has worked diligently to meet current policing standards as dictated by the MA Police Reform Law and the Post Commission. Police equipment has been updated and officer training is up to date.

In 2021 police and fire calls for service were dispatched by Berkshire Control for the Town of Blandford and Northampton Control for the Town of Chester. Due to radio reception issues Berkshire Control and CBPD were not able to adequately communicate. Effective January 1, 2022 Northampton Control has assumed dispatching responsibilities for the Town of Blandford which has rectified the communication issue. When a CBPD officer is not working, the Mass. State Police respond to calls for service in both Towns.

In 2021 police calls for service for the Town of Blandford were given to the MA State Police (MSP) due to the above stated radio / communication issue. CBPD officers would assist MSP when possible. In 2022 police calls for service for Blandford will be dispatched directly to CBPD and then MSP if a CBPD officer is not working.

The Town of Blandford had 110 calls for police service in 2021. They are as follows:

52 Abandoned/Open Line 911 Calls

- 16 Burglar Alarm
- 4 Disabled Motor Vehicle
- 2 Disturbance
- 9 Domestic Incident
- 2 Erratic Operation
- 12 Motor Vehicle Accident
- 1 Scam
- 1 Suspicious Motor Vehicle
- 2 Suspicious Party
- 1 Threats
- 1 Trespassing
- 2 Unwanted Party
- 5 Well Being Check

The Town of Chester had 533 calls for police service in 2021. They are as follows:

10	911 Hang Up	2	Illegal Dumping
15	911 Miss Dial	8	Investigation
1	Test to 911	8	Fire Arms Licensing
2	Abandoned Motor Vehicle	87	Medical Emergency
7	Disabled Motor Vehicle	1	Missin gPerson
10	Motor Vehicle Accident	9	Motor Vehicle Complaint
3	Property Damage Accident	95	Motor Vehicle Stop
1	Accident with Injury	1	Noise Complaint
12	Burglar Alarm	1	Notification
1	Panic Alarm	3	Parking Complaint

10	Animal Complaint	1	Psychological Emergency
5	Assist Other Agency	3	Public Safety Detail
2	Assault	8	Safety Hazzard
28	Assist Citizen	1	Search and Rescue
39	Building / Property Check	10	Paperwork Service
1	Chimney Fire	1	Stolen Motor vehicle
3	CJIS Inquiry	5	Suspicious Activity
12	Community Service	3	Suspicious Person
13	Disturbance	9	Suspicious Vehicle
9	Domestic Disturbance	1	Warrant Service
1	Drill	6	Traffic Control
8	Fire Alarm	12	Traffic Enforcement
4	Brush Fire	14	Traffic Hazard
1	Carbon Monoxide Alarm	2	Trespass
3	Structure Fire	1	Unwanted Person
13	Fire Other	1	Vandalism
1	Vehicle Fire	12	Welfare Check
2	Fraud		
4	Harassment		

2022 is likely to be just as challenging as the previous year with the pandemic still in full swing. The CBPD uses best practices to keep the public and their officers safe during these unprecedented times. We encourage the citizens of Chester and Blandford to follow the Covid guidelines and to please let the dispatcher know if anyone in the home has Covid or any other serious illness when calling for police assistance. We wish everyone a healthy and happy new year.

Tammy Weidhaas Chester-Blandford Chief of Police

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Memorial Day 2021: The Recreation Committee had to get creative for Memorial Day 2021. Feeling like we all needed to get out but still maintaining distance, we decided on a 'Grab & Go' Memorial Day. We decided on hamburgers, hot dogs, and assorted salads all pack in to-go containers. Our event was a great success. After enjoying a boxed lunch, the kids were enjoying crafts and an ice cream truck from Moo-licious Farm which was an extra treat for all of us. We look forward to Memorial Day 2022

Halloween Party 2021: The Recreation Committee was pleased to be able to have our annual Halloween Party again this year. The Committee was extra pleased at the attendance. So many folks joined us for Trunk-Or-Treat and we enjoyed a bon fire, lots of home-made treats, Hot Cocoa and Cider, an extra treat presented by the Porter Memorial Library who set up a Story Walk in Watson Park. We had goodie bags, lots of food and games. We look forward to Memorial Day 2022.

Keri Morawiec, Chair

TOWN CLERK

Since the Revolution, the General Court has continuously added new duties to the tasks already assigned to the Town Clerk's office. There are more than 73 chapters and 451 sections of the General Laws related to town clerks. In addition, in most towns, bylaws, ordinances, charter or special acts require town clerks to fulfill duties in addition to those required by the General Laws, and many town clerks provide needed services simply by town custom and tradition, or because of their firm dedication to public service.

Today, the Town Clerk is responsible for the direction, administration, and operation of the Town Clerk's Office, including the maintenance and curating of official town records; coordination and administration of elections; issuance of various permits and licenses; recording and reporting of vital statistics; conducting the annual census; and other duties in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws.

This is a very demanding and comprehensive position, across all boards, committees, commissions and residents. The position is currently responsible to the electorate and remains one of Blandford's last bastions of true Grassroots American Democracy.

There were 12 births, 11 deaths and one marriage in 2021.
There are 1010 registered voters and 500 households.

Doris Jemiolo

WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Blandford Water Department in the last year has continued to work with Wright and Pierce on the SCADA and plant upgrades. SCADA is the software that permits off-site monitoring of the plant.

At this time we are at about 60% on the design phase of the process.

The Plant has also had a significant amount of work done in the past year including Painting the Main office, both bathrooms and continuing on water line painting. The main road also had some overdue work done as well.

The Filters were not replaced last year but all 8 GAC roughing and 4 Finish filters were redone with new Media. This was done at a cost of \$58,000. The American Rescue Plan Act Grant funding was able to cover the cost of this with no additional cost to the town or water department.

The big cost was the Water main break on Russell Stage Rd. The Main was difficult to repair due to the location of the main and the Mass Pike Footings. So a New larger 8" main was installed replacing 650 feet of 6-inch water main and adding an additional transmission main isolation valve.

The distribution system has been getting flushed on a regular schedule and water quality has improved in the town as well as over-all maintenance of the system. Including painting and keeping the hydrants accessible.

In the Coming year, the water department will continue to move forward with the SCDA and water plant improvements and upgrades. This year we will also be replacing the filter media in filter #4. We are looking forward to working on the distribution upgrades and securing funding for these projects.

Thank You

Gordon Avery, Water Superintendent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report submitted

ADDENDA

Minutes Special Town Meeting
September 28, 2020
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Hampden, ss.
Town of Blandford

All inhabitants of Blandford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Blandford Town Hall, One Russell Stage Road, Blandford, Massachusetts on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7 P.M., then and thereto to act on the following matters:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from funds previously appropriated by the vote taken under Article 14 of the June 22, 2020 Annual Town Meeting to the Capital fund the sum of \$95,425.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded, article 1 passed unanimously.

Moderator David Hopson asked voters to consider taking articles 2 through 8 and vote on all.

Motion made and seconded, vote to combine all articles for one vote unanimous.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Cemetery Commission Expenses account (#015491.000) the sum of \$15.96 to pay for previous fiscal year Gateway Farm and Pet invoice #4514 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.
9/10 Majority Vote

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Cemetery Commission Expenses account (#015491.000) the sum of \$647.50 to pay for previous fiscal year Francis MacKinnon invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.
9/10 Majority Vote

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Water Department Maintenance account (#225450.028) the sum of \$105.00 to pay for previous fiscal year Letendre Lawn Care mowing invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.
9/10 Majority Vote

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Highway Expenses account (#015422.002) the sum of \$884.84 to pay for previous fiscal year Home Depot purchases that were not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.
9/10 Majority Vote

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 New Town Hall Maint. & Repairs account (#015192.000) the sum of \$4.98 to pay for previous fiscal year Home Depot purchases that were not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.
9/10 Majority Vote

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Town Counsel account (#015151.000) the sum of \$982.06 to pay for previous fiscal year KP Law invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.
9/10 Majority Vote

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Town Hall Utilities account (#015192.001) the sum of \$169.37 to pay for previous fiscal year Verizon invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.
9/10 Majority Vote

**Motion made and seconded to consider transfer of funds for articles 2 through 8
Vote unanimous on all articles 2 through 8.**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws, Section II, P. Arts Council, as follows:

1. in Subsection 2 thereof, insert the words "up to" before the words "three years" therein; and
 2. in Subsection 4 thereof, insert the words "up to" before the words "three years" therein; and
 3. in Subsection 4 thereof, insert the words, "and approval" after the word "qualification" therein; and
 4. insert new Subsection 5 as follows:
 5. Arts Council policies and procedures shall comply with the requirements of G.L. c. 10, sec. 58, as may be amended and the requirements of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.
- Or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded; vote unanimous

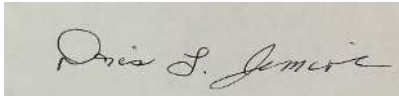
ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Building Stabilization Fund an amount to pay for a general contractor for constructing a new highway garage, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded to table article 10 indefinitely; vote unanimous

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Municipal Light Stabilization Fund a sum of money to pay for FY 21 broadband operating expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded for \$60,000; vote unanimous

A True Copy Attest

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Doris L. Jemiolo", written in dark ink on a light-colored rectangular background.

Doris L. Jemiolo, Town Clerk

Minutes
Special Town Meeting
March 22, 2021



At the Special Town Meeting March 22, 2021, registered voters took the following actions:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Building Stabilization Fund an amount to pay for an Owners Project Manager (OPM) that will provide assistance with finalizing a project scope and cost for building a new highway garage and rehabilitating the existing highway garage to make ready for Fire Department use, or take any other action relative thereto.

HEAR FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

As amended: **ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Building Stabilization Fund \$120,000 to pay for an Owners Project Manager (OPM) that will provide assistance with finalizing a project scope and cost for building a new highway garage and rehabilitating the existing highway garage to make ready for Fire Department use, or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

Motion made and appropriately seconded: Article passed unanimously

Moderator Hopson declared a consent agenda for the following articles, 2 through 7.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Water Dept. Testing account (#225450.006) the sum of \$1,010.00 to pay for previous fiscal year Howard Laboratories, Inc. invoice #032149WCS that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Water Department Maintenance account (#225450.028) the sum of \$65.73 to pay for previous fiscal year Casella Waste Services invoice #41365 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY21 Highway Expenses

account (#015422.002) the sum of \$193.50 to pay for previous fiscal year Westfield Glass Company invoice #8008 that was not included in the encumbrances; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY21 Treasurer's Expense account (#015145.002) the sum of \$99.70 to pay for previous fiscal year mileage reimbursement to the Assistant Treasurer/Collector that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY21 Fire Department Expenses account (#015220.001) the sum of \$77.02 to pay for previous fiscal year First Net invoice #28729201387708192019 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY21 Fire Department Expenses account (#015220.001) the sum of \$40.45 to pay for previous fiscal year Sentry Uniform & Equipment invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance committee recommends
Motion to vote on articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 appropriately made and seconded.
Consent agenda articles passed unanimously

Moderator Hopson called for a consent agenda for articles 8 through 11.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY21 Water Department Capital Expenses account (#225450.029) the sum of \$5,000.00 to the FY21 Water Department Breaks and Repairs account (#225450.005); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY21 Water Education Training account (#225450.018) the sum of \$1,500.00 to the FY21 Water Department Breaks and Repairs account (#225450.005); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY21 Town Consultant Services (Economic Development Director) account #015182.000 the sum of \$3,000 to the FY21 Transfer Station Salaries account #015510.010, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY21 Town Consultant Services (Economic Development Director) account #015182.000 the sum of \$3,000 to the FY21 External IT Support account #015192.004, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance committee recommends.
Motion made and appropriately seconded to vote on consent agenda articles 8, 9, 10 and 11.
Consent agenda articles passed unanimously

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XXI of the General Bylaw entitled, "Revolving Funds," by deleting therefrom the following:

<i>Board of Health Perc Tests - salaries and costs relative to such program</i>	Fees received in connection with Percolation Tests	Board of Health
<i>Board of Health Trash Bag Program - purchasing trash bags</i>	Fees and receipts received in connection with the sale of Transfer Station Trash Bags to residents	Board of Health

and inserting in place thereof the following:

<i>Board of Health Inspections and Perc Tests - salaries and costs relative to such program</i>	Fees received in connection with Inspections and Percolation Tests	Board of Health
<i>Board of Health Demolition Material</i>	Fees and receipts received in connection with the receipt of demolition materials at the Transfer Station	Board of Health

Or take any other action relative thereto.

And, further, to establish the following fiscal year spending limit for such funds:

Board of Health Inspections and Perc Tests - \$10,000

Board of Health Demolition Material - \$5,000

Finance committee recommends

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Article 12 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend Town Bylaw, Article X. Highways, Section 8, Offenses and Penalties, by deleting:

Any person using a public way to transport loads in excess of ten (10) tons for a five day period or more, shall post with the Town a bond or cash in the amount of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars per mile. Said public way shall be inspected by the highway superintendent to determine the cost of repair by the hauler, for damages caused by transportation of loads, which shall be borne by the hauler.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

Any person using a public way to transport loads in excess of (10) tons, shall post with the Town a bond or cash in the amount of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars per mile. The bond shall include the transportation routes that will be utilized. Said public way shall be inspected by the highway superintendent to determine the cost of repair by the hauler, for damages caused by transportation of loads, which shall be borne by the hauler

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Article 13 passed unanimously.

Moderator Hopson called for a consent agenda for articles 14 through 30

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law, SECTION I: PURPOSE, by deleting:

The purposes of this Bylaw are to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Blandford; to protect and conserve the value of property within the Town; and to secure safety from fire, congestion, or confusion, all in accord with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 40A.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

These regulations are enacted to promote the general welfare of the Town of Blandford, to protect the health and safety of its inhabitants, to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the town, to preserve the cultural, historical and agricultural heritage of the community, to increase the amenities of the town, and to reduce the hazard from fire by regulating the location and use of buildings and the area of open space around them, all as authorized by, but not limited to, the provisions of the Zoning Act, G.L. c. 40A, as amended, Section 2A of 1975 Mass. Acts 808, and by Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

HEAR FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law SECTION II: NONCONFORMING USES, by deleting:

2.1 USE OF STRUCTURE

The lawful use of any structure or land existing at the time of the enactment or subsequent amendment of this Bylaw may be continued although such structure or use does not conform to the provisions of the Bylaw.

2.2 ALTERATION

A nonconforming structure may be altered, repaired or rebuilt, but such alteration or restoration shall not depart further from the requirements of this Bylaw than the nonconforming condition or conditions existing in such structure prior to such alteration or restoration.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

2.1 APPLICABILITY

This zoning By-Law shall not apply to structures or uses lawfully in existence or lawfully begun, or to a building or special permit issued before the first publication of notice of the public hearing on such relevant portion of the By-law required by G.L. c. 40A, s. 5. Such prior, lawfully existing nonconforming uses and structures may continue, provided that no modification of the use or structure is accomplished, unless authorized hereunder.

2.2 NONCONFORMING USES

The Board of Appeals may issue a special permit to change or substantially extend a nonconforming use in accordance with this section only if it determines that such change or extension shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law, SECTION II: NONCONFORMING USES, by deleting:

2.3 Extension. Any structure or land, or part thereof, which at the time this Bylaw is adopted is being put to a nonconforming use may be altered or enlarged in that use to an extent not exceeding 25 percent of the area at the time this Bylaw is adopted.

2.3.1 In appropriate cases and with appropriate safeguards, the Board of Appeals may grant special permits to further extend nonconforming uses with respect to farms located in the residential district.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

2.3 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES

The Board of Appeals may issue a special permit to reconstruct, extend, alter, or change a nonconforming structure in accordance with this section only if it determines that such reconstruction, extension, alteration, or change shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law SECTION II: NONCONFORMING USES, by deleting:

2.4 ABANDONMENT

A nonconforming Use which has been abandoned for a year or more shall not be reestablished, and any future use shall conform with this Bylaw.

2.5 CHANGES

Once changed to a conforming use, no structure or land shall be permitted to revert to a nonconforming use.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

2.4 SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED

Except as provided in subsection 2.5, below, the reconstruction, extension or structural change of a nonconforming structure in such a manner as to increase an existing nonconformity, or create a new nonconformity, including the extension of an exterior wall at or along the same nonconforming distance within a required yard, shall require the issuance of a special permit from the Board of Appeals.

2.5 NONCONFORMING SINGLE AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

Nonconforming single-family and two-family residential structures may be reconstructed, extended, altered, or structurally changed upon a determination by the Building Inspector that such proposed reconstruction, extension, alteration, or change does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure. The following circumstances shall not be deemed to increase the nonconforming nature of said structure:

- a) Alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient area where the alteration will comply with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements,
- b) Alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient frontage where the alteration will comply with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements.
- c) Alteration to a structure which encroaches upon one or more required yard or setback areas, where the alteration will comply with all current setback, yard, building coverage and building height requirements.

In the event that the Building Inspector determines that the nonconforming nature of such structure would be increased by the proposed reconstruction, extension, alteration, or change, the Board of Appeals may, by special permit, allow such reconstruction, extension, alteration, or change where it determines that the proposed modification will not be more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law Section II: NON CONFORMING USES, to insert new Sub Sections 2.6: ABANDONMENT OR NON-USE, 2.7 RECONSTRUCTION AFTER CATASTROPHE OR DEMOLITION, and 2.8: REVERSION TO NONCONFORMITY, as follows,

2.6 ABANDONMENT OR NON-USE

A nonconforming use or structure that has been abandoned, or not used for a period of two years, shall lose its protected status and be subject to all of the provisions of this zoning By-Law.

2.7 RECONSTRUCTION AFTER CATASTROPHE OR DEMOLITION

A nonconforming single-family or two-family structure may be reconstructed as of right after a catastrophe or after demolition in accordance with the following provisions:

- a) Reconstruction of said premises shall commence within two years after such catastrophe or demolition; and
- b) Building(s) as reconstructed shall be located on the same footprint as the original nonconforming structure, shall be only as great in volume or area as the original nonconforming structure, and shall meet all applicable requirements for yards, setback, and height.

In the event that the proposed reconstruction would cause the structure to exceed the volume or area of the original nonconforming structure or would exceed applicable requirements for yards, setback, and/or height or would cause the structure to be located other than on the original footprint, a special permit for such reconstruction shall be required from the Board of Appeals prior to such demolition.

2.8 REVERSION TO NONCONFORMITY

No nonconforming use or structure shall, if changed to a conforming use or structure, revert to a nonconforming use or structure.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law SECTION III: ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, Sub Section 3.3.3 BOUNDARIES OF RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT and BOUNDARIES OF BUSINESS DISTRICT, as follows:

by deleting in Subsection 3.3.3, BOUNDARIES OF RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, the following language contained in the third paragraph, beginning in line nine:

It proceeds northerly along the western boundary of lot 12 to the southern boundary of lot 111-0- 19, (aka 70 Main Street).

and inserting in place thereof the following language:

It proceeds northerly along the western boundary of lot 12 to the southern boundary of lot 111-0- 19, (aka 79 Main Street).

and further by deleting in Subsection 3.3.3, BOUNDARIES OF BUSINESS DISTRICT, the following language contained in the third paragraph:

The business will continue from the intersection of Russell Stage Road and Maple Lane including all of the lots between Maple Lane and the Mass Turnpike including lot 30 AKA 10 Maple Lane. Then continuing along the western border of lot 29 then west along the southern border of lot 5 then southerly along the east side of lots 8 and 9 (aka 4 and 6 respectively) and westerly along the southern border of lot 9 to North Street.

and inserting in place thereof the following language:

The business district will continue from the intersection of Russell Stage Road and Maple Lane including all of the lots between Maple Lane and the Mass Turnpike including lot 30 AKA 10 Maple Lane. Then continuing along the western border of lot 29 then west along the southern border of lot 5 then southerly along the east side of lots 8 and 9 to the east side of north street then south along the west side of lot 109-0-9 and along the west side of lot 109-0-10 (aka 6 and 4 north street respectively).

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law SECTION IV: PROVISIONS FOR DISTRICTS, Sub Section 4.1: RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, Sub Section 4.1.1: Uses Permitted; Sub Section 4.1.1.6, by deleting:

- (a) No display of goods or advertising outside except for a sign not more than 2 square feet.
- (b) Location of standing signs. Minimum distance from public right of way, twelve (12) feet from intersection, twenty-five (25) feet.
- (c) Such occupations shall include but not be limited to: Architect, Hairdresser, Art Gallery, Interior Designer, Boutique, Laundress, Craft Shop, Real Estate, Dressmaker, Carpenter, Home Manufacturing, Painter, Plumber, and Electrician
- (d) Office for the practice, by a resident, of a recognized profession, i.e. doctor, dentist, lawyer.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

- (a) Such occupations shall include but not be limited to: Architect, Hairdresser, Art Gallery, Interior Designer, Boutique, Laundress, Craft Shop, Real Estate, Dressmaker, Carpenter, Home Manufacturing, Painter, Plumber, and Electrician
- (b) Office for the practice of a recognized profession, i.e. doctor, dentist, lawyer.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law SECTION V: ADMINISTRATION & SIGNS, by deleting:

5.2 SIGNS

5.2.1 Maximum Size: 6 square feet (except in residential zone, see Section 10.2.9).

5.2.2 One sign per business.

5.2.3 Moving signs of any type are specifically prohibited.

5.2.4 Illumination: moving and flashing signs are prohibited.

5.2.5 Time: No sign may be illuminated between 12 P.M. and 6 A.M. except signs identifying police and fire stations and public telephones.

5.2.6 The provisions of Sections 10.2.3 - 10.2.5 shall apply not only to exterior signs but also to interior signs that are designed or placed so as to shine through windows or doors of the building.

5.2.7 Temporary signs for sale or rental of property and temporary signs for contractor when building are permitted.

5.2.8 No non-accessory sign shall be erected or maintained.

5.2.9 In residential areas, signs are permitted only with specific permission from the Board of Appeals. In this area, signs shall be two (2) square feet maximum. Location of standing signs – minimum distance from public right of way, twelve (12) feet- from intersection twenty-five (25) feet.

5.2.10 Detailed plans for the design and placement of any sign must be submitted to the Board of Appeals.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

5.2 SIGNS

5.2.1 PERMANENT SIGNS

Any sign that is permanently attached to a building or to any wall or to posts that are placed below the frost line in the ground or attached to a concrete foundation. This includes window signs or any other sign that is intended to be permanent.

5.2.1.1 Maximum size: six (6) square feet in all districts

5.2.1.2 One sign per business.

5.2.1.3 Moving signs of any type are specifically prohibited.

5.2.1.4 Illumination: Moving and flashing signs are prohibited.

5.2.1.5 No signs can be illuminated between 9pm and 6am except signs illuminating police and fire stations.

5.2.2 TEMPORARY SIGNS

Any sign, including its supporting structure, and which is not permanently mounted. This includes any sign designed to be transported, including but not limited to trailer signs and signs with an "A or T" frame used for support.

5.2.2.1 Yard sale signs must be placed three days before an event and removed the day after the event.

5.2.2.2 Temporary signs including property for sale or rent and contractor signs during construction are permitted and must not exceed four square feet.

5.2.2.3 No non-accessory signs shall be erected or maintained.

5.2.2.4 Temporary signs are to be maintained for a period of no more than three months.

5.2.3 PLACEMENT OF SIGNS

No sign may be placed within twelve (12) feet of the edge of any road or so as to constitute a hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic. No sign shall be placed within the clear sight triangle so as to obstruct the clear visibility at the intersection in a manner that will jeopardize the safety to vehicles or pedestrians.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law SECTION V: ADMINISTRATION & SIGNS, by inserting new Sub Sections, as follows:

5.2.4 SIGN PERMITS

Detailed plans for the design and placement permanent must be submitted to the board of appeals. The permit fee is twenty dollars (\$20.00) payable to the Town of Blandford.

5.2.5 Any sign, temporary or permanent, that is larger than six (6) square feet in size, must have a special permit from with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5.2.6 All signs must be kept in good repair. Any sign that has peeling paint or is damaged in any way must be repaired within thirty days of notification by the building inspector or face removal.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law SECTION V: ADMINISTRATION & SIGNS, by deleting language contained therein as follows:

5.4 ENFORCEMENT

5.4.1 This By-law, and any amendment thereto, shall be administered by the Building Inspector who shall be appointed for a period of one (1) year, or until a successor is appointed. He shall receive remuneration for his duties in an amount to be set by the Board of Selectmen. He shall approve no application for permits required under this By-law for buildings or structures of any kind for which plans and specifications, and intended use are not in all ways in conformity with this By-law. He shall have full authority with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to prosecute in any Court of proper jurisdiction, any action, suit or proceeding for the enforcement of this by-law.

5.4.2 This By-law shall be enforced by the Selectmen or a Building Inspector appointed by them. No building shall be built or structurally altered and no use of land or a building shall be begun or changed without a permit having been issued by the

building Inspector. No building shall be occupied until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Building Inspector.

5.4.3 Any person violating any of the provisions of this By-law shall be fined not less than twenty (20) dollars or more than fifty (50) dollars for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

5.5 BOARD OF APPEALS

A Board of Appeals is hereby established as provided under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 40A to consist of three (3) members and three (3) associate members, to pass upon matters which may be brought before them. They shall be appointed by the Selectmen for terms of one, two, and three years the term of one member expiring each year. Thereafter, appointments are to be for three (3) years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Selectmen for the balance of any unexpired term. No member shall act in any case in which he may have a personal or financial interest, an associate member being designated in such cases by the Chairman of the Board of Appeals.

5.5.1 Method of Appeal

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Selectmen, or their appointed inspector, may appeal from such decision to the Board of Appeals created by this Bylaw.

5.5.2 Time of Appeal

An appeal may be made at any time not later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence causing the grievance.

5.5.3 Public Hearings and Notice

In the case of every appeal made to said Board and of every application for permit or variance made to it under the provisions of this Bylaw, the Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing to consider the appeal or application in question and shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Blandford not less than fourteen (14) days before the date set for said hearing and shall cause a copy of the notice to be sent by USPS mail to all abutting land owners as shown by the records of the Assessors of the Town of Blandford and to any other person or persons who, in the opinion of the Board of Appeals, may be interested in said application or appeal.

5.5.4 Special Permits

At all times hereafter the Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for an exception, as provided by sections of this Bylaw, where it shall have found that the use involved will not be detrimental to the established or future character of the neighborhood and Town and subject to appropriate conditions or safeguards if deemed necessary.

5.5.5 Variances

At all times hereafter, after giving notice and holding any public hearing in the manner provided by this By-law, the Board of Appeals may authorize, with respect to a particular building or parcel of land, a variance from any of the terms of this Bylaw, owing to conditions especially affecting said building or parcel but not affecting generally the Zoning District in which it is located, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Bylaw would involve substantial hardship to the owner of said building or parcel and where desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantial derogation from the intent or purpose of this Bylaw, but not otherwise.

Or take any other relative action thereto.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law SECTION V: ADMINISTRATION & SIGNS, by deleting:

5.6 APPEALS TO HOUSING COURT

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Appeals may appeal to the Superior Court sitting in equity for Hampden County, provided that such appeal is filed in said Court within twenty (20) days after such decision is recorded.

5.7 AMENDMENTS

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

5.4 APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Appeal or any special permit granting authority, or by the failure of such Board of Appeal or special permit granting authority to take final action within the required time, may appeal from such decision or failure to act to a court of competent jurisdiction within the time and in the manner provided pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 17.

5.5 AMENDMENTS

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law, by deleting:

SECTION VII: PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORIZED TO ACT

A Planning Board and Board of Appeals are hereby authorized to act under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 41A – Sections 81K-81GG. The Planning Board shall consist of five elected members.

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION VII: ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law SECTION VII, by inserting new Sub Sections, as follows:

7.1 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; PENALTY; PERMITS; EXEMPTIONS.

7.1.1 BUILDING COMMISSIONER

The Building Commissioner appointed under the provisions of MGL c. 143 and Chapter 753 of the Acts of 1968, as amended, is hereby designated and authorized as the officer charged with the interpretation and enforcement of this bylaw.

7.1.2 VIOLATIONS

If the Building Commissioner is informed or has reason to believe that any provision of this bylaw is being violated, he/she shall make or cause to be made an investigation of the facts and inspect the property where such violation may exist.

7.1.3 ENFORCEMENT

If upon such investigation and inspection he/she finds evidence of such violation, he/she shall give notice thereof in writing to the owner and occupant of said premises and demand that such violation be abated within such time as the Building Commissioner deems reasonable. Such notice and demand may be given by mail, addressed to the owner at his address as it then appears on the records of the Board of Assessors of the Town and to the occupant at the address of the premises.

7.1.4 FURTHER ACTION

If after such notice and demand the violation has not been abated within the time specified therein, the Building Commissioner shall, as he/she may be duly authorized, institute appropriate action or proceedings in the name of the Town of Blandford to prevent, correct, restrain or abate such violation of this bylaw.

7.1.5 PENALTY

Anyone who violates a provision of this bylaw, including without limitation any term or condition of a variance, site plan review decision or special permit, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300 for each offense. Each day during which any portion of a violation continues under the provisions of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law SECTION VII, by inserting new Sub Sections, as follows:

7.2 BOARD OF APPEALS

7.2.1 ESTABLISHMENT

There shall be a Board of Appeals of three members appointed by the Select Board for Three-year term. The Select Board shall also appoint three associate members of the Board of Appeals. The appointment, service and removal or replacement of members and

associate members and other actions of the Board of Appeals shall be as provided for in MGL c. 40A.

7.2.2 Powers the Board of Appeals shall have and exercise all the powers allowed to it by MGL Chapters 40A, 40B, and 41 and by this bylaw, including but not limited to the following:

- a) To hear and decide applications for special permits when designated as the SPGA herein.
- b) To grant, upon appeal or petition, with respect to particular land or structures or to an existing building thereon, a variance from the terms of this bylaw where, owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and owing to conditions especially affecting such parcel or such building but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this bylaw would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the appellant, and where desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this bylaw. The Board of Appeals shall not grant use variances.
- c) To hear and decide appeals taken by any person aggrieved by reason of his inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provisions of MGL c. 40A §§ 8 and 15 or by any person including an officer or board of the Town aggrieved by an order or decision of the Building Commissioner or other administrative official in violation of any provision of Chapter 40A or of this bylaw.
- d) To hear and decide comprehensive permits for construction of low or moderate income housing by a public agency or limited dividend or nonprofit corporation, as set forth in MGL c. 40B, §§ 20-23.
- e) To sit as a board of appeals for purposes of MGL c. 41, § 81Z, and issue permits in accordance therewith.

7.2.3 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board of Appeals may adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw, for the conduct of its business and for purposes of G.L. c.40A, and shall file a copy of such rules in the office of the Town Clerk.

7.2.4 FEES

The Board of Appeals may adopt reasonable technical review fees for petitions for special permits, variances, administrative appeals, and applications for comprehensive permits in accordance with its regulations.

7.2.5 VARIANCES

The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant, upon appeal or petition, with respect to particular land or structures or to an existing building thereon, a variance from the terms of this bylaw where, owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and owing to conditions especially affecting such

parcel or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this bylaw would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant, and where desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this bylaw.

The Board of Appeals shall not grant use variances,

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law SECTION VII, by inserting new Sub Sections, as follows:

7.3 PLANNING BOARD

7.3.1 ESTABLISHMENT

Pursuant to MGL c. 41 and Chapter 753 of the Acts of 1968, there shall be a Planning Board of five elected members.

7.3.2 POWERS

The Planning Board shall have and exercise all the powers granted to it by MGL Chapters 40, 40A and 41 and by this bylaw, including but not limited to the following:

- a) To hear and decide applications for special permits when designated as the SPGA herein.
- b) To review site plans pursuant to § 9.1.

7.3.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER

The Select Board shall appoint an associate member to serve for one year, or until replaced. In the case where the Planning Board is the SPGA, the Chairman of the Planning Board may have the associate member sit on the Board for the purpose of acting on a special permit application, in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Planning Board or in the event of a vacancy on the Board.

7.3.4 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Planning Board shall adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw for conduct of its business and otherwise carrying out the purposes of said Chapter 40A and this bylaw, and shall file a copy of such rules in the office of the Town Clerk.

7.3.5 FEES

The Planning Board may adopt reasonable administrative fees and technical review fees for applications for special permits and site plan approval in accordance with its regulations.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law, SECTION IX, by deleting:

SECTION IX: SITE PLAN REVIEW

as contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION IX: SITE PLAN REVIEW AND SPECIAL PERMITS

Or take any other relative action thereto.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law SECTION IX, by inserting new Sub Sections, as follows:

9.2 SPECIAL PERMITS

9.2.1 SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY

Unless specifically designated otherwise, the Board of Appeals shall act as the Special Permit Granting Authority.

9.2.2 CRITERIA

Special permits shall be granted by the Special Permit Granting Authority, unless otherwise specified herein; only upon its written determination that the adverse effects of the proposed use will not outweigh its beneficial impacts to the town or the neighborhood, in view of the particular characteristics of the site, and of the proposal in relation to that site. In addition to any specific factors that may be set forth in this By-Law, the determination shall include consideration of each of the following:

- a) Social, economic, or community needs which are served by the proposal;
- b) Traffic flow and safety, including parking and loading;
- c) Adequacy of utilities and other public services;
- d) Neighborhood character and social structures;
- e) Impacts on the cultural, historical, and natural environments; and
- f) Potential fiscal impact, including impact on town services, tax base, and employment.

9.2.3 PROCEDURES

An application for a special permit shall be filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Special Permit Granting Authority.

9.2.4 CONDITIONS

Special permits may be granted with such reasonable conditions, safeguards, or limitations on time or use, including performance guarantees, as the Special Permit Granting Authority may deem necessary to serve the purposes of this By-Law.

9.2.5 PLANS

An applicant for a special permit shall submit a plan as required by and in substantial conformance with the rules and regulations of the Special Permit Granting Authority. The provisions of this Section should not apply to applications for special permits to reconstruct, extend, alter, or structurally change a nonconforming single or two-family

structure. The SPGA shall establish procedures governing such applications by regulation.

9.2.6 REGULATIONS

The Special Permit Granting Authority may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this section.

9.2.7 FEES

The Special Permit Granting Authority may adopt reasonable administrative fees and technical review fees for applications for special permits.

9.2.8 LAPSE

Special permits shall lapse within 24 months, not including the time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal referred to in G.L. c. 40A, s. 17, from the grant thereof, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause or, in the case of permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause.


Or take any other action relative thereto,

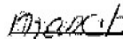
Motion made and appropriately seconded to vote on consent agenda articles 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

Consent agenda articles passed unanimously.

Certified copy of vote

Attest


Doris Jemio, Town Clerk

 *March 25, 2021*
date



CERTIFIED MINUTES
Annual Town Meeting
June 21, 2021
Town of Blandford

Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7 P.M., the inhabitants of Blandford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Blandford Town Hall 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.

Motion made and seconded; Article 1 passed unanimously

ARTICLES 2,3,4,and 5 taken as Consent Agenda item

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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 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 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 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;

ARTICLES 2,3,4, and 5 motion made and seconded with finance committee approval, unanimously passed.

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.

Motion made and seconded; **ARTICLE 6 unanimously passed**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,212,286.02 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;

Motion made and seconded; amendment to budget line for Transfer Station Salaries to

increase by \$1,500; from \$16,227 to \$17,727 increasing total operating budget from \$2,210,786.02 to \$2,212,286.02

Motion to amend made and seconded, ARTICLE 7 passed unanimously with Finance Committee support.

ARTICLES 8, 9, 10, 11.1 and 11.2 taken as Consent Agenda item

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 11.1: 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 11.2: 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:

ARTICLES 8, 9, 10, 11.1 and 11.2 motion made and seconded; passed unanimously with Finance Committee approval.

ARTICLES 12 and 13 taken as Consent Agenda item

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:

ARTICLES 12 and 13 motion made and seconded; articles passed unanimously

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 14 motion made and seconded; ARTICLE 14 passed with more than two-thirds vote as declared by Moderator

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 15 motion made and seconded; ARTICLE 15 passed unanimously

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 16 motion made and seconded; passed unanimously

ARTICLES 17, 18, 19 and 20 taken as a Consent Agenda item

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.

ARTICLES 17, 18, 19 and 20 motion made and seconded; Articles passed unanimously

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.

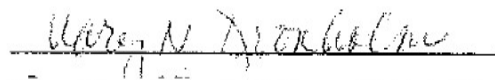
ARTICLE 21 motion made and seconded; passed unanimously

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.

ARTICLE 22 motion made and seconded; passed unanimously

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Certified by



**Mary Kronholm, Asst. Town Clerk in the absence of
Doris Jemiolo, Town Clerk**

Town Election Results

June 26, 2021

Re-elected Board of Health: Bret Hartley
Re-elected Cemetery Commissioner: Steve Jemiolo
Re-elected Library Trustee: Mary Kronholm
Re-elected Moderator: David Hopson
Re-elected Municipal Light Board: James Kim Bergland
Elected to the School Committee: Keri Morawiec
Elected to the Selectboard: Theodore J Cosineau
Re-elected Tree Warden: Mark Boomsma
Elected for Water Commissioner: Brad Curry

124 Ballots cast