



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
Finance Committee

Blandford Town Hall  
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**BLANDFORD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 24, 2022  
1:00 pm**

**1. OPEN SESSION 1:00 pm                      Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall**

**In Attendance:** J. Lombardo, Chair; C. Smelcer, Member; D. Brodie, Finance; C. Dunne, Town Administrator

**2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

***a. Building Inspector Budget Review***

Jason Fogue spoke to his FY23 budget request which reflects the market rate for compensation. He handles over 50 calls and inspections on annual basis and due to the expanding number of solar developments, he is facing an increased workload. He has reported roughly \$400,000 in permit fees and is requesting \$3,500 for his total budget.

***b. Planning Board Budget Review***

Paul Martin spoke to the Planning Board's FY23 budget request. The FY23 request includes stipends of \$500 per member. This is justified in part by the fact that the Board is tasked with working on by-law changes which can be quite complicated and is currently working on special permits for five solar developments and one cannabis development. The request also includes an increase to the Board's expense line as prices are increasing and they will be purchasing more office supplies because of additional by-law work.

***c. Recreation Committee Budget Review***

Joann Martin spoke to the Recreation Committee's FY23 budget request. The two events the Committee hosts, the Memorial Day Picnic and Halloween Trick-or-Treat, are growing rapidly. The Committee is routinely short on funds and relies on donations. There is also a new member of the Committee who wants to work on restoring the ballfield which will require additional funding.

*d. Town Administrator*

Christopher Dunne spoke to the Town Administrator and Select Board FY23 budget request. He explained that his contract included a potential performance-based raise in September 2022 and identified expenses to be paid from the Select Board Expense account including training for public procurement, memberships with the Massachusetts Municipal Manager Association (MMA) and Small Town Administrators of Massachusetts (STAM).

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

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Janet Lombardo, Chairman Finance

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Cathy Smelcer, Finance

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Deborah Brodie, Finance