



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
Finance Committee

Blandford Town Hall  
1 Russell Stage Road, Suite 1  
Blandford, MA 01008

**BLANDFORD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 31, 2022  
1:00 pm**

**1. OPEN SESSION 1:00 pm  
Town Hall**

**Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber,**

**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. FY23 Budget Review***

○ ***Highway***

- Increases in vehicle fuel
- Need another employee
- Accounts not running hot:
  - Vehicle Maintenance – still more to do
  - New roads; That's ARPA; grading time will come in the spring
  - Tree canopy: that will be fully expended
- Major increase in salt & sand
- Western Mass Mower: Eversource Program – last year of sharing over-the rail mower. Blandford will look into continuing cost share options.
- Capital project fund has some money left in it
  
- North Blandford Road project with increasing prices will go over budget
- Employee Salary Discussions
- Requesting new pickup truck; current is 2012 with 120,000 miles. Estimate needed \$100,000
- Inquired about assets highway sells; can this be used to purchase capital equipment?

-Status of new Highway/Fire Department buildings

○ ***Treasurer***

-Hampden County Retirement line item cannot be estimated

-Need salary number calculation for Medicare town share

-Requesting a new Treasurer Clerk position

-GRSD number can be updated

-Hampden County Retirement

-Broadband loan payoff

-OPED Study

-Requesting increase in Office Expense

-Tax title legal fees

○ ***Town Clerk***

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○ ***Assessors***

○ ***Tree Warden***

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Janet Lombardo, Chairman Finance

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Cathy Smelcer, Finance

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Deborah Brodie, Finance