



**Special Town Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2022  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
County of Hampden, ss.  
Town of Blandford**

**November 14, 2022 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 transfer from the Building Project Stabilization Fund the sum of \$75,000 for the Owners Project Manager (OPM), and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$180,000 for design services up to schematic design for the new Fire and Highway Facility project, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 1 appropriately motioned and seconded; Article 1 failed for lack of two-thirds vote**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Building Project Stabilization Fund the sum of \$6,240 to the Capital Projects Account (#015920.000) for the Building Assessment by Weston & Sampson, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 2: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 2 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Library Building Stabilization Fund the sum of \$10,000 to undertake a feasibility study of expanding the Porter Memorial Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 3: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 3 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Library Building Stabilization Fund to the Capital Projects Account (#015920.000) the sum of \$4,300 for the boundary and existing topographic conditions survey of the Library property, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 4 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$291,868.56 from Fiscal Year 2023 Broadband Revenues to operate the Municipal Light Plant for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023; and further, to rescind the vote taken under Article 8 of the June 6, 2022 Annual Town Meeting transferring a sum of \$50,000 from Free Cash to defray the broadband operating expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 5 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 for the purposes of stabilizing and mothballing (including appropriate closure and securing) the farmstead at Shepard Farm, including any costs and expenses incidental or related thereto, or take any other

action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 6 tabled; vote unanimous**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Account (#015920.000) to the Tree Warden's ongoing Ash Tree Removal Project; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 7 passed unanimously**

**There being no objection, Moderator Hopson took Articles 8, 9 and 10 as a consent agenda**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$27,000 from the Capital Projects Account (#015920.000) for repairs to the current Fire Garage ramp, doors, and steps, including any costs and expenses incidental or related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$11,000 from the Capital Projects Account (#015920.000) for bidding and contracting services and police detail expenses for the North Blandford Road paving project; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$9,084.05 from the Capital Projects Account (#015920.000) for fire sprinkler repairs at Town Hall; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Consent agenda (items 8, 9 and 10) appropriately motioned and seconded and passed unanimously**

**There being no objection, Moderator Hopson took Articles 11 and 12 as a consent agenda**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for police detail expenses for the fall 2022 state primary and general election early voting; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Building Project Stabilization Fund the sum of \$7,000 for previous fiscal year Weston & Sampson feasibility study invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Consent agenda (items 11 and 12) appropriately motioned and seconded and passed unanimously**

**There being no objection, Moderator Hopson took Articles 13, 14, 15 and 16 as a consent agenda**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$535.50 to pay for previous fiscal year Berkshire Springs invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$95.00 to pay for previous fiscal year Berkshire Springs invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$719.28 to pay for previous fiscal year Axon Enterprise invoice #253 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Free Cash the sum of \$764.24 to pay for previous fiscal year Axon Enterprise invoice #253 that was not included in the

encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Consent agenda (items 13, 14, 15 and 16) appropriately motioned and seconded and passed unanimously**

**There being no objection, Moderator Hopson took Articles 17 and 18 as a consent agenda**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY23 Highway Garage - Utilities account (#015422.016) the sum of \$124.26 to pay for previous fiscal year Eversource invoice # 5453-177-1046 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY23 Highway Garage - Utilities account (#015422.016) the sum of \$96.42 to pay for previous fiscal year Verizon invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Consent agenda (items 17 and 18) appropriately motioned and seconded and passed unanimously**

**There being no objection, Moderator Hopson took Articles 19, 20 and 21 as a consent agenda**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY23 Town Administrator account (#015196.000) the sum of \$22.44 to pay for previous fiscal year WB Mason invoice # 216797881 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY23 Town Administrator account (#015196.000) the sum of \$55.43 to pay for previous fiscal year WB Mason invoice # 216933467 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY23 Town Administrator account (#015196.000) the sum of \$598.00 to pay for previous fiscal year Black Rock Technology invoice #38173 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Consent agenda (items 19, 20 and 21) appropriately motioned and seconded and passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY23 Treasurer's Expense account (#015145.002) the sum of \$1,100 to pay for previous fiscal year UniBank invoices #8616 and #8617 that were not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 22: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 22 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY23 Watson Dean Park account (#825590.013) the sum of \$209.06 to pay for previous fiscal year Water Department invoice #253 that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 23: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 23 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,301 from the Library Expenses account (#015610.001) to the Town Water Bills account (#015192.010), or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 24: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 24 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500 to

supplement the budget for Town Hall Fuel (#015192.003), or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 25: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 25 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to supplement the budget for Old Town Hall Expenses (#015193.000), or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 26: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 26 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to supplement the budget for Fire Department Expenses (#015220.001), or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 27: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 27 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to supplement the budget for Highway Vehicle Fuel (#015422.014), or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 28: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 28 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from the MARS Consult Services account (#015303.000) to the IT Support/Computer Software account (#015192.004), or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 29: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 29 passed unanimously**

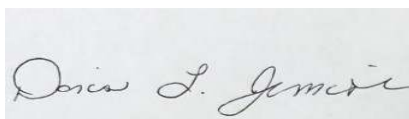
**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation in substantial form as follows, and to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to any bill so filed unless approved in advance by the Select Board, and to authorize the Select Board to approve such revisions as fall within the public purpose of this vote:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of chapter 39 and section 64 of chapter 54 of the general laws or any other general or special law, the votes taken by the town of Blandford at its June 6, 2022 annual town meeting, and all actions taken pursuant thereto and in reliance thereon, are hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed to the same extent as if the town had complied with all statutory requirements for posting a warrant for the meeting.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 30: Motion appropriately made and seconded; Article 30 passed unanimously**

**A True Copy, Attest  
CERTIFIED BY**



Doris L. Jemiolo, Town Clerk