



**Minutes Special Town Meeting  
March 20, 2023  
Postponed from March 13, 2023  
Due to Inclement Weather**

On Monday, March 20, 2023, 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 and acted on the following matters:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Projects Account (#015920.000) the sum of \$170,000 and the sum of \$10,000 from the Highway – Repair New Roads Account (#015422.018) for the final payment for the North Blandford Road Improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 1 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Highway – Repair New Roads Account (#015422.018) the sum of \$2,000 to the **Tree Canopy Work** account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 2 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Hampden County Retirement account (#015911.000) the sum of \$10,697 to the Fire Department Expenses account (#015220.001), or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 3 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,500 to meet the local cash match for the FY23 EEA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program – Action Grant to evaluate and plan for resilient rural dirt roads, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 4 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000 for the **Community Liaison position** stipend under the FY23 EEA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program – Action Grant to evaluate and plan for resilient rural dirt roads, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 5 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the herein described property from the Town board or commission currently having care, custody, management, and control thereof to the Select Board for the purpose of disposition, and further to authorize the Select Board to lease, convey, or otherwise dispose of all or a portion of the property and any improvements thereon located on Kaolin Road and shown on Assessor's Map as Parcel 112-0-22 consisting of 0.56 acres more or less, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, § 16 or any other enabling authority, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town; and further to authorize the Select Board to take such actions and execute such documents and instruments as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article; or take any action relative thereto.

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 6 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to pay costs of (i) a **water main replacement and storage evaluation study**, and (ii) designing and constructing various water system improvements, including, in each case, the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing, including the borrowing of funds through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, or otherwise provided, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Town Moderator David Hopson read the motion:

That the Town appropriates \$887,935 to pay costs of making Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) improvements to the Town's water system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §8(7C), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. All or any portion of this amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust").

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 7 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to initiate a **municipal aggregation program**, as determined by the Select Board to be in the Town's best interest, to aggregate the electrical load of interested consumers within the boundaries of the Town pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134, or any other enabling legislation; and to enter into agreements with one or more consultants to assist the Town with the development, implementation, and administration of such aggregation program for a term of up to or more than 20 years; and to enter into agreements with one or more electricity suppliers for terms of up to or more than 20 years for the purchase of electricity for the aggregation program; and to authorize the Select Board to take any actions and execute any documents and agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the aggregation program and consultant/electricity supply agreements, which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Select Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 8 passed unanimously**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Worker's Compensation account (#015912.000) the sum of \$3,052.82 to pay for previous fiscal year Hilltown Community Ambulance Association invoice that was not included in the encumbrances, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended

**Article 9 passed unanimously**

**A True Copy Attest  
CERTIFIED BY**

*Doris L. Jemiolo*

Doris L. Jemiolo  
Town Clerk



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### DECLARATION OF RECESS AND CONTINUANCE OF BLANDFORD SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 10, 2023

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, §10A, I declare on this day, Friday, March 10, 2023, that the Blandford Special Town Meeting originally posted for Monday, March 13, 2023, be recessed and continued to **Monday, March 20, 2023, at Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008.** I make this Declaration on the basis of my determination, following consultation with the Select Board Chair, Town Administrator and Town Clerk. The nature of the emergency is inclement weather.

Issued in Blandford, Massachusetts at 12:00 p.m., this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

Dr. David Hopson, Town Moderator  
Town of Blandford

**DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OF MARCH 13, 2023, WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 20,  
2023 @ 7:00 PM**