

Annual Town Report
Blandford, Massachusetts
2022-2023



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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Title, Term	Expires	Title, Term	Expires
Assessor (3 years)		Planning Board (5 years)	
David Hopson	2025	Edna Wilander	2024
Stephen Jemiolo	2026	Paul Martin	2024
Paul Martin	2024	Robert Twyman	2028
		Sarah Simpson	2028
		Greg Garfield	2028
Cemetery Commission (3 years)		School Committee (3 years)	
TJ Cousineau	2025	Keri Morawied	2024
Stephen Jemiolo	2024	Nicole Daviau	2026
Peter Sparks	2026		
Fence Viewer (3 years)		Selectmen (3 years)	
Dale Buchanan	2025	Theodore J. Cousineau	2024
VACANT		Cara Letendre	2026
		Jeff Allen	2025
Field Driver (3 years)		Town Clerk (3 years)	
Dale Buchanan	2025	Doris L. Jemiolo	2026
Health, Board of (3 years)		Tree Warden (3 years)	
Jennifer Girard	2025	Mark Boomsma	2024
Pat Lombardo	2026		
Brett Hartley	2024		
Library Trustee (3 years)		Water Commissioner (3 years)	
Charles Benson	2025	Michael Keier	2026
Byam Stevens	2026	Bradley Curry	2024
Mary Kronholm	2024	Peter Thayer	2025
Moderator (3 years)			
David Hopson	2024		
Municipal Light Plant Board (3 years)			
Kim Bergland	2024		
Peter Langmore	2026		
June Masse	2025		

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Agricultural Commission (3 years)

Eileen Gates 2025
Dick Gates 2025
David Hopson 2025
Leon Ripley 2025
Vacant (1)

Animal Control Officer (1 year)

Police Chief Jennifer Dubiel

Building Inspector (1 year)

Jason Forgue 2024

Burial Agent (by B o Health)

Theodore J. Cousineau

Chief procurement Officer (1 year)

Vacant

Conservation Commission (3 years)

Dick Gates Chair 2024
Colleen Doyle 2024
Nate Maynard 2026
John Piper 2024
Vacant 1

Constables

Vacant positions 4

Council on Aging (3 years)

Margit Mikuski, Director
Joann Martin 2024
Robert Twyman 2024
Barbara Langmore 2025
Pat Lombardo 2024
Heidi Taberman 2025

Cultural Council (3 years)

Sue Racine 2025
Mary Kronholm 2024
Nicole Daviau 2025
Janet Strausberg
Vacant

Election Warden (1 year)

Jennifer Girard

Electrical Wiring Inspector (1 year)

John VanHeynigan

Emergency Management Directors

David Waldron
Adam Dolby
Jennifer Girard
Jennifer Dubiel
Town Administrator

Environmental Certifying Officer

Jennifer Girard 2025

Finance Committee (3 years)

Kevin Green 2025
Janet Lombardo, 2024
Deb Brodie 2024
Jacqueline Coury 2026
Vacant 1

Forest Warden (1 year)

Adam Dolby

Highway Department Sup.

David Waldron 2024

Historical Commission

Katy Milford 2025
Jo-Anne Auclair 2026
Don Carpenter 2026
Mick Brennan 2026
Linda Barnard 2025
Ryan Stafford 2024
Nicole Daviau 2024

Information Technology Specialist

Novus

Inspector of Animals and Slaughter

(1 year)

Teresa Donovan 2024

Inspector of Servicemen's Graves

Douglas Emo 2026

Measurer of Bark and Wood (1 year)

Mark Boomsma

Pioneer Valley Planning Comm. (1 year)

Theodore J. Cousineau *Alternate*

Plumbing and Gas Inspector (1 year)

Aaron Poteat

Plumbing and Gas Inspector Asst.

(1 year)

Nicholas Chiusano

Police Chief (3 years)

Jennifer Dubiel

Records Access Officer

Doris Jemiolo

Recreation Committee (3 years)

Chuck Benson 2024
Keri Morawiec 2025
Joann Martin 2024
Justin LaFrance 2024

Registrars of Voters (3 years)

Co Cousineau 2024
Robert Twyman 2025
Margit Mikuski 2025

Town Accountant

Eric Kinsherf, CPA

Town Administrator

Michael Szlosek *new January 2024*

Town Counsel

KP Law

Treasurer/Collector

Sara Hunter

Veteran's Agent (1 year)

Joseph Henning 2024

Watson Park Groundskeeper(1 year)

Douglas Emo

Zoning Board of Appeals (3 years)

Kim Bergland
Dale Buchanan

Unless otherwise noted, appointments are made by the Select Board.

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

Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Belle Fleur arrived in the late summer of 2022 and surprised residents with a turkey for the Thanksgiving holiday. The board began to dispense the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The Town enjoyed a relatively calm period. The COA continued to be an asset to the community throughout the year, holding breakfasts, doing blood pressure clinics and offering free transportation to those in need.

A number of grants were awarded to the town for road work, tree removal, library outdoor space and a free-standing solar powered information display unit among others, thanks to the efforts of Town Administrator Christopher Dunne.

Adam Dolby was appointed as interim Fire Chief and continued with the building committee to work towards a solution for fire and highway.

The town was redistricted out of State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli's area to that of Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, who with our new State Sen. Paul Mark filed three pieces of legislation for the town. They include Cobble Mountain Road/Reservoir reopening for recreational use, Blandford volunteer firefighter tax break bills and validation of actions taken at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

A new Treasurer/Collector was hired but left before the end of the year. Sara Hunter's firm, Mass MuniFin was reinstated late fall through 2024.

March saw the first major snowstorm of the year, and it was on the anniversary of the Blizzard of '88; 1888 that is, and the town was shut down for three days.

A Community Development Block Grant through the state's Department of Housing and ADT Community Development facilitated a complete Americans with Disabilities Act evaluation of all town owned properties and offered a plan process. The less expensive items suggested for replacement are things like lever style door knobs instead of conventional round knobs.

In April residents had the chance to provide input/concerns on the town's dirt roads thanks to a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant administered by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The Resilient Master Plan was completed and gives us goals for the coming years.

Thanks to all who volunteer their time to help make our town a great place to live and grow. Cara Letendre, Chair; Theodore Cousineau, Jeff Allen, members

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

No report for this year

The Following Reports are in Alphabetical Order

ACCOUNTANT

See Addenda for figures

Town 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA
www.erickinsherfcpa.com
Town Accountant

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

No report submitted

ASSESSORS

State law requires assessors to estimate the fair market of all properties within their jurisdiction. With this mandate comes the requirement that assessors conduct annual revaluations. Revaluations not only respond to the ever-changing real estate market but are opportunities for assessors to improve the quality of property data, estimate values that more closely correspond to the market as evidenced by property sales, and improve the underlying valuation methods used to estimate values.

Once every fifth year, Blandford's valuations and the mass appraisal methods used by our office are reviewed by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) is such a year. The approved values can be found on the assessors' website. Property owners having questions about their proposed valuations may bring those to our Assessors' attention. Though you are invited to drop by or call the office located at Town Hall at 1 Russell Stage Road, we suggest putting your inquiry in an e-mail addressed to Assessor Chris Cozzaglio at ccozzaglio@rrgsystems.com, or to assessors@townofblandford.com.

If you observe a change in your valuation, the difference can be attributed to one or more of the following:

- Market appreciation
- Building permit-related construction and improvements
- Inspections made as part of our periodic inspection program in which features listed on assessment records are updated (there are 1,152 real estate parcels in town and the assessor's office inspects roughly ten percent per year - inspected properties totaled 131 this past year).

The past several years have seen property values surge. Blandford taxpayers may see their valuations increase by 17-18 percent or more. Ten years ago, the average single-family home carried a value of approximately \$212,400. That same home today has an estimated value of \$341,000, most of the appreciation having been realized over the past several years. Adjusting values to correct for this trend is necessary to ensure property owners have a sense that their homes have been valued. Taxpayers should understand that revaluations do not in and of themselves generate more tax revenue (this is based upon the raise and appropriate levy from town meetings which is \$83,646 less than last year). We anticipate a reduction in the town's tax rate from \$13.66 to \$11.57 per thousand dollars in valuation. This combination of factors has provided for a slight reduction in property taxes for the average home in Blandford as seen in the following table.

Avg FY23 Value	Avg Tax	Avg FY24 Value	Avg Tax
\$291,400	\$3,981	\$341,200	\$3,948

Assessed valuations are not intended to predict what a property might sell for in the future. By law, assessors are only concerned with what properties were worth on the assessment date – January 1 preceding the fiscal year of taxation. The assessment date for fiscal year 2024 is January 1, 2023. Properties that sold in the 12 months preceding the assessment date affect fiscal year 2024 valuations.

Many factors influence what a buyer might pay for a property, but only those that are readily quantifiable are used in estimating your valuation. For example, your assessment is based on features like location, land area, building area, type and grade of construction, age and condition, and amenities like garages, swimming pools, and finished basements.

Examples of property features not considered in your assessment include curb appeal, home décor, and landscaping.

After receiving the first actual bill for the Fiscal Year, you may seek an abatement by filing with our office. Abatement forms may be found outside of the Assessors' office, and you must file by the date noted on the tax bill. Assessors are prohibited by law to act on untimely applications and are unable to waive those requirements. If you are unsatisfied with the Assessors' decisions on your abatement, you may file with the State's Appellate Tax Board (ATB) by using the information found on the abatement form.

Dr. David Hopson, Paul Martin, Stephen Jemiolo

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Seventy-five permits were issued by the building department during FY 2023 which is well above average from recent years. One new single family dwelling permit was issued, while ten more were for major home renovations, additions, or large garage/barn projects. Two commercial permits were issued as well.

Seventeen energy conservation permits pulled this year including solar installations, window/ replacements, and insulation and air sealing upgrades. Ten 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.

Along with the Board of Health, I have started to try and more strictly enforce our zoning bylaws in an effort to maintain property values and public safety of all residents. Please feel free to reach out any time with any concerns you may have throughout town and I will address accordingly. In the coming years, we plan to continue to take numerous actions to clean up several of the blighted properties around town.

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.

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 outside of my office door for you to pick up at your convenience if the online permitting system is not a viable option for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Fogue, Building Commissioner

CEMETERY

Work completed includes the driveway at the Hill Cemetery which has been resurfaced with millings. Several fallen monuments have been reset, both in Hill Cemetery and the Old Cemetery across from the Historical Society building. Several broken headstones have been repaired.

New foundations were put in under the Tiffany monuments, which were falling off their rock footings.

We had the big pine tree at the south entrance to the Hill Cemetery taken down because it was rotting out.

We have begun cleaning the older limestone monuments and headstones. Several have been finished at this time.

Loam for topping off gravesites was ordered and delivered.

Repairs to mowers and other equipment have been completed. All equipment has been properly maintained.

Peter Sparks has continued to maintain Warfield, Sizer and Stander Cemeteries; resetting stones and cleaning.

We have two mowers for sale, one finish gang mower asking \$1,000 or best offer, and a 17.5 horse E-Mack power walk behind. Asking \$2,000 or best offer for the walk behind.

Cemetery Commissioners

TJ Cousineau, Stephen Jemiolo and Peter Sparks

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, Colleen Doyle and Nathan Maynard. Also, the Town hired Conservation Agent Nic Pietroniro to assist the Commission.

We would welcome a new member to round out this five-member Commission.

The BCC has continued to work with Mass Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Wetlands staff to resolve violations that occurred at the large-scale solar development project located at North Blandford Road (Park Avenue Solar). An Administrative Consent Order (including fines) was issued by DEP to the developers due to significant wetland violations. A mitigation project that requires the develop-

ers to fund a culvert replacement on Gibbs Road was also part of the settlement. The BCC also has continued to work diligently with the developers of the Belle Fleur Marijuana Cultivation facility on Otis Stage Road as there have been significant changes in that project's scope over time. The BCC has worked very closely with Belle Fleur in conjunction with Mass DEP to ensure compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act for the project.

Other activities of the BCC related to the Wetlands Protection Act have included reviewing Requests for Determination, issuing Determinations of Applicability, reviewing projects, 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, Shephard 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 Shephard Farm. The Town collaborated with the Conway School that involved students developing a plan for uses of and projects for the Shephard Farm property.

Dick Gates, Chair Blandford Conservation Commission

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Blandford Council on Aging continues to grow its programs of monthly breakfasts and lunches, Monday morning exercise classes and transportation.

The word has gotten out about the wonderful meals Joann prepares and the attendance is wonderful. It is heart-warming to see our seniors attend, not only to enjoy the meals, but to visit and socialize with their friends and neighbors.

Heidi continues to draw a lot of people for her Monday morning exercise class. We have received so many compliments from people about her class. Thank you for driving up the mountain, Heidi, to provide this much needed service.

Our transportation service is also kept busy. There have been some suggestions for a weekly or bi-weekly shopping trips for a group. If there is interest in this, please let us know, so we can set up a schedule. Our residents continue to support our transportation program with generous donations to help maintain the vehicle.

Our annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner continues to be a huge success. Thank you for supporting our veterans.

We continue to offer in-house flu clinics, as well as any other help that is needed. If we don't have the answers, we will research it and lead you in the right direction.

Thank you to Valerie George and Randy Gilman for planting and maintaining our vegetable garden. The seniors greatly appreciate all of the produce.

We would like to thank all who volunteer their time to help us maintain our programs. Margit Mikuski, Director; Joann Martin, Chairperson; Barbara Langmore, Bob Twyman, Heidi Taberman, Board Members

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Blandford Cultural Council awards are made with funding provided by the state from lottery ticket sales.

The Local Cultural Council mission is to fund events and programs that will have the greatest impact on our residents and community.

The Cultural Council awarded the following grants for the fiscal year 22-23:

Becket Art Center.	\$500
Blandford Fair.	\$200
Bel Canto.	\$1000
Jose Gonzalez.	\$800
Sarah the Fiddler.	\$700
Chester Theater.	\$500
Mass Moca Trip.	\$200
Guest Artist Gateway.	\$500

Creative Movement.	\$75		
Highwaymen.	\$650		
		Total	\$5125

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A brief overview of Blandford’s budgetary process is important to highlight what happens to provide a sound fiscal financial plan for town residents to vote on at the Annual Town Meeting. First, as chair of the TOB Finance Committee, I, Janet Lombardo, would like to thank the members, Jacqueline Coury, Deborah Brodie, and Kevin Green who have worked so hard to develop the FY25 Budget. The Finance Committee members volunteer many hours to meet department heads and work closely with the Town Administrator on the fiscal budget. The Town Administrator provides the central point for gathering all the important municipal data, budget requests, and anticipated revenues from all sources which The Finance Committee meets to review and discuss. After several months of meetings, all of the financial data is compiled into a balanced fiscal budget. At the annual town meeting Finance Committee members advise and make recommendations on the proposed fiscal year budget and town meeting warrant in preparation all important town meeting resident vote.

The importance of the residential vote is truly evident by looking back over the past when over several years, the town of Blandford truly progressed from a town lacking fiscal management to a town with a solid and stable financial footing. It took a lot of hard work, and diligence on the part of town employees, and, most importantly, the heart of the town; Blandford’s residents. The key to make it all work is your vote! Look forward to seeing everyone at the Town of Blandford Annual Town Meeting!

Janet Lombardo, Chair.

Jacqueline Coury, Deborah Brodie, Kevin Green, Members

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2023, the Blandford Fire Department responded to roughly 100 calls with our all-volunteer force. We worked to grow the membership to include 15 active members.

The department continues to find new ways to fund the ever-increasing costs of equipment. In 2023, the department submitted a combined grant request with other nearby towns for a federal grant to replace our aging air packs. The grant was awarded to all participating towns resulting in Blandford being able to replace roughly \$130,000 worth of air packs and masks for a net cost to the town of about \$6,000.

The department has delayed the purchase of a new brush truck, approved at last years ATM, to pursue some additional funding sources to offset the cost. We expect to resume this process in the May/June time-frame as a new vehicle is still needed.

The town continues to spend significant funds on maintaining our aging Engine 1. However, replacement of this vehicle is not currently possible given the size of our existing station - it would not make long-term sense to special-order an engine to fit in our too-small station. Therefore, the replacement of E1 will wait until we have a suitable place to store it.

Progress on a potential station has stalled given the changes in the Town Administrator role. Delays are compounding challenges facing the department with vehicle replacement and forcing temporary repairs to the station. The department needs a new facility urgently and we look forward to working with the new Town Administrator and Selectboard to resume this project.

Adam Dolby

Fire Chief

Blandford Fire Dept.

(413)-848-4279 ext. 600

BOARD OF HEALTH

As we exit FY 2023, we would like to thank David Chaffee for the time he has spent with the Board of Health and wish him the best as he moves onto new adventures.

We welcome Christine Southworth as our regional public shared nurse. Christine comes to us through a Public Health Grant program which the Blandford board of health entered into back in 2020. Christine is available two days a week to assist in any health questions or concerns you may have or if you just want your blood pressure taken. Christine is also putting together a Learn Lunch which will begin in the fall.

There will be a one-hour relaxation program once a month starting in April. Pat Lombardo has taken on the role of doing wellness checks keeping in line with our strengthening a healthier community. Anyone who is interested in a home health care need, can contact Pat or email the Board of Health. In addition, Pat is available on Monday evenings to take blood pressures at the Town Hall.

The transfer station has added a new program and now accepts clothing and textiles to benefit children in the community with the help of the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation. You can drop off anything from clothes, to curtains, to video games to backpacks. If you are not sure please feel free to reach out to us.

Our sharps program has become a popular program in our community we added a second location. Drop offs can be done the first Wednesday of the month at the town hall or can be dropped off at the transfer station Tuesdays or Saturday during their normal business hours.

Our quarterly newsletter has begun and we are encouraged that this communication will be a way for the residents to get information, assistance and knowledge on our board and its role in the community.

Board of Health Statistics July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

The Blandford Board of Health is responsible by state statutes to perform crucial duties relative to the protection of public health, control of disease, promotion of sanitary living and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. Our board of health protects the public through education, inspections while overseeing communicable diseases, emergency preparedness, sanitary conditions, food establishments, beaver trapping, percolation tests, subsurface sewerage, well installations and the transfer station. These requirements reflect the legislature’s understanding that many critical health problems are best handled by the involvement of the local community officials familiar with the local conditions.

PERMITS

Food Permit 6
Cottage Kitchen 1
Camp 1
Beaver 3
Tobacco 2
Hauling 4
Sewer 2
Perc Test 9

COMPLAINTS

Environmental Health 2
Housing 3
Condemned 0
Insects 1
Hazardous 2
Nuisance 1
Camps Permit 0
Water Purity & Quality 3

HEALTH

COVID-19 51
TB 0
Chronic Disease 5

In the upcoming year we will to continue to develop and implement ways to lead our community towards improving better health. We would like to address public concerns, identify issues and together, work on delivering a more positive environment for all. As always, we encourage your input.

Bret Hartley Chair; Jennifer Girard, member and David Chaffee, Clerk

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2023 activities brimmed with routine road maintenance, snow and ice donontrol, grading gravel roads, drainage repair, asphalt patching and tree canopy work.

The Highway Department would like to say THANK YOU for those that came out to the Special Town Meeting and to support the funding for a new mini excavator.

Hiram Blair, Gibbs and Beulah Land roads had drainage work done.

The tree canopy was opened on Russell Stage Road, unfortunately due to the cost, only a half a mile could be addressed, and I hope to do more this year.

I was to recognize the Highway Department employees, Matthew Perry and Ray Hultay, their dedication makes all this possible. With the departure of Andrew Shannon and James Start.

I would like to thank the following for their commitment to the Highway Department: Joann Martin, Administrative Assistant, the Select Board and Finance toCommittee; working together, we can keep moving the town forward.

We appreciate all the support we have had from the resident sof Blandford and look forward to making Blandford a better place to live.

Residents with concerns are always welcome to call the Highway Department Monday through Friday, 7 A.M to 3 P.M. at 413-848-4279, ext. 301

David Waldron, Highway Department Superintendent

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Hilltown Community Ambulance is a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation. Hilltown Community Ambulance has been operating since 2001 in its present location, previously some of you may remember it being the Huntington Lions Club. HCAA operates at paramedic level and is staffed 24/7. We provide ambulance service for the towns of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell and Worthington.

Staffing is a mix of full-time, part-time and per diem Paramedics (Advanced Life Support certified) and EMT’s (Basic Level certified).

Throughout our 23 -year existence we have seen a steady growth in the level of service and the call volume. We are a sparsely populated coverage area consisting of 189 square miles and a total population as of the last census of 8,192 permanent residents. This population increases significantly in the summer months.

Historical Call Volume 2018-2023 (YTD)

The volume of service provided by HCAA has increased significantly in the past five years and is in keeping with the experience of virtually all EMS services in the region and nationally. The table below shows the call volume data for the full calendar years 2018-2019 and 2021-2022, and the current calendar year through November 7, 2023.

**Historical Call & Transport Volume per Town by Fiscal Year
(Data for 2020 not available)**

Town	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023**
Blandford	61	56	65	77	59
Chester	108	81	102	112	118
Huntington	204	219	201	224	188
Montgomery	68	69	70	100	64
Russell	120	128	149	183	151
Worthington	93	94	81	97	100
Region Call Total	660	647	668	793	680
Region Transport Total	440	438	470	520	462

** 2023 date through 11/7/23

Revenue comes from two primary sources: patient billing which comprises of insurance reimbursements and amounts collected from balance billing customers; and annual assessments from the member towns. A third smaller source of funding is derived from grants, donations, subscription plans, and miscellaneous. The split between sources of funding will vary from year to year but has been in the general range of 60% from patient billing, 30% from town assessments and 10% from other.

Jade Rice
EMT-B/Chief Financial Officer

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

During the year, our board continued working on inventory forms covering historical buildings and landscapes in Blandford. Shannon Walsh, historic preservationist at Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, who works with us, submits forms to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Our budget includes funding set aside for work on further inventory forms by Walsh.

We thank Nicole Daviau for her brief service on our board. Her efforts are occupied elsewhere for the town as a newly elected member of the School Committee and as Library Director of Porter Memorial Library. We welcomed Ryan Stafford to our commission, and he continues to be a great asset.

Our involvement and work on the historic property of Shepard Farm is coming to a close. The farmhouse has been documented on a Massachusetts Historical Commission inventory form entered into their registry. According to historic preservation experts we hired, this is an important process to record and pre-

serve the pertinent information of the site. They also determined significant items of particular historic value within the house which illustrate early building features. In order to protect and conserve those historical aspects to display and for educational purposes, these artifacts are being housed in the Agricultural Hall at the historic Blandford Fairgrounds for exhibition and storage. That location brings these articles to the center of town and also highlights and honors the Shepard family's long involvement with the Blandford Fair. This action of gathering and preserving these key items with noteworthy features from the farmhouse is important toward the general charge by the state for historic preservation. In addition, this not only respects the efforts at the property provided by past and present Historical Commission members who have volunteered their time and expertise for the town, but it also recognizes the contributions of multiple generations of the Shepard family and their impact on Blandford's history and agrarian culture.

Each year, our commission donates a book to the library on a historical topic. We coordinate with the librarian regarding areas of interest.

We also focus on the historic Town Common and are waiting for learn of any progress on ideas and design plans that the town has paid to have drawn up. Finally, we have continually worked on preserving historic Watson Park, donated by Dr. Deane in memory of town resident Electa B. Watson. Gardening work and tree care have been accomplished at the park. And, among other preservation activities, we expect to be involved in crafting the request for proposals (RFP) and selection of someone for the repair of the historic gazebo in the park. It will be important to contract with a professional who is experienced in using as much historically appropriate material and construction methods as possible to retain the historic qualities of this rare structure – apparently one of very few of its type still in existence in Massachusetts.

The efforts noted in this report are done in response to our commission's charge by the state, given to all municipal historical commissions, to work to preserve and protect the town's historical and archeological resources, buildings, and landscapes.

Jo-Anne Auclair, Secretary

DIRECTOR, PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Over the past year, Porter Memorial Library has continued to provide patrons with excellent service and access to a variety of valuable resources. Led by Director Daviau, the staff of four library techs- Kim Chaffee, Michele Crane, Ashley Nevue, and Lucia Sullivan, and archivist Sam Stevens, have increased foot traffic, circulation, programming, and patron registration. Dale Sparr has joined the library team as a substitute and has learned quickly and enthusiastically.

In 2023 the Library checked out 9,157 items to patrons, an increase over the previous year. Blandford residents checked out \$128,011 of materials this year, significantly more than the library's entire budget! The Library was visited 2977 times, which is an increase of 20% over the previous year. The library had 48 new patrons register for library cards in 2023, which brings the total number of registered borrowers to 482.

PML's collection has grown in 2023, adding 1,258 items to the collection- a value of \$23,050. The library has 11,352 items in the collection, including books, DVD's, puzzles, and games. In addition, the library provides free printing, scanning, coping, and technology help. A generous donation from a town resident has made it possible for the library to maintain three internet hotspots that patrons may check out. Patrons regularly utilize the ancestry and genealogy research skills of Sam Stevens, who has also worked to maintain the cleanliness and order of our Archive at the Town Hall. In the one day a week that Sam is at the library he has managed to provide information for people from as far away as Ohio and North Carolina about their Blandford ancestors!

The Watson Park StoryWalk continues to draw people into the library and also provides a way to access literacy building activities outside the library. Library tech Ashley Nevue has maintained the StoryWalk and displayed 11 different books over the year and also is responsible for creating the beloved scavenger hunts that kids have been enjoying every month in the library. Ashley has also used her in depth knowledge of Pokemon to start a Pokemon club, our most popular new program for elementary and middle school aged kids!

With the help of Lucia Sullivan and Michele Crane the adult book club has continued to grow and reach new readers - this year the book club read 12 books in a range of genres and hosted lively monthly discussions about the readings. Every month between 10 and 17 people participate in the club- requiring an additional folding table with the fully extended library table.

Book Squirms, a birth to age five and caregiver storytime, has gone from one day of the week (Wednesday morning), to two days of the week (now also Tuesday afternoon) due to patron request. This has allowed the library to reach an entirely new demographic of working parents and those with kids in preschool.

Chirstine Bresnahan from Hilltown Family Center also regularly visits our Book Squirms program to help reach families in need of support services. Michele Crane has completed the Brazelton Touchpoints for Librarians training, provided by the MLS, to support our work with families and engage with them at the library around their children's development. Michele's dedication and excitement for the Book Squirm program has been instrumental in its success.

The library has continued to host monthly elementary children's events and full vacation week programming in February, April, and December. We have heard from parents that this has had a significant impact on their children's school break - giving parents the ability to do something fun and educational with their kids that is both easy to get to and free..

The 2023 summer reading program took kids on an exploration of the layers of the ocean and featured nine weeks of programming. Each week featured a sea themed snack, story, and craft. We explored water pressure with submarines in bottles, sculpted shark teeth, made squid wind socks, and more! This year the library connected with the Gateway Summer Program and had an option for bus pickup from the Town Hall to help these students participate in the summer reading program. The Library partnered with the Hilltown Community Center to provide funding for the kick off program, a mermaid storytime, and the grand finale- a visit from the Whalemobile in the Blandford Town Hall gymnasium! This event was open to the public and many new families began to show up to the library after coming to the Whale. This opportunity was made possible due to the partnership built over the previous years through regular meetings with the Community Center and other libraries.

In September, kids came to the library to stuff their backpack with books to keep. Halloween and Winter Vacation also featured a book giveaway for kids. Director Daviau participated in the Halloween party at Town Hall and made crafts and read stories to kids. The weekend after Thanksgiving, the library hosted our third annual Holiday Photo program. Kim Chaffee orchestrated three library Cookbook Clubs in 2023, including the annual Cookie Social which brought together neighbors and was enjoyed by all. The Gingerbread Cookie Party had 19 attendees who enthusiastically decorated (and ate) cookies and listened to a Gingerbread storytime.

In conclusion, The Porter Memorial Library has made 2023 a year of historic growth and noticeable improvements. We are grateful for the support of the town and look forward to continuing to improve and serve the community of Blandford over the next year.

Nicole Daviau, Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

With the Reconfiguration and Renovation Phase of the PML Long Range Plan coming to a close with chimney repairs scheduled for Spring of 2024, the Library will be entering the Expansion Phase of its long range plan.

The first expansion project will be a Terrace on the North (Route 23) side of the Library, funded by a grant from the Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO). In addition to creating an outdoor space under the trees for Summer Reading programs and Library gatherings, the grant will fund regrading of the topsoil to prevent "ponding" that is causing foundation damage. The project is slated for completion in late Spring/Summer of 2024.

Planning is underway for an entry atrium proposed for the southeast corner of the Library. Currently, the PML facility is not in compliance with Fire Code regulations or ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guidelines. Fire Code calls for two entry/egress points and currently the PML only has one, the main entrance facing Route 23. Further, there is no at-grade entrance or ramp to the building or ADA compliant bathroom. The new Atrium will ultimately serve as a connector to the planned library expansion while providing at-grade access from the parking lot, a unisex, ADA compliant bathroom and a new home for the circulation desk.

The Library is assembling a proposal for a competitive grant from the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program which would fund up to 75% of the planned expansion. A Special Town Meeting on March 18, 2024 will determine if the Town agrees to apply for, accept and expend State grant funds (if awarded) and to appropriation for the planning and design phase.

Under the dynamic leadership of Library Director Nicole Daviau, PML continues to develop broader engagement with the Blandford community. Foot traffic has increased 115% since 2018, while circulation has increased an astounding 202%. Director Daviau's accomplishments were recognized and affirmed in October of 2024 with her election as President of the Western Massachusetts Library Association.

Not only are more people coming to the Library, they are more deeply engaged. The 482 current cardholders represent over 90% of Blandford households. PML benefits are not limited to the Blandford community; since 2018, loans to other libraries in the CWMARS network have increased by 250%, a testament to the growing quality of the PML collection.

The dedicated and talented PML Staff provides an amazing array of programming geared to every constituency in Blandford, from toddlers to senior citizens. Whether it's education or entertainment, book club or summer reading program, Story Walk or musical programs, there is literally something for everyone at Porter Memorial Library.

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

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

The Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project is complete and fully operational. 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.

There are currently 444 customers, or approximately 88% of residences, signed up for the internet service. In addition, there are 105 phone subscribers.

It took 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 was a three-step process: installing steel strand on poles, lashing Fiber to the strand, and finally installing Multiple Support Terminals (MST). The Town is divided into five (5) Fiber Service Areas (FSA's).

The Network Hub is located at 4 North Blandford Road and includes a Hut, generator and propane backup. We currently have 10 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-

The Blandford MLP wishes to thank all of you for the tremendous support you have given to this project!

In partnership with our ISP and the Towns of Otis, Becket and Washington (Southern Cluster) a redundant network is now operational. This will insure that, in the event of an outage into any one town, the network will automatically switch to another circuit. With this redundancy, the service to the Town has been increased to 10 gigs.

Peter Langmore, Manager, Kim Bergland and June Masee, Members

PLANNING BOARD

Our Town is continuing to receive significant revenue from property taxes and PILOT agreements (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) for the three operating solar fields in Blandford. There is one more solar field that has been requested and has received a special permit but has been delayed due to state, Eversource and equipment problems.

A micro-marijuana growing operation received special permit approval and has commenced operations. The previously approved large marijuana growing operation has been delayed due to many problems with their previous contractor and wetland requirements. Hopefully, these problems can be solved in the near future and additional revenue for the Town can be generated. The revenue from these solar and marijuana projects will help the Town stabilize our property tax and pay for needed capital expenditures.

Planning is continuing to review and update our bylaws regarding small solar projects and battery energy storage systems (BESS).

Paul Martin, Chair; Edna Wilander, Co-Chair; Sarah Simpson, Bob Twyman, and Greg Garfield, Members

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHESTER/BLANDFORD

What a big year for the Chester/Blandford Police Department. We saw some new officers join the department and were able to promote an officer to Sergeant. We currently have eight sworn officers within the department and three civilian traffic control officers.

This year we introduced Nikko, the department's up and coming comfort care K9, who always draws a crowd.

The department was able to secure funding from numerous grants in 2023 totaling over \$70,000.00. This has allowed the department to continue the Med Project program for unwanted and expired medication disposal in both police stations. We were also able to purchase three new Motorola two-way radios and a new Utility Terrain Vehicle to assist with search and rescue operations. With the awarded funds from the Municipal Road Safety grant officers continue to provide an increased traffic enforcement presence in town.

Officers enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the annual Toy Drive to benefit It Takes a Village, which provides toys to children for Christmas. This year was our return to the Blandford Fair, which was a great opportunity for the officers to interact with the community and meet some new faces. Of course, Nikko spent the weekend with us and got to know some fairgoers well.

We saw an increase in call volume this year, with 973 recorded calls for service in Blandford (an additional 47 calls were on the Blandford portion of Interstate 90). The CBPD responded to 880 of those in town calls resulting in a 90.5% response rate. This increase in call volume is due to officers being on duty more and being proactive in their patrolling efforts.

I have been fortunate to spend 2023 assisting the Town of Blandford with their safety and security. I hope the police department can continue to work hard for and with the residents of this wonderful town for many years. It is our honor to serve each person we have contact with in a respectful and professional manner. Remember to check us out on our Facebook page and stop in and see us at the Town Hall.

Chief Jen Dubiel

RECREATION COMMITTEE

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17, 2023: The Select Board and volunteers from the Recreation Committee joined the St. Patrick's Day Parade again this year. The day was extremely blustery and cold, but the spirit was alive in Holyoke.

Memorial Day May 29, 2023: The annual Blandford Memorial Day picnic has been growing each year. The picnic always follows the Annual Town Parade starting at the Blandford Town Hall up to the Historical Society building. The picnic followed at 12 P.M. and was well attended. The Committee offered face painting, games and prizes, dogs, burgers, and sausage with peppers and onions and lots of side dishes, some brought by residents. The volunteers did an excellent job at the grill, barely keeping up with the crowd on this extremely sweltering day. The ice cream truck pulled in just as we were finishing and offered free ice cream to all for the duration of the picnic. Also, this is the second year folks set up their garage sale items which made the day a little more exciting. See you in FY24!

Halloween October 29, 2023: The intention of the Committee was to hold the Halloween Party outside again as we did last year, however, the weather did not cooperate. No worries! We moved into the gym and invited the 'trunk-or-treat' folks to set up in the long hallway. All kinds of treats were available including a popcorn bar where there were plenty of toppings, a hot chocolate and hot cider bar, a story walk in Watson Park sponsored by the Porter Memorial Library and our own Nicole Daviau. There were games and lots of prizes as well as a small bonfire. We look forward to hosting our next Halloween Party outside in 2024.

Pancake Breakfast December 02, 2023: The Recreation Committee decided to participate in the Volunteer Firefighter's annual Santa's Pancake Breakfast by sponsoring a hot chocolate bar. Guests were able to choose toppings of their choice. This was well received, and the Committee is interested in participating in this event for years to come.

Keri Morawiec, Chair; Joann Martin, Chuck Benson, Justin LaFrance

TAX COLLECTOR

See Accounting Financials

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk is responsible for the direction, administration, and operation of the Town Clerk's Office, including the maintenance 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 provisions of more than 73 chapters and 451 sections of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Blandford Town Clerk acts independently, and works from the clerk's established policies, goals, and objectives; departmental performance standards and is directly accountable for department results. The Clerk exercises control in the development of departmental policies, goals, objectives and budgets and is expected to resolve all conflicts, which arise and coordinate with others as necessary. Direct oversight is from the Attorney General and the Secretary of State and the electorate.

There were ten deaths, 13 births and two marriages in 2023.

Doris Jemiolo, Town Clerk

TREASURER

Town Debt

Landfill Cap - \$249,600 Finance by State House Note for 24 years beginning FY2001 @5.9%
Interest paid in FY23 \$1,237.60 Principal paid in FY23 \$10,400.00
Remaining Balance \$10,400

Permanent Bond for Phase I Granted by Rural Development \$1,183,803 @4.375%
For 38 years issued 06/08/2004
Interest paid in FY23 \$27,258.39 Principal paid in FY23 \$31,153.00
Remaining Balance \$591,896.00

Permanent Bond for Phase II Granted by Rural Development \$1,288,697 @4.5%
For 39 years issued 12/16/2004
Interest paid in FY23 \$43,844.09 Principal paid in FY23 \$26,853.91
Remaining Balance \$947,460.11

Permanent Bond for Phase III Granted by Rural Development \$1,600,623 @4.375%
For 38 years issued 08/28/2006
Interest paid in FY23 \$45,009.50 Principal paid in FY23 \$25,094.50
Remaining Balance \$1,004,439.86

Permanent Bond for Phase IV Granted by Rural Development \$882,000 @4.125%
For 39 years issued 06/12/2007
Interest paid in FY23 \$22,388.85 Principal paid in FY23 \$22,616.00
Remaining Balance \$520,144.00

Short term Broadband Bond Anticipation Note issued for \$2,150,000.00
Short term Road Repair Bond Anticipation Note issued for \$299,999.00

Respectfully,
Sara Hunter, CMMT
Treasurer/Collector

Securities, Trusts and other Funds

See Accounting Financials

WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Department cleared downed trees and overgrowth from the spillway as well as some of the plant parameters. We have been doing a little each year in order to remove the dead and diseased tree growth from the immediate area or the water shed and facility.

The GPS mapping of the water system is roughly 90% completed. This has all been done through our membership in and support of Mass Rural Water Association.

Blandford water service line inventory is also 90% complete. This will be completed and resubmitted to the state in early FY25.

The Water treatment SCADA project has been started with a total projected cost of \$1.2 million. We received ARPA funds for roughly \$450,000 towards the final amount.

The department has contracted with Wright & Pierce to begin a Water rate Study. This can finally be done as we have completed the necessary system-wide main and storage study, the water system study and

the capital improvement study. All required in order to allow the department to establish appropriate rates/

The department has also entered into a limited contract with the Chester Water department which was approved by the Select Board. Through this merger Blandford water received roughly \$80,000 for shared services. We purchased a new F-350 Pick-Up for \$45,000 and an additional \$10,000 for confined space and safety equipment. The remaining funds will be used for shared services (employees) through September 15, 2024. In the coming year we expect to complete many maintenance projects as we will have grant funding through the summer.

There are grant applications in process to replace water mains on both Russell Stage Road and Maple Lane. This will upgrade the lines from 4” to 8” increasing the flow and pressure. These lines were prioritized in view of the large number of failures in the past 20 years.

The department also applied for a \$375,000 grant to replace the main electrical service line at the Blandford water treatment plant. The current electrical service and transformers are undersized and do not allow for a consistent flow of power to the plant.

The final grant on progress is for a new storage tank across from the pump house as well as a new pump house. This is roughly \$6.5 million for both projects to be completed simultaneously. Blandford does not have a storage tank in service and needs this because the DEP sited the system in the recent sanitary survey. The pump house is undersized and will not provide fire protection for North Street, Chester Road and the service Plaza.

We have also filed a request for federal earmark funds for FY25 for these three projects with The Offices of Senators Markey and Warren and Congressional Representative Richie Neil.

The water has tested negative for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, or PFAS, or the forever chemicals.

Gordon Avery, Superintendent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report submitted

ADDENDA

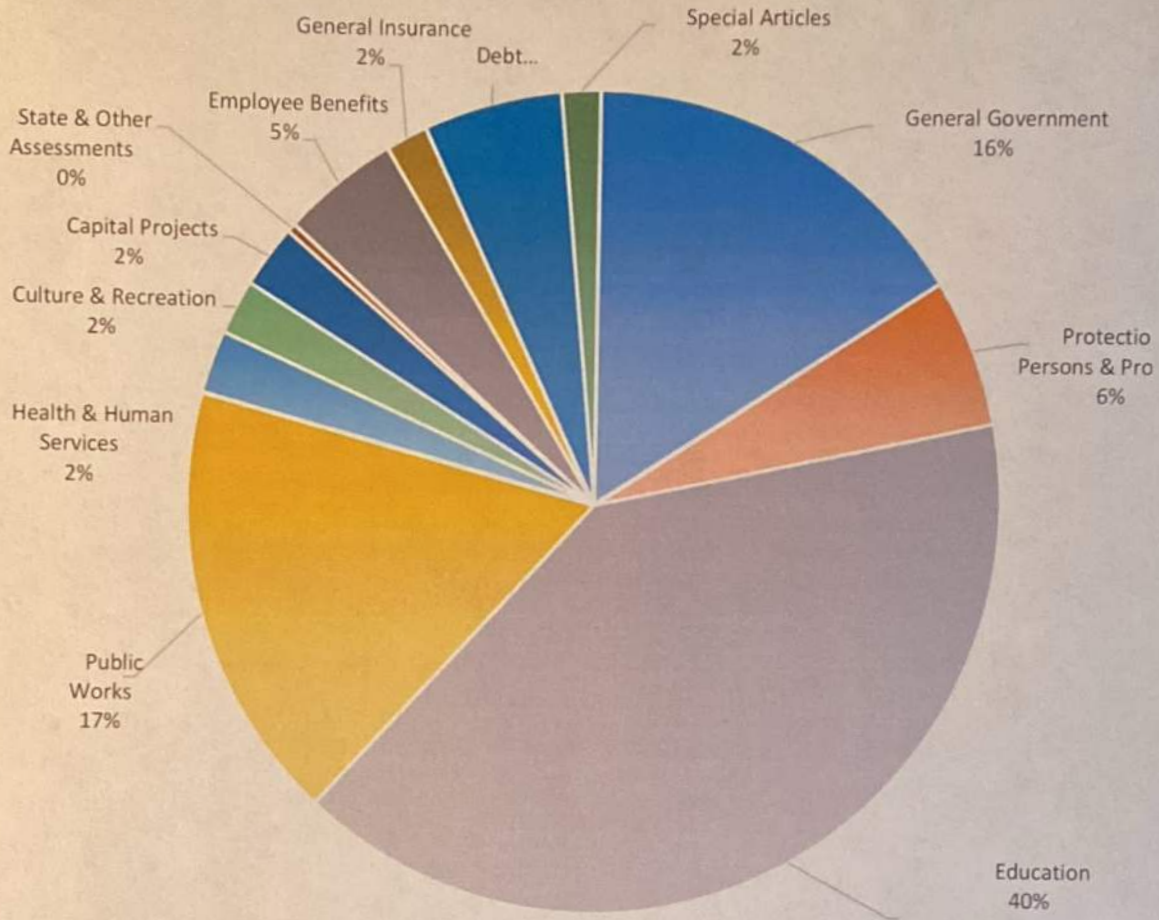
TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	1,225,242.48	360,802.18	529,328.41	803,010.91	2,616,711.03		5,535,095.01
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	21,373.34						21,373.34
Real estate taxes	130,573.06						130,573.06
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(15,548.76)						(15,548.76)
Rollback Taxes	1,670.66						1,670.66
Tax liens	560,683.47						560,683.47
Tax Foreclosures	70,789.69						70,789.69
Motor vehicle excise	18,868.42						18,868.42
User fees				149,019.84			149,019.84
Utility liens added to taxes				56,420.32			56,420.32
Departmental							0.00
Other Receivables	88,884.56						88,884.56
Due from other governments							0.00
Working deposit							0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds						3,074,339.97	3,074,339.97
Total Assets	<u>2,102,536.92</u>	<u>360,802.18</u>	<u>529,328.41</u>	<u>1,008,451.07</u>	<u>2,616,711.03</u>	<u>3,074,339.97</u>	<u>9,692,169.58</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Accrued Payroll	9,171.03						9,171.03
Other Liabilities	5,243.37						5,243.37
Agency Funds					23,380.75		23,380.75
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	138,068.30						138,068.30
Tax liens	560,683.47						560,683.47
Tax Foreclosures	70,789.69						70,789.69
Motor vehicle excise	18,868.42						18,868.42
User fees				149,019.84			149,019.84
Utility liens added to taxes				56,420.32			56,420.32
Departmental							0.00
Other Receivables	88,125.00						88,125.00
Due from other governments							0.00
Due to other governments							0.00
Bonds payable			2,449,999.00				2,449,999.00
Notes payable						3,074,339.97	3,074,339.97
Total Liabilities	<u>890,949.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,449,999.00</u>	<u>205,440.16</u>	<u>23,380.75</u>	<u>3,074,339.97</u>	<u>6,644,109.16</u>
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for encumbrances	20,716.80			154,759.13			175,475.93
Reserved for expenditures	543,000.00			340,000.00			883,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	69,668.74						69,668.74
Reserved for appropriation deficit	(16,609.19)						(16,609.19)
Reserved for debt services	9,702.00						9,702.00
Undesignated fund balance	585,109.29	360,802.18	(1,920,670.59)	308,251.78	2,593,330.28		1,926,822.94
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,211,587.64</u>	<u>360,802.18</u>	<u>(1,920,670.59)</u>	<u>803,010.91</u>	<u>2,593,330.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,048,060.42</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>2,102,536.92</u>	<u>360,802.18</u>	<u>529,328.41</u>	<u>1,008,451.07</u>	<u>2,616,711.03</u>	<u>3,074,339.97</u>	<u>9,692,169.58</u>

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis		
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 3,501,773.55	\$ 3,541,773.55	\$ 3,740,224.43	\$ -	\$ 198,450.88
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 223,000.00	\$ 223,000.00	\$ 239,966.70	\$ -	\$ 16,966.70
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 60,300.00	\$ 60,300.00	\$ 42,862.27	\$ -	\$ (17,437.73)
Charges for Services - Trash Disposal	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 27,273.00	\$ -	\$ 3,273.00
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 25,170.00	\$ 25,170.00	\$ 50,170.42	\$ -	\$ 25,000.42
Other	\$ -	\$ 276,200.00	\$ 276,200.00	\$ 234,611.18	\$ -	\$ (41,588.82)
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,504.12	\$ -	\$ (495.88)
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 18,777.74	\$ -	\$ 17,177.74
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 230,948.00	\$ 230,948.00	\$ 222,199.00	\$ -	\$ (8,749.00)
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 4,354,991.55	\$ 4,394,991.55	\$ 4,567,588.86	\$ -	\$ 192,597.31
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 730,407.39	\$ 713,893.08	\$ 675,168.78	\$ 4,763.48	\$ 33,960.82
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 237,690.41	\$ 258,979.67	\$ 248,694.85	\$ 6,039.44	\$ 4,245.38
Education	\$ -	\$ 1,673,234.00	\$ 1,705,234.00	\$ 1,704,998.82	\$ -	\$ 235.18
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 671,794.00	\$ 732,373.32	\$ 737,416.23	\$ 1,960.00	\$ (7,002.91)
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 134,151.06	\$ 121,151.06	\$ 104,285.39	\$ -	\$ 16,865.67
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 117,344.80	\$ 97,243.80	\$ 91,893.52	\$ -	\$ 5,350.28
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 9,366.00	\$ 9,366.00	\$ 14,862.41	\$ -	\$ (5,496.41)
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 261,934.72	\$ 222,184.90	\$ 198,826.12	\$ 7,953.88	\$ 15,404.90
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 463,711.65	\$ 106,239.60	\$ 105,870.00	\$ -	\$ 369.60
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 70,606.57	\$ 74,106.57	\$ 71,461.00	\$ -	\$ 2,645.57
Debt Service:						
Principal	\$ -	\$ 213,259.00	\$ 213,259.00	\$ 210,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,859.00
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$ -	\$ 26,211.80	\$ 26,211.80	\$ 23,073.28	\$ -	\$ 3,138.52
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,203.68	\$ 65,702.44	\$ 56,348.82	\$ 10,152.42
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 4,609,711.40	\$ 4,412,446.48	\$ 4,252,652.84	\$ 77,065.62	\$ 82,728.02
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 27,709.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,390.00	\$ 13,319.92	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 52,273.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,698.30	\$ -	\$ 575.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 79,983.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,088.30	\$ 13,319.92	\$ 575.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 79,983.22	\$ 4,609,711.40	\$ 4,412,446.48	\$ 4,318,741.14	\$ 90,385.54	\$ 83,303.02
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (79,983.22)	\$ (254,719.85)	\$ (17,454.93)	\$ 268,847.72	\$ (90,385.54)	\$ 275,900.33
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 38,747.85	\$ 66,496.91	\$ 67,070.55	\$ -	\$ 573.64
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ 161,887.00	\$ 445,015.00	\$ 445,015.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ (123,139.15)	\$ (378,518.09)	\$ (377,944.45)	\$ -	\$ 573.64
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (79,983.22)	\$ (377,859.00)	\$ (395,973.02)	\$ (109,096.73)	\$ (90,385.54)	\$ 276,473.97
Audit Adjustments				\$ 3,005.29		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 1,317,679.08	\$ 1,317,679.08	\$ 1,317,679.08	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (79,983.22)	\$ 939,820.08	\$ 921,706.06	\$ 1,211,587.64	\$ (90,385.54)	\$ 276,473.97

BUDGET FY2023 EXPENDITURES



- General Government
- Education
- Health & Human Services
- Capital Projects
- Employee Benefits
- Debt
- Protection of Persons & Property
- Public Works
- Culture & Recreation
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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	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	
015122.001	Selectmen's Sec Salary	\$ 19,836.20			\$ 19,836.20	\$ 18,350.81	\$ 1,485.39	\$ 1,485.39	
015122.002	Selectmen's Expense	\$ 4,500.00			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,427.71	\$ 72.29	\$ 72.29	
015196.000	Town Administrator/Secretary Salary	\$ 84,166.62		\$ (675.87)	\$ 83,490.75	\$ 82,510.77	\$ 979.98	\$ 979.98	
015131.000	Finance Committee	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00	
015132.000	Reserve Account	\$ 44,000.00		\$ (43,039.44)	\$ 960.56	\$ -	\$ 960.56	\$ 960.56	
015137.000	Accounting Consultant	\$ 30,000.00			\$ 30,000.00	\$ 28,050.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ -	\$ 1,950.00
015199.000	Audit Services - Town Records	\$ 21,000.00			\$ 21,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
015141.000	Assessor's Salary	\$ 7,000.00			\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,073.22	\$ 926.78	\$ 926.78	
015141.001	Assessor's Expense	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,047.11	\$ (47.11)	\$ (47.11)	
015141.002	Assessor's Clerk Salary	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 478.00	\$ 524.00	\$ 524.00	
015141.003	Assessor's Dues, Membership Fees	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	
015141.004	Assessor's Education & Training	\$ 800.00			\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
015141.006	Assessor's Registry of Deeds	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
015141.007	Assessor's Legal Notices	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
015141.009	Assessor's Misc Expenses	\$ 600.00			\$ 600.00	\$ 982.27	\$ (382.27)	\$ (382.27)	
015142.000	Assessor's Contract Service	\$ 70,000.00		\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,885.16	\$ 114.84	\$ 114.84	
015145.001	Treasurer's Clerk	\$ 15,851.00			\$ 15,851.00	\$ 15,851.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015145.002	Treasurer's Expense	\$ 15,000.00		\$ (1,100.00)	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 12,669.14	\$ 1,230.86	\$ 1,230.86	
015145.003	Assistant Treasurer & Tax Collector	\$ 36,828.00		\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 31,828.00	\$ 26,768.13	\$ 5,059.87	\$ 5,059.87	
015145.004	Treasurer's Clerk (2)	\$ 14,820.00			\$ 14,820.00	\$ 13,585.00	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 1,235.00	
015145.005	Tax Title Legal Fees	\$ 30,000.00		\$ (4,500.00)	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 23,350.77	\$ 2,149.23	\$ 2,149.23	
015145.008	Treasurer/Coll Prof Services	\$ 90,180.00			\$ 90,180.00	\$ 90,180.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015151.000	Town Counsel	\$ 30,000.00		\$ (9,000.00)	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 20,427.64	\$ 572.36	\$ 572.36	
015161.000	Town Clerk Stipend	\$ 23,405.00			\$ 23,405.00	\$ 23,436.94	\$ (31.94)	\$ (31.94)	
015161.001	Town Clerk's Expense	\$ 2,075.78		\$ 800.00	\$ 2,875.78	\$ 2,586.51	\$ 289.27	\$ 289.27	
015161.002	Street & Dog List Salary	\$ 791.00			\$ 791.00	\$ 791.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015161.003	Street & Dog List Expense	\$ 700.00			\$ 700.00	\$ 453.25	\$ 246.75	\$ 246.75	
015161.004	Vital Statistics Salary	\$ 51.00			\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015161.005	Bylaw Change Advertising	\$ 800.00		\$ (800.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
015161.009	Town Clerk Assistant	\$ 3,364.04			\$ 3,364.04	\$ 3,107.46	\$ 256.58	\$ 256.58	
015162.000	Election & Registrations	\$ 4,500.00			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,204.93	\$ 295.07	\$ 295.07	
015163.000	Board of Registrars Salary	\$ 60.00			\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015171.000	Conservation Commission	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,656.49	\$ 343.51	\$ 155.77	\$ 187.74
015175.000	Planning Board	\$ 13,000.00		\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,161.23	\$ 3,838.77	\$ 3,838.77	
015176.000	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 1,350.00		\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
015177.000	Zoning Secretary	\$ 800.00			\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
015191.000	Town Office Supplies (all)	\$ 4,000.00			\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,681.61	\$ 318.39	\$ 318.39	
015192.004	External IT Support / Computer. Soft	\$ 57,016.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 68,016.00	\$ 65,186.73	\$ 2,829.27	\$ 1,317.27	\$ 1,512.00
015192.000	New Town Hall Maint & Repairs	\$ 9,000.00			\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,574.82	\$ 1,425.18	\$ 1,425.18	
015192.001	Town Hall Utilities	\$ 21,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 29,246.22	\$ 1,753.78	\$ 1,753.78	
015192.002	Town Hall Misc. Exp (Incl mowing)	\$ 10,296.00		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 17,796.00	\$ 13,677.71	\$ 4,118.29	\$ 4,118.29	
015192.003	Town Hall - Fuel	\$ 14,105.00		\$ 19,300.00	\$ 33,405.00	\$ 33,369.50	\$ 35.50	\$ 35.50	
015192.005	Town Hall - Labor	\$ 15,439.75		\$ (2,300.00)	\$ 13,139.75	\$ 12,832.48	\$ 507.27	\$ 507.27	
015192.010	Town Water Bills	\$ 12,903.00		\$ 15,301.00	\$ 28,204.00	\$ 29,079.74	\$ (875.74)	\$ (1,989.48)	\$ 1,113.74
015193.000	Old Town Hall Expenses	\$ 5,425.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,425.00	\$ 7,514.43	\$ 1,910.57	\$ 1,910.57	
015195.000	Town Reports Salary	\$ 759.00			\$ 759.00	\$ 759.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015195.001	Town Report Expenses	\$ 710.00			\$ 710.00	\$ -	\$ 710.00	\$ 710.00	

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ -	\$ 730,407.39	\$ (16,514.31)	\$ 713,893.08	\$ 675,168.78	\$ 38,724.30	\$ 33,960.82	\$ 4,763.48
PUBLIC SAFETY									
015210.001	Police Expense	\$	100,409.00	\$	100,409.00	\$ 100,409.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015220.000	Fire Dept Salary - Chief	\$	22,818.11	\$	22,818.11	\$ 22,841.84	\$ 176.27	\$ 176.27	
015220.001	Fire Dept. Exp.	\$	40,140.00	\$ 17,697.00	\$ 57,837.00	\$ 57,854.30	\$ (17.30)	\$ (17.30)	
015231.000	Hilltown Comm. Ambulance	\$	33,225.80	\$ 5,092.26	\$ 38,318.06	\$ 33,225.79	\$ 5,092.27	\$ 3,052.83	\$ 2,039.44
015232.000	Building Inspector Salary	\$	11,247.50	\$	11,247.50	\$ 11,235.22	\$ 12.28	\$ 12.28	
015232.001	Building Inspector Expenses	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 437.00	\$ 437.00	
015249.010	Inspector of Animals	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015291.000	Emergency Management	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015292.000	Animal Control Salary	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$ 3,995.70	\$ 4.30	\$ 4.30	
015292.003	Animal Control Expense	\$	2,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 259.50	\$ 240.50	\$ 240.50	
015294.000	Tree Warden Salary	\$	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	\$ 15,660.50	\$ 4,339.50	\$ 339.50	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ -	\$ 237,690.41	\$ 21,289.26	\$ 258,979.67	\$ 248,694.85	\$ 10,284.82	\$ 4,245.38	\$ 6,039.44
EDUCATION									
015300.000	Gateway Reg. School Dist.	\$	1,463,284.00	\$ (2,572.00)	\$ 1,460,712.00	\$ 1,460,712.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015301.000	Vocational Education	\$	178,000.00	\$ 35,572.00	\$ 213,572.00	\$ 213,336.82	\$ 235.18	\$ 235.18	
015302.000	Vocational Transportation	\$	30,950.00	\$	30,950.00	\$ 30,950.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015303.000	MARS Consult Serv (school budget)	\$	1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$ -	\$ 1,673,234.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 1,705,234.00	\$ 1,704,998.82	\$ 235.18	\$ 235.18	\$ -
PUBLIC WORKS									
015422.000	Highway Salaries	\$	267,710.00	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ 255,710.00	\$ 253,732.61	\$ 1,977.39	\$ 1,977.39	
015422.001	Highway Overtime Salary	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$ 3,918.91	\$ 81.09	\$ 81.09	
015422.002	Highway Expenses	\$	32,340.00	\$	32,340.00	\$ 30,353.14	\$ 1,986.86	\$ 1,986.86	
015422.003	Highway Expense - Clothing Allowance	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$ 3,858.49	\$ 141.51	\$ 141.51	
015422.004	Hwy Equipment Repairs - Outside Svc	\$	45,000.00	\$	45,000.00	\$ 44,999.10	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.90	
015422.006	Highway Vehicle Maintenance	\$	10,780.00	\$	10,780.00	\$ 9,655.03	\$ 1,124.97	\$ 1,124.97	
015422.012	Highway Equip Rental	\$	16,170.00	\$ 411.00	\$ 16,581.00	\$ 16,581.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015422.013	Highway - Western Mass Mower	\$	1,078.00	\$ (78.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015422.014	Highway - Vehicle Fuel	\$	32,400.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 46,400.00	\$ 43,360.14	\$ 3,039.86	\$ 3,039.86	
015422.015	Highway Garage - Maint & Repairs	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$ 3,739.61	\$ 1,260.39	\$ 1,260.39	
015422.016	Highway Garages - Utilities	\$	7,000.00	\$ (220.68)	\$ 6,779.32	\$ 6,956.84	\$ (177.52)	\$ (177.52)	
015422.018	Highway Repair New Roads	\$	105,000.00	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 92,379.74	\$ 620.26	\$ 620.26	
015422.019	Highway Tree Canopy Work	\$	18,000.00	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 19,667.00	\$ 19,667.00	\$ -	\$ (1,960.00)	\$ 1,960.00
015422.005	Salt & Sand	\$	55,000.00	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 109,500.00	\$ 122,720.02	\$ (13,220.02)	\$ (13,220.02)	
015422.009	Highway Plow Blades/Nuts/Bolts Wint	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$ 14,723.14	\$ 276.86	\$ 276.86	
015422.010	Highway - Fuel/Oil Winter Exp.	\$	10,000.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 19,800.00	\$ 23,567.18	\$ (3,767.18)	\$ (3,767.18)	
015422.011	Snow & Ice Labor	\$	25,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 29,182.44	\$ 317.56	\$ 317.56	
015491.000	Cemetery Commission Expenses	\$	16,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,273.84	\$ 726.16	\$ 726.16	
015491.001	Cemetery Salary	\$	2,316.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 1,316.00	\$ 748.00	\$ 568.00	\$ 568.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$ -	\$ 671,794.00	\$ 60,579.32	\$ 732,373.32	\$ 737,416.23	\$ (5,042.91)	\$ (7,002.91)	\$ 1,960.00
HUMAN SERVICES									
015510.000	Board of Health Salaries	\$	2,650.00	\$ (1,356.00)	\$ 1,294.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 422.00	\$ 422.00	
015510.001	BOH Secretary Salary	\$	12,411.06	\$	12,411.06	\$ 12,410.03	\$ 1.03	\$ 1.03	
015510.003	BOH & Transfer Station Expenses	\$	20,500.00	\$ (422.02)	\$ 20,077.98	\$ 10,503.08	\$ 9,574.90	\$ 9,574.90	
015510.010	Transfer Station Salaries	\$	19,000.00	\$ 1,356.00	\$ 20,356.00	\$ 20,355.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	
015510.012	Building & Maintenance	\$	15,000.00	\$ 422.02	\$ 15,422.02	\$ 14,994.79	\$ 427.23	\$ 427.23	
015510.011	Cartage/Tipping	\$	43,000.00	\$	43,000.00	\$ 37,528.82	\$ 5,471.18	\$ 5,471.18	

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Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
015522.000	Lee Visiting Nurses	\$	1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,496.38	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.62	
015541.001	Council On Aging Expenses	\$	2,750.00		\$ 2,750.00	\$ 1,768.08	\$ 981.92	\$ 981.92	
015541.002	Council on Aging - Admn. Support	\$	2,550.00		\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,569.24	\$ (19.24)	\$ (19.24)	
015543.000	Veterans Administration	\$	1,790.00		\$ 1,790.00	\$ 1,787.97	\$ 2.03	\$ 2.03	
015543.001	Veteran's Benefits	\$	13,000.00	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$ -	\$ 134,151.06	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ 121,151.06	\$ 104,285.39	\$ 16,865.67	\$ 16,865.67	\$ -
CULTURE & RECREATION									
015610.000	Library Salaries	\$	58,589.67		\$ 58,589.67	\$ 58,443.45	\$ 126.22	\$ 126.22	
015610.001	Library Expenses	\$	26,801.00	\$ (15,401.00)	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 11,073.05	\$ 326.95	\$ 326.95	
015610.002	Library Materials	\$	17,074.13	\$ 100.00	\$ 17,174.13	\$ 17,468.98	\$ (294.85)	\$ (294.85)	
015630.000	Recreation Committee	\$	8,700.00	\$ (4,800.00)	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,896.60	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.40	
015543.004	Memorial Day	\$	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015651.000	Historical Commission Expense	\$	200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 11.44	\$ 188.56	\$ 188.56	
015651.002	Historical Consultant	\$	5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$ -	\$ 117,344.80	\$ (20,101.00)	\$ 97,243.80	\$ 91,893.52	\$ 5,350.28	\$ 5,350.28	\$ -
DEBT									
015751.999	Other Short Term BAN Pnn Paydown	\$	100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015751.003	Excluded-Landfill Principal-Long Term	\$	10,400.00		\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015751.102	Road Bond Principal Debt	\$	102,859.00		\$ 102,859.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 2,859.00	\$ 2,859.00	
Total Principal		\$ -	\$ 213,259.00	\$ -	\$ 213,259.00	\$ 210,400.00	\$ 2,859.00	\$ 2,859.00	\$ -
015752.003	Excluded-Landfill Interest-Long Term	\$	1,237.60		\$ 1,237.60	\$ 1,237.60	\$ -	\$ -	
015752.999	Other Interest	\$	2,475.20		\$ 2,475.20	\$ 12,521.71	\$ (10,046.51)	\$ (10,046.51)	
015752.102	Road Repair Interest	\$	4,999.00		\$ 4,999.00	\$ 1,515.77	\$ 3,483.23	\$ 3,483.23	
015752.005	Broadband Interest	\$	17,500.00		\$ 17,500.00	\$ 7,798.20	\$ 9,701.80	\$ 9,701.80	
Total Interest		\$ -	\$ 26,211.80	\$ -	\$ 26,211.80	\$ 23,073.28	\$ 3,138.52	\$ 3,138.52	\$ -
TOTAL DEBT		\$ -	\$ 239,470.80	\$ -	\$ 239,470.80	\$ 233,473.28	\$ 5,997.52	\$ 5,997.52	\$ -
ASSESSMENTS									
015823.000	Pioneer Planning Comm	\$	-		\$ -	\$ 216.41	\$ (216.41)	\$ (216.41)	
015821.000	RMV Assessment	\$	1,660.00		\$ 1,660.00	\$ 1,940.00	\$ (280.00)	\$ (280.00)	
015822.000	Air Pollution Assessment	\$	381.00		\$ 381.00	\$ 381.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015835.000	Regional Transit Charge	\$	2,325.00		\$ 2,325.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (7,675.00)	\$ (7,675.00)	
	School Choice Sending Tuition	\$	5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,675.00	\$ 2,675.00	
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS		\$ -	\$ 9,366.00	\$ -	\$ 9,366.00	\$ 14,862.41	\$ (5,496.41)	\$ (5,496.41)	\$ -
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS									
015911.000	Hampden County Retirement	\$	113,556.00	\$ (10,697.00)	\$ 102,859.00	\$ 102,859.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015912.000	Workers Compensation	\$	10,160.72	\$ (3,052.82)	\$ 7,107.90	\$ 1,449.00	\$ 5,658.90	\$ 5,658.90	
015913.000	Unemployment Compensation	\$	3,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 712.96	\$ 787.04	\$ 787.04	
015914.000	Group Insurance (Health)	\$	120,000.00	\$ (24,500.00)	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 79,538.80	\$ 15,961.20	\$ 8,007.32	\$ 7,953.88
015192.011	Town Fire & Police Disability Insur	\$	4,218.00		\$ 4,218.00	\$ 4,218.00	\$ -	\$ -	
015919.000	Medicare - Town Share	\$	11,000.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,048.36	\$ 951.64	\$ 951.64	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ -	\$ 261,934.72	\$ (39,749.82)	\$ 222,184.90	\$ 198,826.12	\$ 23,358.78	\$ 15,404.90	\$ 7,953.88
CAPITAL PROJECTS									
015920.000	Capital Projects	\$	463,711.65	\$ (357,472.05)	\$ 106,239.60	\$ 105,870.00	\$ 369.60	\$ 369.60	
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ -	\$ 463,711.65	\$ (357,472.05)	\$ 106,239.60	\$ 105,870.00	\$ 369.60	\$ 369.60	\$ -
OTHER INSURANCE									
015192.009	Town Insurance	\$	70,606.57	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 74,106.57	\$ 71,461.00	\$ 2,645.57	\$ 2,645.57	
TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE		\$ -	\$ 70,606.57	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 74,106.57	\$ 71,461.00	\$ 2,645.57	\$ 2,645.57	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ -	\$ 4,609,711.40	\$ (329,468.60)	\$ 4,280,242.80	\$ 4,186,950.40	\$ 93,292.40	\$ 72,575.60	\$ 20,716.80
FY2023 ARTICLES									

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015122 905	FY23 MVPP Grant Match			\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
015122 906	FY23 MVPP Comm Liaison			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015145 902	Treasurer PYB			\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015162 900	Fall 22 Primary Police			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015192 906	Town Hall Sprinkler Repairs			\$ 9,084.05	\$ 9,084.05	\$ 8,393.72	\$ 690.33	\$ 690.33	\$ -
015192 907	Town Hall PYB			\$ 2,114.02	\$ 2,114.02	\$ 2,069.06	\$ 44.96	\$ 44.96	\$ -
015196 900	Town Administrator PYB			\$ 675.87	\$ 675.87	\$ 675.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015220 903	Garage Ramp/Doors/Step			\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 21,330.15	\$ 5,669.85	\$ -	\$ 5,669.85
015220 904	Fire Turnout Gear			\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 15,550.00	\$ 2,371.03	\$ 13,178.97
015294 900	Ash Tree Removal			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
015422 911	N. Blandford Rd Paving			\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,958.50	\$ 41.50	\$ 41.50	\$ -
015422 912	Highway PYB			\$ 220.68	\$ 220.68	\$ 220.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015610 901	Porter Feasibility Study			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
015610 902	Library Topo Survey			\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015920 900	Capital Projects-PYB			\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
015122 903	Watson-PYB			\$ 209.06	\$ 209.06	\$ 204.46	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.60	\$ -
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,203.68	\$ 132,203.68	\$ 65,702.44	\$ 66,501.24	\$ 10,152.42	\$ 56,348.82
TOTAL FY2023 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 4,609,711.40	\$ (197,264.92)	\$ 4,412,446.48	\$ 4,252,652.84	\$ 159,793.64	\$ 82,728.02	\$ 77,065.62

TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS

015900 003	Capital Projects Fund			\$ 180,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015900 004	Special Revenue Account			\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015901 000	Stabilization / Emergency	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015901 005	Broadband Enterprise	\$ 50,000.00		\$ (50,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015901 004	Stabilization/Education	\$ 36,887.00		\$ 36,887.00	\$ 36,887.00	\$ 36,887.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015901 001	Stabilization/ Municipal Light	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015901 003	Stabilization/Library	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015901 002	Stabilization / Building	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015901 006	Stabilization / Capital Projects	\$ -		\$ 126,628.00	\$ 126,628.00	\$ 126,628.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		\$ -	\$ 161,887.00	\$ 283,128.00	\$ 445,015.00	\$ 445,015.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL FY2023 BUDGET & ARTICLES & TRANSFERS		\$ -	\$ 4,771,598.40	\$ 85,863.08	\$ 4,857,461.48	\$ 4,697,667.84	\$ 159,793.64	\$ 82,728.02	\$ 77,065.62

PRIOR YEAR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD

015422 910	Highway Garage OPM	\$ 27,709.92		\$ -	\$ 27,709.92	\$ 14,390.00	\$ 13,319.92	\$ -	\$ 13,319.92
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ 27,709.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,709.92	\$ 14,390.00	\$ 13,319.92	\$ -	\$ 13,319.92

PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES

015137 000	Accounting Consultant	\$ 5,000.00		\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015145 002	Treasurer Expense	\$ 3,383.06		\$ -	\$ 3,383.06	\$ 3,383.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015145 005	Tax Title Legal Fees	\$ 7,230.33		\$ -	\$ 7,230.33	\$ 7,230.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015151 000	Town Counsel	\$ 1,102.04		\$ -	\$ 1,102.04	\$ 1,102.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015162 000	Election & Registrations	\$ 3,050.00		\$ -	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015171 000	Conservation Comm	\$ 42.48		\$ -	\$ 42.48	\$ 42.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015191 000	Town Office	\$ 2,527.18		\$ -	\$ 2,527.18	\$ 1,952.18	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00	\$ -
015422 014	Highway	\$ 24,044.38		\$ -	\$ 24,044.38	\$ 24,044.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015491 000	Cemetery Expense	\$ 33.32		\$ -	\$ 33.32	\$ 33.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015510 003	BOH Transfer Exp	\$ 4,526.13		\$ -	\$ 4,526.13	\$ 4,526.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
015920 000	Capital Projects	\$ 1,334.38		\$ -	\$ 1,334.38	\$ 1,334.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 52,273.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,273.30	\$ 51,698.30	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 79,983.22	\$ 4,771,598.40	\$ 85,863.08	\$ 4,937,444.70	\$ 4,763,756.14	\$ 173,688.56	\$ 83,303.02	\$ 90,385.54

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2023	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Special Revenue:					
Federal Grants:					
Fire EMPG Grant	\$ (761.97)	\$ (765.49)	\$ 2,303.52	\$ 2,300.00	\$ (761.97)
PVPC Federal Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,519.13	\$ 81,519.13	\$ -
Cares	\$ (218.71)	\$ (7,797.61)	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 921.10	\$ (218.71)
ARPA	\$ 50,211.17	\$ 17,939.32	\$ 187,115.68	\$ 154,843.83	\$ 50,211.17
ARPA Storm Relief	\$ 10,059.00	\$ 39,131.00	\$ -	\$ 29,072.00	\$ 10,059.00
COA-HVES	\$ 1,418.66	\$ 1,418.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,418.66
State Grants:					
Extended Polling Hours	\$ 4,549.50	\$ 3,144.60	\$ 1,404.90	\$ -	\$ 4,549.50
CCP Capital Improvement Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
MA Vulnerable Prep Grant	\$ 16.71	\$ 16.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.71
CCP Wage & Classification Plan	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -
FF Safety Equipment Grant	\$ 863.09	\$ (5,213.99)	\$ 7,733.45	\$ 1,656.37	\$ 863.09
Fire Safety Grant	\$ 5,503.81	\$ 5,503.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,503.81
Highway MassWorks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 999,000.00	\$ 999,000.00	\$ -
Water Operations	\$ 178,123.00	\$ -	\$ 178,123.00	\$ -	\$ 178,123.00
COA State Grant	\$ 6,942.34	\$ 4,154.19	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,211.85	\$ 6,942.34
COA Sig Grant	\$ -	\$ (17,595.67)	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 404.33	\$ 0.00
COA Better Together	\$ 8,773.66	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,226.34	\$ 8,773.66
Arts Council	\$ 6,462.26	\$ 7,287.45	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,325.19	\$ 6,462.26
State Aid to Libraries	\$ 19,204.84	\$ 14,957.17	\$ 4,247.67	\$ -	\$ 19,204.84
Library ALA Grant	\$ 1,158.59	\$ 1,158.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,158.59
Library Patio MDFA	\$ 15,800.00	\$ -	\$ 15,800.00	\$ -	\$ 15,800.00
Covid 19 Grant	\$ 656.73	\$ 656.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 656.73
EDC Redo Grant	\$ 29,128.16	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 53,850.00	\$ 51,721.84	\$ 29,128.16
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:					
Transportation Network	\$ 15.90	\$ 15.20	\$ 0.70	\$ -	\$ 15.90
Revolving Funds:					
Wetland Protection	\$ 3,428.27	\$ 3,428.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,428.27
Conservation Comm.	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Trust of Reserve Hist	\$ 217.50	\$ 217.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217.50
Fire Department Revolving	\$ 4,894.75	\$ 3,341.48	\$ 7,170.00	\$ 5,616.73	\$ 4,894.75
Board of Health Revolving	\$ (1,793.65)	\$ (233.65)	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,810.00	\$ (1,793.65)
Electrical Fee Revolving	\$ 106.00	\$ 181.00	\$ 5,715.00	\$ 5,790.00	\$ 106.00
Plumbing Fees Revolving	\$ (2,700.00)	\$ (2,585.00)	\$ 1,515.00	\$ 1,630.00	\$ (2,700.00)

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2023	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
COA Revolving	\$ 12,132.96	\$ 9,687.95	\$ 7,456.33	\$ 5,011.32	\$ 12,132.96
Board of Health Demo Fees	\$ 1,508.94	\$ 677.33	\$ 831.61	\$ -	\$ 1,508.94
Arts Council Local Receipts	\$ 580.14	\$ 235.02	\$ 345.12	\$ -	\$ 580.14
Planning Board-Solar 53G	\$ 5.79	\$ 556.61	\$ 8.66	\$ 559.48	\$ 5.79
Planning Board-G Millard 2 53G	\$ 894.32	\$ 880.42	\$ 13.90	\$ -	\$ 894.32
Planning Board-Otis Stage 53G	\$ 2,869.31	\$ 2,824.76	\$ 44.55	\$ -	\$ 2,869.31
Planning Board-Rolling Potato 53G	\$ -	\$ 2,293.74	\$ 4.42	\$ 2,298.16	\$ -
Planning Board-Fleur Marijuana 53G	\$ 1,994.35	\$ 2,775.59	\$ 159.31	\$ 940.55	\$ 1,994.35
Planning Board-Pudding Hill Farm	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Conservation-Fleur Marijuana 53G	\$ 901.62	\$ 401.62	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 901.62
Water Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 51,300.00	\$ -
Conservation Fund-Shepard	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ -	\$ 710.00	\$ 1,165.00
Other Special Revenue:					
Fire Dept Donation	\$ 232.41	\$ -	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 10,117.59	\$ 232.41
Fire Equipment Donation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ -
Berkshire Trail Riders	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Recreation Donations	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Skating Rink Project	\$ 395.00	\$ 395.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 395.00
Elections CTCL	\$ 31.73	\$ 31.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31.73
Nemba Trail Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
GRSD Intern Grant	\$ 876.00	\$ -	\$ 876.00	\$ -	\$ 876.00
Baystate Health	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
Total Special Revenues	\$ 360,802.18	\$ 162,120.04	\$ 1,666,042.95	\$ 1,467,360.81	\$ 360,802.18

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
CAPITAL PROJECTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2023	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Capital Projects:					
Chapter 90-State Grant	\$ -	\$ (19,000.00)	\$ 638,564.51	\$ 619,564.51	\$ -
2018 Mack Truck	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185.00
Highway Plow Truck	\$ 2,155.20	\$ 2,155.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,155.20
Town Road Improvement	\$ (298,799.99)	\$ (398,799.99)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ (298,799.99)
Town Road Improvement	\$ 39.94	\$ -	\$ 1,179,000.00	\$ 1,178,960.06	\$ 39.94
Water Treatment	\$ (23,199.61)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,199.61	\$ (23,199.61)
Broadband	\$ (1,601,051.13)	\$ (1,621,345.35)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 79,705.78	\$ (1,601,051.13)
Total Capital Projects	\$ (1,920,670.59)	\$ (2,036,805.14)	\$ 2,017,564.51	\$ 1,901,429.96	\$ (1,920,670.59)

**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, 2023**

	Carry Forward	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis		
Revenues:						
Water Usage Revenues	\$ -	\$ 539,002.00	\$ 539,002.00	\$ 632,256.85	\$ -	\$ 93,254.85
Water Liens Added to Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,483.76	\$ -	\$ 28,483.76
Penalties & Interest	\$ -	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 8,507.65	\$ -	\$ 5,607.65
Earnings on Investments	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ (100.12)	\$ -	\$ (180.12)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 895.00	\$ -	\$ 895.00
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 541,982.00	\$ 541,982.00	\$ 670,043.14	\$ -	\$ 128,061.14
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 126,300.00	\$ 126,300.00	\$ 102,058.15	\$ -	\$ 24,241.85
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 130,420.00	\$ 140,420.00	\$ 124,889.54	\$ 4,823.43	\$ 10,707.03
Debt Service:						
Debt-Principal	\$ -	\$ 103,509.21	\$ 103,509.21	\$ 105,717.41	\$ -	\$ (2,208.20)
Debt-Interest	\$ -	\$ 143,004.94	\$ 143,004.94	\$ 138,500.83	\$ -	\$ 4,504.11
Capital Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 125,998.00	\$ 125,998.00	\$ 125,998.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 629,232.15	\$ 639,232.15	\$ 597,163.93	\$ 4,823.43	\$ 37,244.79
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 149,935.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,935.70	\$ -
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 149,935.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,935.70	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 149,935.70	\$ 629,232.15	\$ 639,232.15	\$ 597,163.93	\$ 154,759.13	\$ 37,244.79
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (149,935.70)	\$ (87,250.15)	\$ (97,250.15)	\$ 72,879.21	\$ (154,759.13)	\$ 165,305.93
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ 43,747.85	\$ 43,747.85	\$ 43,747.85	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ (43,747.85)	\$ (43,747.85)	\$ (43,747.85)	\$ -	\$ -
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (149,935.70)	\$ (130,998.00)	\$ (140,998.00)	\$ 29,131.36	\$ (154,759.13)	\$ 165,305.93
Audit Adjustments				\$ -		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 257,002.76	\$ 257,002.76	\$ 257,002.76	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (149,935.70)	\$ 126,004.76	\$ 116,004.76	\$ 286,134.12	\$ (154,759.13)	\$ 165,305.93

**WATER EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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	\$ 38,000.00			\$ 38,000.00	\$ 20,320.05	\$ 17,679.95	\$ 17,679.95	\$ -
225450.003	Water Primary Operator	\$ 36,400.00			\$ 36,400.00	\$ 35,767.50	\$ 632.50	\$ 632.50	\$ -
225450.011	Water Dept Secr Salary	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,372.97	\$ 627.03	\$ 627.03	\$ -
225450.016	Water Dept Operator	\$ 13,000.00			\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,691.68	\$ 308.32	\$ 308.32	\$ -
225450.017	Water Commissioner Stipend	\$ 6,400.00			\$ 6,400.00	\$ 4,799.96	\$ 1,600.04	\$ 1,600.04	\$ -
225450.020	Water Dept Labor	\$ 22,500.00			\$ 22,500.00	\$ 19,105.99	\$ 3,394.01	\$ 3,394.01	\$ -
	<i>Total Salaries & Wages</i>	\$ -	\$ 126,300.00	\$ -	\$ 126,300.00	\$ 102,058.15	\$ 24,241.85	\$ 24,241.85	\$ -
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
225450.002	Water Dept Utilities	\$ 44,555.42		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 54,555.42	\$ 53,054.95	\$ 1,500.47	\$ 1,500.47	\$ -
225450.004	Water Dept Chemicals	\$ 8,601.46			\$ 8,601.46	\$ 8,429.89	\$ 171.57	\$ 171.57	\$ -
225450.005	Water Dept Breaks & Repairs	\$ 16,679.33			\$ 16,679.33	\$ 16,679.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
225450.006	Water Dept Testing	\$ 4,561.30			\$ 4,561.30	\$ 4,561.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
225450.009	Water Dept Dues, Fees, Memberships	\$ 1,170.00			\$ 1,170.00	\$ 741.91	\$ 428.09	\$ 428.09	\$ -
225450.010	Water Dept Office Expense	\$ 4,068.66			\$ 4,068.66	\$ 3,778.67	\$ 289.99	\$ -	\$ 289.99
225450.012	Water Dept Equip Repairs	\$ 1,800.00			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 523.79	\$ 1,276.21	\$ 92.77	\$ 1,183.44
225450.018	Water Education & Train	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,992.65	\$ 7.35	\$ 7.35	\$ -
225450.028	Water Department Maintenance	\$ 18,823.97			\$ 18,823.97	\$ 17,973.97	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ 850.00
225450.029	Water Dept Capital Expenses	\$ 18,768.11			\$ 18,768.11	\$ 10,261.33	\$ 8,506.78	\$ 8,506.78	\$ -
225450.032	Water Waste Removal	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
225450.033	Water Metering System	\$ 9,391.75			\$ 9,391.75	\$ 6,891.75	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
	<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$ -	\$ 130,420.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 140,420.00	\$ 124,889.54	\$ 15,530.46	\$ 10,707.03	\$ 4,823.43
<u>DEBT</u>									
225751.001	Phase 1	\$ 31,153.00			\$ 31,153.00	\$ 31,153.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
225751.002	Phase 2	\$ 25,697.57			\$ 25,697.57	\$ 26,853.91	\$ (1,156.34)	\$ (1,156.34)	\$ -
225751.003	Phase 3	\$ 24,042.64			\$ 24,042.64	\$ 25,094.50	\$ (1,051.86)	\$ (1,051.86)	\$ -
225751.004	Phase 4	\$ 22,616.00			\$ 22,616.00	\$ 22,616.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Total Principal</i>	\$ -	\$ 103,509.21	\$ -	\$ 103,509.21	\$ 105,717.41	\$ (2,208.20)	\$ (2,208.20)	\$ -
225752.001	Phase 1	\$ 28,621.34			\$ 28,621.34	\$ 27,258.39	\$ 1,362.95	\$ 1,362.95	\$ -
225752.002	Phase 2	\$ 45,000.48			\$ 45,000.48	\$ 43,844.09	\$ 1,156.39	\$ 1,156.39	\$ -
225752.003	Phase 3	\$ 46,061.36			\$ 46,061.36	\$ 45,009.50	\$ 1,051.86	\$ 1,051.86	\$ -
225752.004	Phase 4	\$ 23,321.76			\$ 23,321.76	\$ 22,388.85	\$ 932.91	\$ 932.91	\$ -
	<i>Total Interest</i>	\$ -	\$ 143,004.94	\$ -	\$ 143,004.94	\$ 138,500.83	\$ 4,504.11	\$ 4,504.11	\$ -
	<i>Total Debt</i>	\$ -	\$ 246,514.15	\$ -	\$ 246,514.15	\$ 244,218.24	\$ 2,295.91	\$ 2,295.91	\$ -
	<i>Total Operating Budget</i>	\$ -	\$ 503,234.15	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 513,234.15	\$ 471,165.93	\$ 42,068.22	\$ 37,244.79	\$ 4,823.43
<u>TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</u>									
225991.002	Transfers to Stabilization Fund	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
225450.023	Transfer to General Fund	\$ 38,747.85			\$ 38,747.85	\$ 38,747.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Total Indirect Expenses</i>	\$ -	\$ 43,747.85	\$ -	\$ 43,747.85	\$ 43,747.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES</u>									
225450.029	Water Capital Expenses	\$ 125,998.00			\$ 125,998.00	\$ 125,998.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
225450.806	FY23 Capital Expenses Encumbrance	\$ 149,935.70			\$ 149,935.70	\$ -	\$ 149,935.70	\$ -	\$ 149,935.70
	<i>Total Articles & Encumbrances</i>	\$ 149,935.70	\$ 125,998.00	\$ -	\$ 275,933.70	\$ 125,998.00	\$ 149,935.70	\$ -	\$ 149,935.70
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES		\$ 149,935.70	\$ 672,980.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 832,915.70	\$ 640,911.78	\$ 192,003.92	\$ 37,244.79	\$ 154,759.13

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BROADBAND ENTERPRISE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Carry Forward	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis		
Revenues:						
Broadband Subscriber Revenues	\$ -	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 462,152.63	\$ -	\$ 170,284.07
Earnings on Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,585.46	\$ -	\$ 3,585.46
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 465,738.09	\$ -	\$ 173,869.53
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 232,354.03	\$ -	\$ 59,514.53
Debt Service:						
Debt-Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt-Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 232,354.03	\$ -	\$ 59,514.53
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 291,868.56	\$ 232,354.03	\$ -	\$ 59,514.53
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 233,384.06	\$ -	\$ 233,384.06
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 233,384.06	\$ -	\$ 233,384.06
Audit Adjustments				\$ -		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 283,492.73	\$ 283,492.73	\$ 283,492.73	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ -	\$ 283,492.73	\$ 283,492.73	\$ 516,876.79	\$ -	\$ 233,384.06

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2023	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Trust Funds:					
<i>Non-Expendable:</i>					
Arms Bicentennial	\$ 15,553.14	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 1,053.14	\$ -	\$ 15,553.14
Watson Dean Park	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
Cemetery 1 & 2	\$ 11,171.01	\$ 10,550.00	\$ 621.01	\$ -	\$ 11,171.01
Soenburger Cemetery	\$ 2,608.65	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 108.65	\$ -	\$ 2,608.65
Sarah Robbins	\$ 23,116.46	\$ 22,079.00	\$ 1,037.46	\$ -	\$ 23,116.46
Cemetery Care	\$ 7,916.50	\$ 7,452.00	\$ 464.50	\$ -	\$ 7,916.50
Taggart School	\$ 5,361.38	\$ 4,985.95	\$ 375.43	\$ -	\$ 5,361.38
Nye School	\$ 1,342.63	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 342.63	\$ -	\$ 1,342.63
Watson School	\$ 3,179.20	\$ 2,965.68	\$ 213.52	\$ -	\$ 3,179.20
Electa-Watson	\$ 46,693.67	\$ 40,051.89	\$ 6,641.78	\$ -	\$ 46,693.67
Lot Sale Perpetual Care	\$ 8,893.27	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 543.27	\$ -	\$ 8,893.27
<i>Expendable Trust:</i>					
Cemetery 1 & 2	\$ 3,341.69	\$ 3,484.31	\$ (142.62)	\$ -	\$ 3,341.69
Soenburger Cemetery	\$ (71.22)	\$ (46.35)	\$ (24.87)	\$ -	\$ (71.22)
Susan Tiffany Cemetery	\$ 86,879.82	\$ 99,662.05	\$ (2,337.01)	\$ 10,445.22	\$ 86,879.82
Cemetery Care	\$ 20,360.26	\$ 3,123.78	\$ 32,236.48	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,360.26
Taggart School	\$ 3,411.94	\$ 3,498.09	\$ (86.15)	\$ -	\$ 3,411.94
Nye School	\$ 6,664.02	\$ 6,742.64	\$ (78.62)	\$ -	\$ 6,664.02
Watson School	\$ 1,810.44	\$ 1,859.44	\$ (49.00)	\$ -	\$ 1,810.44
Electa-Watson	\$ 60,441.32	\$ 62,080.87	\$ (1,639.55)	\$ -	\$ 60,441.32
Arms Bicentennial	\$ 7,059.81	\$ 9,230.57	\$ (235.76)	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 7,059.81
Watson Dean Park	\$ 375,875.38	\$ 361,270.21	\$ 30,121.14	\$ 15,515.97	\$ 375,875.38
Lot Sale Perpetual Care	\$ 3,657.61	\$ 3,768.46	\$ (110.85)	\$ -	\$ 3,657.61
Sarah Robbins	\$ 1,127.61	\$ 1,365.74	\$ (238.13)	\$ -	\$ 1,127.61
OECD Septic Accounts	\$ 23,605.88	\$ 22,778.73	\$ 827.15	\$ -	\$ 23,605.88
Stabilization Accounts:					
Stabilization	\$ 636,127.34	\$ 591,302.66	\$ 44,824.68	\$ -	\$ 636,127.34
Library Building	\$ 139,542.48	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 28,842.48	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 139,542.48
Building Projects	\$ 699,282.24	\$ 665,270.94	\$ 47,251.30	\$ 13,240.00	\$ 699,282.24
Capital Projects	\$ 126,628.00	\$ -	\$ 126,628.00	\$ -	\$ 126,628.00
Wired West	\$ 4,231.29	\$ 4,030.07	\$ 201.22	\$ -	\$ 4,231.29
Education	\$ 109,094.46	\$ 70,054.00	\$ 39,040.46	\$ -	\$ 109,094.46
Water	\$ 118,424.00	\$ 109,699.79	\$ 8,724.21	\$ -	\$ 118,424.00
Agency Funds:					
Employee Withholdings	\$ 9,548.46	\$ 5,136.88	\$ 4,411.58	\$ -	\$ 9,548.46
Police Dept Firearms Fund	\$ 12,374.00	\$ 11,761.50	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 3,987.50	\$ 12,374.00
Deputy Collector Fees	\$ (181.74)	\$ 839.26	\$ 3,582.00	\$ 4,603.00	\$ (181.74)
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 1,059.60	\$ 1,007.60	\$ 663.00	\$ 611.00	\$ 1,059.60
Conservation Fees	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275.00
Southern Hilltown	\$ 305.43	\$ 305.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 305.43
Total Trust & Agency Funds	\$ 2,616,711.03	\$ 2,317,936.19	\$ 378,412.53	\$ 79,637.69	\$ 2,616,711.03

Town Election Results June 10, 2023

129 ballots were cast in the Annual Town Election

Assessor for one year, Paul Martin

Assessor for three years, Stephen Jemiolo

Board of Health for three years, Pat Lombardo

Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Peter Sparks

Fence Viewer for three years, Dale Buchanan write-in with 21 votes over Thomas Deitner, 7

Field Driver for three years, Dale Buchanan

Library Trustee for three years, Byam Stevens

Municipal Light Board for three years, Peter Langmore

Planning Board for five years, Robert Twyman, Greg Garfield and Sarah Simpson

School Committee Member for three years, Nicole Daviau

Select Board for three years, Cara Letendre

Town Clerk for three years, Doris Jemiolo

Water Commissioner for three years, Michael Keier

November 8, 2022 State Election Results

GOVERNOR

Diehl: 358
Healy: 234
Reed: 26

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Campbell: 238
McMahon: 375

SECRETARY OF STATE

Galvin: 273
Campbell: 327
Sanchez: 15

TREASURER

Goldberg: 309
Crawford: 235

AUDITOR

Amore: 358
Dizoglio: 204
Caballero-Roca: 22
Giannone: 9
Riek: 15

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Neal: 253
Martilli: 357

COUNCILLOR

Comeford: 376
Jacobs: 232

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Mark: 290
Phair: 230

REPRESENT IN GENERAL COURT

Boldyga: 368
Russo: 241

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Gulluni: 395

SHERIFF

Cocchi: 409

QUESTION 1 CREATE NEW INCOME LEVEL

Yes: 230
No: 377

QUESTION 2 DENTAL MEDICAL

Yes: 331
No: 262

QUESTION 3 RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE
LIMIT

Yes: 188
No: 414

QUESTION 4 REPEAL HB 4805

Yes: 198
No: 403



**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

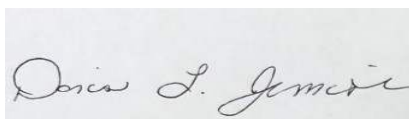
ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation in substantial form as follows, and to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to any bill so filed unless approved in advance by the Select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



**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

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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 10th 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**



**Certified Minutes Annual Town Meeting
June 5, 2023
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Hampden, ss.
Town of Blandford**

The 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, June 5, 2023, at 7 P.M., 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 appropriately seconded, ARTICLE 1 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to **create a Capital Projects Stabilization Fund** pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Sec. 5B for the purpose of funding building, infrastructure and equipment upgrades; and to thereto \$126,628 from the Capital Projects account (account # 015920.000)for FY 2023; or take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded.. ARTICLE 2 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 3: Motion made and seconded to move to ARTICLE 6.

Voters approved moving to Article 6

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to **transfer from Education Stabilization** the sum of \$16,974 to the Gateway Regional School District assessment account (#015300.000) for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE6 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,463,284.00 for the **Gateway Regional School District assessment**, for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 3 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for **Vocational Education** (account #015301.000) for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 4 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,950 for the **transportation expenses for Vocational Education** (account #015302.000) for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 5 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,449,064, more or less, to defray **the expenses of the Town** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator read budget items, vote on sections.
Finance Committee recommended;

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 7 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, 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.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 8 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to the general-purpose **Stabilization Fund**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 9 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to the **Building Project Stabilization Fund** account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 10 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into the **Library Building Stabilization Fund**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 11 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$20,000 for the ongoing **ash tree removal project** including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 12 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$18,000 for expenses incurred by the Town that were to be reimbursed by a **Service Incentive Grant (SIG)**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 13 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$8,500 for expenses incurred for **COVID-related expenditures of the Town that were to be reimbursed by FEMA** or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 14 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 for replacement of fire department **turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus** including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 15 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$203,000 to pay off the **road bond debt**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 16 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$245,000 for the costs of Owners Project Manager (OPM) and design services through schematic design for the new **Fire/Highway Facility project**, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded.

ARTICLE 17 passed with a standing vote of 87 yes, 35 no.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a new **brush truck and a new pumper engine** for the use of the Fire Department, 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, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder to be reduced to the extent of any grants, gifts or other funds received by the Town to offset the cost of the equipment authorized to be purchased by this vote; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Moderator split the article, with voter approval, to be ARTICLE 18 (and ARTICLE 18A):

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a new **brush truck for \$200,000** for the use of the Fire Department, 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, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder to be reduced to the extent of any grants, gifts or other funds received by the Town to offset the cost of the equipment authorized to be purchased by this vote; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 18 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 18A: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$400,000 to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a new **pumper engine** for the use of the Fire Department, 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, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, the

amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder to be reduced to the extent of any grants, gifts or other funds received by the Town to offset the cost of the equipment authorized to be purchased by this vote; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 18A passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Library Stabilization Fund the sum of \$15,000 for **masonry repairs to the library** or take any other action relative thereto.

Hear Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 19 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$698,487 from **Water Department Receipts** to operate the Water Department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

(See proposed departmental budget).

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 20 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Water Department Retained Earnings** the sum of \$10,000 to the **Water Department Utilities** (account #225450.002) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 21 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings the sum of \$75,000 to the **Water Department Capital Expenses** Account (#225450.028); or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 22 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Broadband Receipts** the sum of \$279,707 to operate the Municipal Light Plant for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 23 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Broadband Retained Earnings the sum of \$100,000 to the **Municipal Light Plant Stabilization Fund**; or take any other action relative thereto.; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 24 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Broadband Retained Earnings the sum of \$125,000 to pay toward the principal of the **broadband debt**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 25 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Broadband Retained Earnings the sum of \$40,000 to the **Broadband Capital Account**; or take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommended.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 26 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 27: 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.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 27 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8J, establishing a five-member **Commission on Disability**; or take any other action thereof.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 28 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend Town Bylaw, Article X. Highways, Section 8. Offenses and Penalties, by deleting the following language as contained therein:

A. Any person using a public way to transport loads in excess of ten (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 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.

And further, to insert in place thereof the following language:

A. 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. The bond shall include transportation and 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.

Article insert amended to read:

A. 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.

Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 29 passed unanimously as amended.

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Certified by**



Doris L. Jemiolo, Town Clerk



CERTIFIED MINUTES
Special Town Meeting
June 29, 2023
Town of Blandford
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Hampden, ss.

The inhabitants of Blandford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Blandford Town Hall, One Russell Stage Road, Blandford, Massachusetts on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 7 P.M., then and thereto to act on the following matters:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money 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; 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.

Moderator read the following motion:

That the Town appropriates \$280,000 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 Drinking Water Trust (the "Trust").

ARTICLE 1: Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended;
ARTICLE 1 passed unanimously

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,224 to supplement the budget for Hampden County Retirement (#015911.000), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Motion made and appropriately seconded; Finance Committee recommended.
ARTICLE 2: passed unanimously

16 registered voters attended

A True Copy Attest

Town Clerk, Blandford

TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024

Account Number	Account Name	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget Requested	FY2023 Budget Recommended	FY2023 Budget Approved (ATM)	FY2023 Budget Approved (Tax Recap)	FY2024 Budget Recommended	FY2024 COMMENTS
TAX LEVY-ESTIMATED								
For Information Only								
	Previous Year Levy Limit		\$3,819,903 00	\$3,819,903 00	\$3,819,903 00	\$3,819,903 00	\$4,017,659 00	
	Add-2-1/2% Tax Levy Increase		\$95,499 08	\$95,499 08	\$95,499 08	\$95,499 08	\$100,441.48	
	Add-New Growth					\$102,107 00		
	New Levy Limit		\$3,915,402 08	\$3,915,402 08	\$3,915,402 08	\$4,017,659 00	\$4,118,100 48	
	Add-Debt Exclusion			\$75,000 00	\$75,000 00	\$88,768 00	\$72,372 00	
	Maximum Allowable Levy	\$0 00	\$3,915,402 08	\$3,990,462 08	\$3,990,462 08	\$4,108,427 00	\$4,190,472 48	
	Less-Overlay			-\$25,000 00	-\$25,000 00	-\$25,830 47	-\$25,000 00	
	Less-Surplus Levy			-\$400,000 00	-\$400,000 00	-\$539,022 98	-\$570,000 00	
		\$0 00	\$3,915,402 08	\$3,566,462 08	\$3,566,462 08	\$3,541,773 55	\$3,566,472.48	1.52%
Actual Levy/Collected Amounts								
014110 000	Personal Property Taxes	\$690,235 43				\$875,329 32		
014120 000	Real Estate Taxes	\$2,650,333 73				\$2,692,074 70		
	Less-Overlay					-\$25,830 47		
	TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$3,330,569.16	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$3,541,773.55		
OTHER TAXES								
014125 119	Rollback Taxes	\$12,805 11	\$0 00	\$0 00				
014142 000	Tax Liens Redeemed		\$0 00	\$0 00				
014145 000	Tax Title Receipts		\$0 00	\$0 00				
	TOTAL OTHER TAXES	\$12,805.11	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	
STATE RECEIPTS								
Cherry Sheet Receipts								
014015 000	Vets. Blind, Surviving Spouses	\$15,085 00	\$8,718 00	\$8,718 00	\$8,718 00	\$8,718 00	\$0 00	
014061 000	Unrestricted General Government Aid	\$139,551 00	\$143,319 00	\$143,319 00	\$143,319 00	\$147,087 00	\$150,029 00	
014092 000	School Chapter 70	\$43,955 00	\$43,955 00	\$43,955 00	\$43,955 00	\$43,955 00	\$58,602 00	
014003 000	Vocational Transportation	\$1,577 00						
014004 000	State Owned Land	\$22,180 00	\$22,189 00	\$22,189 00	\$22,189 00	\$28,472 00	\$38,903 00	
014067 000	Veterans Benefits	\$5,829 00	\$2,716 00	\$2,716 00	\$2,716 00	\$2,716 00	\$2,597 00	
	TOTAL STATE RECEIPTS	\$228,777.00	\$220,877.00	\$220,877.00	\$220,877.00	\$230,948.00	\$250,131.00	
	Less: State Assessments							
015021 000	MVE		-\$1,660 00	-\$1,660 00	-\$1,660 00	-\$1,660 00	-\$1,940 00	
015022 000	Air Pollution Control		-\$381 00	-\$381 00	-\$381 00	-\$381 00	-\$423 00	
015035 000	Regional Transit		-\$2,325 00	-\$2,325 00	-\$2,325 00	-\$2,325 00	-\$1,820 00	
015026 000	School Choice		-\$5,000 00	-\$5,000 00	-\$5,000 00	-\$5,000 00	-\$10,000 00	
	NET STATE RECEIPTS	\$228,777.00	\$211,811.00	\$211,811.00	\$211,811.00	\$221,682.00	\$235,948.00	
LOCAL RECEIPTS								
014150 000	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$234,802 05	\$200,000 00	\$200,000 00	\$200,000 00	\$200,000 00	\$222,000 00	
014017 000	Local Meals Tax	\$29,047 41	\$23,000 00	\$23,000 00	\$23,000 00	\$23,000 00	\$30,000 00	
014180 000	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$208,490 00	\$260,000 00	\$265,200 00	\$265,200 00	\$265,200 00	\$208,000 00	
014335 000	Grater PII OT Fees	\$91,909 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	
014324 000	Fees-Dump Bickers	\$24,500 42	\$23,837 85	\$24,000 00	\$24,000 00	\$24,000 00	\$25,000 00	
014360 000	Rentals	\$11,419 87	\$0 00	\$12,769 50	\$12,769 50	\$11,000 00	\$13,081 00	
014070 000	Earnings on Investments	\$1,054 73	\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00	\$1,600 00	\$4,000 00	
Penalties & Interest								
014171 000	Penalties & Interest on Taxes	\$88,830 87	\$38,000 00	\$50,000 00	\$50,000 00	\$58,296 00	\$70,000 00	
014172 000	Penalties & Interest on Excise	\$2,255 00	\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00	\$2,004 00	\$2,000 00	
014173 000	Penalties & Interest on Tax Liens		\$1,000 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$20,000 00	
	Total Penalties & Interest	\$91,086 87	\$41,000 00	\$52,000 00	\$52,000 00	\$60,300 00	\$92,000 00	
Fees/Other Departmental Revenue								
014321 000	Fees-Fire Department		\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$100 00	
014322 000	Fees-Tax Collections	\$4,247 00	\$3,700 00	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00	\$4,258 00	\$3,500 00	
014320 000	Fees-Tax Liens						\$2,000 00	
014323 000	Fees-Assessors	\$30 00	\$70 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$30 00	\$30 00	
014326 000	Fees-Health Board	\$4,223 30	\$850 00	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00	\$4,234 00	\$3,350 60	
014328 000	Tax Collector-Demand Fees	\$9,010 00	\$5,000 00	\$7,000 00	\$7,000 00	\$9,034 00	\$8,970 00	
014327 000	Fees-Planning Board	\$146 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$145 00	\$500 00	

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014328 000	Fees-Conservation Commission	\$67.50	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	
014329 000	Fees-Town Clerk	\$496.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$497.00	\$500.00	
014330 000	Fees-Zoning		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
014333 000	Motor Vehicle Infractions Fee	\$26,745.17	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$12,000.00	
014334 000	Tax Collector-Warrant 12 & 17 Fees	\$3,445.00	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,454.00	\$3,000.00	
014370 001	Highway Scrap Metal Receipts	\$2,161.00					\$1,000.00	
		\$50,570.03	\$28,220.00	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$21,720.00	\$32,950.60	
Licenses & Permits								
014410 000	Licenses-Liquor		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		\$0.00	
014450 000	Permits-Building	\$48,670.16	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,495.00	
014452 000	Permits-Plumbing-Town Share	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$80.00	
014453 000	Permits-Electrical-Town Share	\$330.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
014454 000	Permits-Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	Total Licenses & Permits	\$49,150.16	\$5,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$3,450.00	\$6,875.00	
Fines & Forfeits								
014772 000	Fines-Animal Control		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
014771 000	Fines-District Court	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	
	Total Fines & Forfeits	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue								
014810 000	Surplus Property	\$32,586.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
014840 000	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$15,708.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$7,130.36	
014860 000	Insurance Proceeds		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	Total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$48,294.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,130.36	
	TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS	\$819,030.95	\$580,757.85	\$622,268.50	\$622,268.50	\$622,270.00	\$592,036.96	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES								
015510 000	Borrowing		\$0.00					
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS								
014895 000	Transfers from Stabilization-Building					\$13,240.00		
014890 000	Transfers from Stabilization-Emergency							
014890 000	Transfers from Stabilization-Library					\$14,300.00		
014890 000	Transfers from Stabilization-Wired West							
014890 000	Transfers from Watson Park Trust					\$209.06		
	Transfer from Education Stabilization						\$16,974.00	
014895 000	Transfers from Water Enterprise Fund	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$34,000.00	
	TOTAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$66,496.91	\$50,974.00	
	TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	\$4,429,730.07	\$4,746,478.78	\$4,437,990.43	\$4,437,990.43	\$4,452,122.46	\$4,474,431.44	
	Less solar PILOTs						\$4,304,431.44	
OTHER FUNDING SOURCES								
	Free Cash					\$331,973.02	\$746,000.00	
	Overlay							
	TOTAL OTHER FUNDING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$331,973.02	\$746,000.00	
	TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & OTHER FIN. & FUNDING SOURCES	\$4,429,730.07	\$4,746,478.78	\$4,437,990.43	\$4,437,990.43	\$4,784,095.48	\$5,220,431.44	
LESS: AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED ON TAX RECAP								
	Current Year Tax Title							
	Prior Year Snow & Ice Deficit							
	Prior Year Appropriation Deficits					\$0.00		
	Other ()							
	TOTAL OTHER FUNDING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	NET REVENUES/SOURCES	\$4,429,730.07	\$4,746,478.78	\$4,437,990.43	\$4,437,990.43	\$4,784,095.48	\$5,220,431.44	

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024**

WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT	FY2023 Budget Approved (Tax Recap)	FY2023 Actual to 12/31/22	FY2024 Budget Recommended	FY2024 Budget Approved (ATM)
Revenues				
Water Revenue	\$541,982.00	\$399,074.87	\$656,534.28	\$656,534.28
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funding Sources	\$130,998.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Total Revenues	\$672,980.00	\$399,074.87	\$731,534.28	\$731,534.28
Expenditures				
Salaries & Wages	\$126,300.00	\$45,490.99	\$149,040.00	\$149,040.00
Expenditures	\$256,418.00	\$103,529.07	\$233,525.00	\$233,525.00
Debt	\$246,514.15	\$140,802.00	\$281,922.39	\$281,922.39
Total Operating Budget	\$629,232.15	\$289,822.06	\$664,487.39	\$664,487.39
Transfers to Other Funds	\$43,747.85	\$43,747.85	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
Total Transfers to Other Funds	\$43,747.85	\$43,747.85	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
Special Articles	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Special Articles	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$672,980.00	\$333,569.91	\$698,487.39	\$698,487.39
Total Prior Year Encumbrances	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Projected Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0.00	\$65,504.96	\$33,046.89	\$33,046.89

WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE BUDGET Account Number	Account Name	FY2023 Budget Approved (Tax Recap)	FY2024 Actual to 12/31/22	FY24 Budget Requested	FY2024 Budget Approved
WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUES					
224121 000	Water Usage Revenues	\$539,002.00	\$374,042.76	\$611,802.76	\$611,802.76
224126 121	Water Meter Fees		\$3,112.50	\$6,225.00	\$6,225.00
224170 000	Water Liens Added to Taxes + Tax Title		\$14,541.83	\$23,379.00	\$23,379.00
224170 000	Penalties & Interest	\$2,900.00	\$7,413.76	\$14,827.52	\$14,827.52
224820 000	Earnings on Investments	\$80.00	-\$175.98	\$100.00	\$100.00
224840 000	Miscellaneous Revenues		\$140.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	TOTAL WATER REVENUES	\$541,982.00	\$399,074.87	\$656,534.28	\$656,534.28
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
	Borrowing				
	Other				
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$0.00	\$0.00		
OTHER FUNDING SOURCES					
	Retained Earnings	\$130,998.00		\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
	TOTAL OTHER FUNDING SOURCES	\$130,998.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & OTHER FIN. & FUNDING SOURCES		\$672,980.00	\$399,074.87	\$731,534.28	\$731,534.28

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024**

WATER ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURE BUDGET Account Number	Account Name	FY2023 Budget Approved (Tax Recap)	FY2024 Actual to 12/31/22	FY24 Budget Requested	FY2024 Budget Approved
OPERATING BUDGET					
Salaries & Wages					
225450 000	Water Dept. Supt. Salary	\$38,000.00	\$8,644.42	\$39,400.00	\$39,400.00
225450 003	Water Dept. Primary Operator	\$36,400.00	\$17,100.00	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00
225450 011	Water Dept. Secr. Salary	\$10,000.00	\$4,490.94	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
225450 016	Water Dept. Operator	\$13,000.00	\$6,532.16	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
225450 017	Water Commissioner Stipend	\$6,400.00	\$1,599.99	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00
225450 020	Water Dept. Other Labor	\$22,500.00	\$7,123.48	\$27,440.00	\$27,440.00
	Total Salaries & Wages	\$126,300.00	\$45,490.99	\$149,040.00	\$149,040.00
Expenditures					
225450 002	Utilities	\$35,000.00	\$16,961.06	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
225450 004	Chemicals	\$10,000.00	\$3,128.78	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
225450 005	Water Dept. Breaks & Repairs	\$30,000.00	\$8,366.55	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
225450 006	Testing	\$4,500.00	\$2,337.60	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
225450 009	Dues, Fees, Memberships	\$1,170.00	\$350.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
225450 010	Office Expense	\$3,200.00	\$407.29	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
225450 012	Equipment Repairs	\$2,800.00	\$523.79	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
225450 018	Education & Training	\$2,000.00	\$900.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
225450 028	Maintenance	\$18,000.00	\$9,094.08	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
225450 029	Capital Expenses	\$141,998.00	\$57,355.71	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
225450 032	Waste Removal	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
225450 033	Water Metering System	\$6,900.00	\$4,104.21	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
	Total Expenditures	\$256,418.00	\$103,529.07	\$233,525.00	\$233,525.00
DEBT					
225751 001	Phase 1	\$31,153.00		\$31,153.00	\$31,153.00
225751 002	Phase 2	\$25,697.57	\$26,853.91	\$28,062.33	\$28,062.33
225751 003	Phase 3	\$24,042.64	\$25,094.50	\$26,192.39	\$26,192.39
225751 004	Phase 4	\$22,616.00		\$22,616.00	\$22,616.00
	SCADA Project			\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
	Total Principal	\$103,509.21	\$51,948.41	\$148,023.72	\$148,023.72
225752 001	Phase 1	\$28,621.34		\$25,895.45	\$25,895.45
225752 002	Phase 2	\$45,000.48	\$43,844.09	\$42,635.67	\$42,635.67
225752 003	Phase 3	\$46,061.36	\$45,009.50	\$43,911.61	\$43,911.61
225752 004	Phase 4	\$23,321.76		\$21,455.94	\$21,455.94
	Total Interest	\$143,004.94	\$88,853.59	\$133,898.67	\$133,898.67
	TOTAL DEBT	\$246,514.15	\$140,802.00	\$281,922.39	\$281,922.39
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$629,232.15	\$289,822.06	\$664,487.39	\$664,487.39
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS					
225450 023	Overhead Costs-Transfer to General Fund	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85
225991 002	Transfers to Stabilization	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	\$43,747.85	\$43,747.85	\$38,747.85	\$38,747.85
TOTAL FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET & TRANSFERS		\$672,980.00	\$333,569.91	\$703,235.24	\$703,235.24
SPECIAL ARTICLES					
	TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ALL FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURES		\$672,980.00	\$333,569.91	\$703,235.24	\$703,235.24