



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

**TO:** One of the Constables in the Town of Blandford, in said County and State

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Blandford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Blandford Town Hall, One Russell Stage Road, Blandford, Massachusetts on Monday, June 3, 2024, 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.

*Requires Simple Majority Vote.*

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 1 passed unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$1,569,382 for the **Gateway Regional School District assessment**, for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.*

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 2 passed unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$275,000 for **Vocational Education** (account #015301.000) for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires Simple Majority. Hear 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 from available funds the sum of \$31,878 for the **transportation expenses for Vocational Education** (account #015302.000) for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires Simple Majority. Hear 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 from available funds the sum of \$2,495,471, more or less, to defray **the expenses of the Town** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; or take any other action relative thereto.

(See proposed Departmental Budgets).

*Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.*

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 5 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 6: 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, 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. Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 6 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into the general-purpose Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 7 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into the Building Project Stabilization Fund account; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear 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 be deposited into the Library Building Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear 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 be deposited into the Education Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear 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 \$50,000, or some other sum, for the purpose of undertaking Town building condition assessments, including all incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 11 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$773,487 from Water Department Receipts to operate the Water Department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, including direct and indirect expenses of the enterprise; or take any other action relative thereto. (See proposed departmental budget). Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 12 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Retained Earnings the sum of \$30,000 to the Water Department Stabilization account; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 13 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Retained Earnings the sum of \$25,000 to the Water Department Capital Expenses Account (#225450.028); or take any other action relative thereto. Requires simple majority vote to pass. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 14 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Broadband Receipts the sum of \$457,740 to operate the Municipal Light Plant for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto. Requires simple majority vote to pass. Hear Finance Committee Recommended

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 15 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Broadband Retained Earnings the sum of \$25,000 to the Municipal Light Plant Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 16 passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Broadband Retained Earnings the sum of \$125,000 to pay toward the principal and interest of the broadband debt for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 17 passed unanimously.**


ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Broadband Retained Earnings the sum of \$53,805.12 to the Town's General Fund to reimburse the Town for the sum approved by the vote taken under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting held on March 18, 2024 to service debt to the broadband system; or take any other action relative thereto. Requires Simple Majority. Hear Finance Committee recommended.

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

ARTICLE 19: 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. Requires Simple Majority. Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Blandford this 23rd day of May 2024

**Motion made and appropriately seconded. ARTICLE 19 passed unanimously.**

A True Copy

Attest:   
Blandford Town Clerk