



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Board of Selectmen Minutes  
January 30, 2017

1. OPEN SESSION - 7:00 pm

Present were Adam Dolby, Andy Montanaro, and William Levakis.

2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. Minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting

**MOTION: A. Montanaro made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting from January 23, 2017**

A. Dolby seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

a. Budget Presentations:

Hilltown Ambulance (Angela Mulkerin) – A used ambulance was purchased from Northampton. Once the state licensing is in place, it will be put into service and the old ambulance retired. A pricing structure for the town using the ambulance service was presented. A contract formalizing the relationship with the town was presented for review.

Police (Keven Hennessey) - The police chief was not present. A draft budget reviewed with the Town Administrator and police chief will be submitted to the Finance Committee. The budget seeks to replace the \$6,000 cut the year before. Patrol hours need to be increased. Several speeding complaints have been received.

Board of Selectmen – Proposed is an increase in hours for the Selectmen Secretary to 20 per week; Town Administrator from part-time to full-time; and Selectboard salaries increase \$500 total for the year. The Selectmen requested that if the Town Administrator becomes full time that responsibilities would include writing grants, researching a new safety complex and meeting with state/county officials to the benefit of the town.

b. Conference – The Town Administrator attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association conference last week. She received great information on managing the Finance team and resolving issues.

c. Water Department Meeting – The Town Administrator is setting up a meeting with the Water Department to discuss the proposed Watson Park water bill. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 4pm. The Town Administrator requested to meet with them at a time that is more conducive to the public.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

- a. Gym Policy – tabled
- b. Turnpike Access Letter – A. Montanaro put forth the letter to the Lieutenant Governor for discussion. Dale Miller, a resident indicated that the town voted this down twice. The Town Clerk will look up the last vote on the issue. The Department of Transportation will be holding a meeting on February 7 in Lenox for toll booth destruction. A. Montanaro may attend to discuss the issue.
- c. Fire Station Building - tabled

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Finance Team Progression – tabled
- b. Dog Licensing – Letters went out to 144 residents who did not license their dogs last year. Some may have moved out of town or no longer have the dog. There is a \$50 fine for each unlicensed dog.
- c. A caucus will be held on March 6.

7. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. None

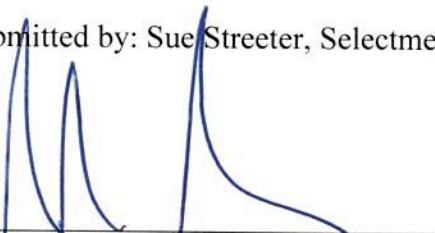
8. ADJOURN MEETING – 9:59 p.m.

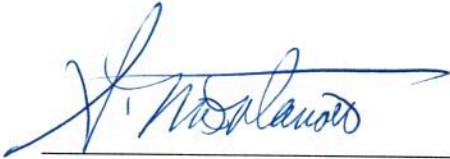
**MOTION: A. Dolby moved to adjourn the meeting.**


A. Montanaro seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Sue Streeter, Selectmen Secretary

  
Adam Dolby – Chair

  
Andrew Montanaro - Clerk

  
William Levakis – Member