



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Board of Selectmen Minutes  
February 27, 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 February 21, 2017 meeting – tabled until next meeting
3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE
  - a. School House Road – We received two complaints from drivers who tried to go down this snow covered road and got stuck. The drivers are looking for reimbursement for their towing expenses.
  - b. Town Election Validation – We have received validation from the state for the town election held May 7, 2016.
  - c. Eversource – Public hearings regarding a rate increase will be held in Pittsfield, Springfield and other cities and towns in the state. Eversource has included notices in residential electric bills.
  - d. Finance Committee – A representative of FinComm is being sought to serve on the Treasurer search committee. The committee Chair has agreed to serve.
4. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Hilltown Ambulance Service Contract – Legal language has been added to address the HIPPA issue. The updated contract will be sent to Hilltown Ambulance for comment.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS
  - a. Water Department Meeting – A joint meeting of the Water Department and BOS will be held March 8 at 4 pm to discuss the Watson Park water bill. The meeting will be held in the Water Department office.
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) – The MCSW is seeking applications for the newly established Hampden and Hampshire-Franklin Commissions on the Status of Women and Girls. MCSW is a state-established body charged with reviewing the status of women in Massachusetts and offering recommendations regarding policy that would improve access to opportunities and equality. The Commission is composed of 19 volunteer commissioners. For more information a link has been added to the Town of Blandford website.

- b. State Transportation Capital Investment Plan – The state has opened a public comment period regarding the state’s transportation Capital Investment Plan. MassDOT and the MBTA are seeking public comment until March 17th. This is an opportunity for us to advise transportation agency leaders in Boston how to best invest limited capital dollars into our transportation infrastructure in western Mass. Highway, public works, planning, community development and other departments are encouraged to submit comments online at <https://www.mass.gov/massdot/cip>.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Peter Langmore gave an update on Wired West. A public meeting with Wired West will be held on March 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the town hall gymnasium. A meeting held in Worthington resulted in a unanimous decision to move forward with Wire West, with Westfield Gas and Electric managing the operations and build out. Peter Larkin, The Chair of MBI, has said that Wired West is moving in the right direction. The MBI has put our RFPs.
- b. Board of Assessor’s – Edna Wilander submitted a letter outlining the resignation of all members of the Assessor’s Office effective March 1, 2017; Edna Wilander, Co Cousineau, Brenda Marra and Don Carpenter.

**MOTION: To accept the collective resignation of the Board of Assessor’s effective March 1, 2017, by A. Dolby**

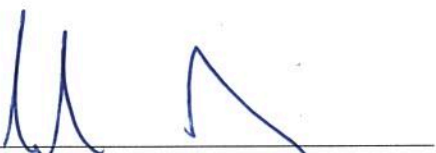
B. Levakis seconded the motion.  
The motion was passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURN MEETING – 9:55 p.m.

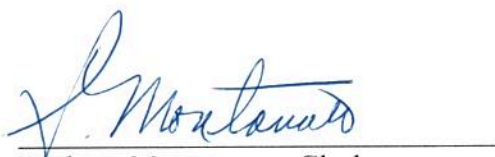
**MOTION: A. Dolby moved to adjourn the meeting.**

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