



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Board of Selectmen Minutes  
May 15, 2017

1. OPEN SESSION - 7:05 pm  
Present were Adam Dolby, William Levakis and Cara Letendre.
2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETING
  - a. Minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting  
**MOTION: A. Dolby made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting from April 27, 2017 as amended**  
W. Levakis seconded the motion  
One abstention
3. WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ELECTED BOS MEMBER CARA LETENDRE
  - a. A. Dolby welcomed Cara Letendre as the new board member and feels she will be a great addition.
4. ELECTION REVIEW
  - a. Mary Kronholm updated the board with election results. There were 242 ballots cast out of 884 registered voters. 27% of registered voters turned out. The successful candidates were Cara Letendre for *Select Board*; Frank Lucia for *Board of Health*, Stephen Jemiolo, *Cemetery Commissioner*; Terry Garfield, *School Committee*; Byam Stevens, *Library Trustees*; Peter Langmore, *Municipal Light Board*; Laurie Boucher, *Town Clerk*; Florentino Vazquez, *Water Commissioner*. There has been a failure to elect a planning board and cemetery candidate.
5. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. JoAnne Grybosh was interviewed by the TA for the position of Dog Officer. J. Grybosh is a certified MA Animal Control Officer since 2009.  
**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Joanne Grybosh as the interim Dog Officer until the position is filled.**  
D. Dolby seconded the motion.  
All in Favor
  - b. Ken Frazier was interviewed by the TA for the position of Animal Inspection. K. Frazier assisted with writing Massachusetts by-laws and protocols on stray animals.  
**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Ken Frazier as the interim Animal Inspector for the Town of Blandford until the position is filled.**

D. Dolby seconded the motion.  
All in Favor

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- a. Highway Leasing Options:  
B. Curry, Highway Superintendent, discussed the lease-to-own options with a 3.4 percent interest rate over 7 years. At end of lease, there is no buy-out option; the town would own the vehicles. All quotes are lease-to-own. A. Dolby recommended focusing on the truck that is most needed, understanding that realistically the town could not purchase three vehicles. A. Dolby would like to see a lease agreement for one truck.
- b. Fee for Services Rendered:  
Constables do not get paid for their services. The BoS should consider ten dollars (\$10.00) for each service rendered through the Police Department's budget. A. Dolby recommends putting on the agenda as an action item.
- c. Request for Project Funding: Chapter 90  
B. Curry recommends that the Russell Stage Road be done all at once. The road is so bad that it would not be cost effective to do a section at a time.
- d. TA/Selectmen's Rates, etc. /Gateway Commencement:  
The Gateway Regional High School would like the Town of Blandford to participate on May 31, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. for the awards ceremony. The commencement exercise will be held on June 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

- a. Finance Team Roles/Accountant and Assistant Accountant Roles and Responsibilities:  
Would like to revisit in three weeks to determine what J. Sarnelli's role and how it interacts with the Town Accountant's role. Select Board needs to determine the path of the financial offices moving forward. The goal is to get the financial offices in a state where they are functioning on their own and able to balance monthly so that the town is in a good place for an audit. TA is to get quotes for the turnover audit.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A. Dolby would like to address special employees at a future meeting.
- b. B. Levakis asked the board for permission to finish the baseball field. B. Levakis will get quotes for the repairs.
- c. Board of Assessors appointment Frank Lucia for a one year term.

9. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. George Reichert thanked Bill Levakis for turning on the water in the White Church.
- b. G. Reichert also commented on the other issues relating to the post office. The dumpster in the parking lot is an eyesore; he would like to see it moved. He also suggested a drive-up mailbox because of the aging population and to relieve the congestion.
- c. G. Reichert would like to see the light put on the flag in front of the town offices at night. Recommends to either take the flag down or put up the light.
- d. Andy Montanaro had a letter he wanted to include as a public announcement. A. Montanaro delivered the letter to the Selectboard and stated it was a response to a question the Selectboard were asked during the town meeting. A. Dolby did not grant the submission of the letter for public announcement because the issue addressed in A. Montanaro's letter is an employee issue and violates the employees' rights.
- e. A. Montanaro gave an update on Watson Park and the work that needs to be completed.

- f. Hilltown Collaborative shared finance operation and materials for the Selectboard's consideration.
- g. TJ Cousineau asked for an update on the fire trucks from Tolland. Unfortunate that Tolland had to give the trucks to a department in Connecticut.

10. ADJOURN MEETING – 9:36 p.m.

**MOTION: C. Letendre moved to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by: Jennifer Girard

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Adam Dolby – Chair

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Cara Letendre - Clerk

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William Levakis – Member