



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen Minutes
July 24, 2017

1. OPEN SESSION - 7:05 pm
Present were Adam Dolby, William Levakis and Cara Letendre
2. TOWN OF ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE
 - a. Economic Development Coordinator Introduction: tabled to August 11, 2017
 - b. Home Depot Town Account: TA opened a home depot account for various departments opposed to individuals. Facilities, Highway, Water, Cemetery departments will have an account.
 - c. Account Position: TA spoke with Joshua Garcia from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission regarding the Regionalized Accounting Program. Initial cost would be \$1,500.00 for an assessment of town finances. A. Dolby suggested both Eric Kinshurf and Josh come to a board meeting to discuss the accounting aspects and requirements.
 - d. Eversource: Vegetation Management: Will be cutting down 100 feet swath of trees where there's interference of electrical wires. They have contacted the abutters and if they sign off Eversource will leave the logs if not they will take away. TA have been in touched with the Conservation Committee to establish a hearing date for the process.
 - e. Decrease in Gateway Funds: As of March 1, 2017, the census for The Town of Blandford has 113 students representing a 12.54 percent of the student population resulting in an approximate decrease of \$3,400.00 for the FY 18 budget.
 - f. Staff Reviews: A.Dolby has recommended that a select board member sit in on the reviews for the first year.
3. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Ballot Question for Debt Exclusion MLP: Exclusion Ballad Questions
MOTION: A. Dolby made a motion to approve the following ballot:
"Shall The Town of Blandford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to fund the Town's share of the costs of construction, installation and start-up of a regional broadband network, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Ton's Municipal Light Plant acting as a member of a cooperative of such Plants formed under Chapter 164, Section 47C of the General Law"
C. Letendre second the motion
All in favor

- b. Resignation of Francis Burkott:
 - MOTION: C. Letendre made motion to accept the letter of resignation of Francis Burkott from the Planning Board.**
 - A. Dolby second the motion.
 - All in favor
- c. Resignation of Richard Barnard:
 - MOTION: C. Letendre made motion to accept the letter of resignation of Richard Barnard from the Zoning Board of appeals.**
 - W. Levakis second the motion
 - All in favor
- d. Residency Requirements for Regulatory Boards and Committees: No motion necessary. Board is going with the written recommendation from the State regulations.
- e. Appointments:
 - MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Lucia Sullivan for a 3 year term to the Art Council Board.**
 - C. Letendre second the motion
 - All in favor
 - MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Linda Barnard for a 3 year term to the COA.**
 - C. Letendre second the motion
 - All in favor
 - MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Brad Curry, Kevin Hennessey, Jim Wolfgang, Angeline Ellison, Ed Harvey for a 1 year term to the Emergency Management Committee.**
 - C. Letendre second the motion
 - All in favor
 - MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Ed Harvey for a 1 year term to Hazardous Waste**
 - C. Letendre second the motion
 - All in favor
 - MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Ed Harvey for a 1 year term to Hazardous Waste Management**
 - C. Letendre second the motion
 - All in favor
 - MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Joe Henning for a 1 year term as Veteran's Agent**
 - C. Letendre second the motion
 - All in favor
 - MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Doug Emo for a 1 year term as Watson Park Superintendent**
 - C. Letendre second the motion
 - All in favor
 - MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Ann Emo-Savery for a 1 year term as Assistant Watson Park Superintendent**
 - C. Letendre second the motion
 - All in favor

MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Maggie Zajko, pending CORI check, for a 1 year term to the Recreation Committee.

C. Letendre second the motion

All in favor

MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to appoint Michael McLaughlin and Lisa Lajoie for a 1 year term to the Conservation Committee

W. Levakis second the motion

C. Letendre sustained

f. Protective Security System Upgrade: tabled – Select Board would like more information.

g. Russell Pond and Blandford contribution: Tabled for further information from Cara Letendre.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

a. Town employees to receive a 2.5 percent pay increase.

MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to approve pay raises at 2.5 percent and as specified in union contract.

C. Letendre second the motion

All in favor

b. **MOTION: A. Dolby made motion to approve retro pay at 2.5 percent as July 1, 2017.**

C. Letendre second the motion

All in favor

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. FY18 Budge appropriation and use: The Finance Committee has concerns that the Assessors may be overspending.

6. ADJOURN MEETING – 9:40 p.m.

MOTION: A. Dolby moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adapted unanimously.

Submitted by: Jennifer Girard,

Adam Dolby – Chair

Cara Letendre - Clerk

William Levakis – Member