



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen
August 21, 2017

1. **OPEN SESSION** - 7:08 pm
Present were Cara Letendre and William Levakis.
2. **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - a. Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Executive Session meeting
MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the executive minutes of the Board of Selectmen executive meeting from May 22, 2017
W. Levakis seconded the motion
Motion passes
 - b. Minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting
MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting from June 26, 2017
W. Levakis seconded the motion
Motion passes
 - c. Minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting
MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting from August 8, 2017
W. Levakis seconded the motion
Motion passes
 - d. Minutes of the July 24, 2017 meeting
MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting from July 24, 2017
W. Levakis seconded the motion
Motion passes
3. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**
 - a. Signatures on various documents: please do so, they are in a folder
 - b. Hilltown Collaborative meeting: September 16, 2017 at 9am – 12 p.m.
C. Letendre, W. Levakis and Eric McVey from Finance will attend the Wednesday meeting at Huntington Station Hall
4. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. TA Goals and working hours- tabled

b. Appointment of Select Board Secretary

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to appoint Karen Shaw to the position of Select Board Secretary beginning August 28, 2017.

W. Levakis seconded the motion

Motion passes

c. New Equipment for Highway

Highway Superintendent, Brad Curry wanted to know where the town was at purchasing new equipment. B. Curry has put together packages for new truck(s) with different truck companies. B. Curry has forward this information to the Treasurer, Sue Streeter for the best interest rates. B. Curry has requested a dump bed which was approved and this will come out of capital. TA will follow up with the Treasurer. Resident, Andy Montenegro thanked B. Curry for grading his road.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

a. Building for Highway, Fire

Still looking at quotes from contractors. C. Letendre has requested an update from the Fire Chief in the near future.

b. Assessor's Pay rate: Assessor's pay school and more money

Board of Assessors addressed the concerns that the volunteers are not going to give up their paying jobs to attend training for a week and not receive compensation. Salaries cannot be paid for going to school as it was not budgeted for the FY18. This may be something the BOA look into as they put their future budget together. TA will look at other towns and forward the information to the Selectboard.

Dale is receiving pay from the clerk's salary form FY 17. The budget is 6,000.00 for the year. This could done as a special project.

c. Exemption letter

Town needs to decide whether or not to have special town employees. Having two employees with different supervision, going over 40 hours creates problems with one employee doing multiple positions. No decisions should be made without discussion with A. Dolby present. W. Levakis has indicated that the special town employees needs to be address and not to keep tabling. TA will have on the agenda for the next meeting.

d. Appointments – tabled

e. Town Administrator's 2.5 raise: It was confirmed that the TA did receive the COLA rate increase.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Terry Walker

T. Walker has requested that she be reimbursed for \$203.00 for the three months of insurance she had to pay while waiting for the retirement board and town to process the paperwork. This will be reviewed and will follow up with T. Walker.

b. Town Flag; Alan Otstaff was not in attendance however, he was looking for the town flag. We do have one. The Selecbord secretary will look into this.

c. Pay it forward recycling: Gary Hagar would like to put recycling bins for clothes at the town garage or near the water station. The select board has

decided to wait until A.Dolby was present to further discuss and then will follow up with G. Hagar.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. The Library has a leak in the public restroom. It needs to be addressed as not to close down the Library.

This is an unforeseen emergency and would like the repairs to come from building capital.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to authorize the necessary repairs to the Library.

W. Levakis seconded the motion

A. Dolby sustained – not in attendance

ADJOURN MEETING – 9:08 p.m.

MOTION: C Letendre moved to adjourn the meeting.

B. Levakis seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Jennifer Girard, Selectmen Secretary

Adam Dolby – Chair

Cara Letendre - Clerk

William Levakis – Member