



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
SELECTBOARD

Blandford Town Hall
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**TOWN OF BLANDFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2018**

OPEN SESSION 7:08 p.m.

Adam Dolby, Cara Letendre, William Levakis in attendance.
Meeting is recorded.

EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION: A. Dolby made a motion to accept the Board of Selectmen Minutes of January 8, 2018 as amended.

C. Letendre seconded the motion.

All in favor.

MOTION: A. Dolby made a motion to accept the Board of Selectmen Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2018.

W. Levakis seconded the motion.

All in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

PVPC Services Review: A packet was presented of the services of the PVPC. Adam Dolby has discussed with Josh Garcia and another member of the PVPC the possibility of their assistance with the functions of the Town Administrator. It would also be advantageous if they could help with the search. Inertia for the combined building project of the highway garage and the fire department is needed. Staffing augmentation a couple days a week will be required. The PVPC is open to discuss. Pulling together emergency services of surrounding towns is another project for discussion. The Board is requesting the PVPC attend the next Board meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. to accommodate their availability.

Hilltown Ambulance Fee Increase: Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. has a fee increase of 5.5 % starting with FY 19 and each year over the next three years.

RFP – Treasurer/Collector: The PVPC will also be asked to be involved with the request for proposal for this position. Combining the two departments will be looked at. Future plans will involve on line billing. A search of what surrounding towns are doing will also be done.

I-90 – Exit for Blandford: The Mass DOT is having a kick-off meeting of the working group for the I-90 interchange study on February 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Blandford Town Hall. Adam Dolby and Bill Levakis will be attending.

Standard Contract Form – Commonwealth of MA: Broadband Grant is ready to start paying out. One third of the grant is to cover the “make ready” costs and some of the other expenses. It will be available to all of the homes in Blandford.

ACTION ITEMS

Constable Appointments:

Laurie Boucher, Brad Curry and Florentino Vazquez have been approved by the Board for Constable appointments in the following motions:

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to appoint Laurie Boucher to the position of Constable for the Town of Blandford for the term of one year ending January 1, 2019.

A. Dolby seconded the motion.

All in favor.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to appoint Bradley W. Curry to the position of Constable for the term of one year ending January 1, 2019.

A. Dolby seconded the motion.

All in favor.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to appoint Florentino Vasquez to the position of Constable for the term of one year ending January 1, 2019.

A. Dolby seconded the motion.

C. Letendre – yes.

A. Dolby – yes.

W. Lavakis – no.

Shared Economic Development Director: Blandford’s cost for the shared Economic Development Director was distributed to the Board to determine if this will be budgeted in for the next fiscal year. It is requested Jeanne LeClair be invited to the Board to synopsize the year in review and give further detail of the services she has performed for Blandford.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Massachusetts Broadband Institute – Flexible Grant Program: Blandford is electing not to pursue this program and will continue on their present path.

- An informational session was held with COA on the upcoming changes.

- Question was raised as to language for the marijuana bi law and the Town Administrator will work on the warrant and suggested the Town charge 3% for retail.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diesel Fuel Release – I-90 Eastbound: A letter of December 11, 2017 from Cushing Jammallo & Wheeler, Inc. was presented relative to a release of diesel fuel of 80 gallons on Route I90 Eastbound at Mile Marker 28.4.

MOTION to enter into Executive Session in accordance to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 and adjourn meeting thereafter, by A. Dolby.

Roll Call Vote taken

W. Levakis – yes

C. Letendre - yes

A. Dolby – yes

Entered executive session at 8:48 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Shaw, Administrative Assistant to the Board

Adam Dolby – Chair

Cara Letendre - Clerk

William Levakis – Member