



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
March 7, 2016

Attendance: Adam Dolby, Bill Levakis, Andrew Montanaro, and Cara Letendre - Secretary

Open Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Mr. Dolby called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

New Business:

1. Hazard Mitigation Planning: Jaime did a presentation explaining the process for developing a plan and reasons for doing so. A survey was distributed and filled out. The next meeting is planned for April 4, 2016.
2. Historical Commission - Mick Brennan
 - a. Shepard Farm: property is subject to strict conservation easements.
 - i. In order to lease the property we have to get the easements waived for part of the property. To do so is an act of legislature. In return, the Town will have to add an equal parcel of land to our Open Space.
 1. Can we allow people to occupy the property without a lease? To allow someone to farm and fix-up the estate?
 - a. Mr. Brennan- have asked in the past and the answer was no.
 - ii. The Historical Commission is recommending that Town Counsel have a real estate expert look into it to help develop an argument in our favor to bring to our Senators. The Town will note that it was not the intent of the Commonwealth to condemn the buildings.
The Board agreed.
 1. Discussed possibly funding the costs for legal to draw this up from an upcoming logging project on the property. Will need a vote from Conservation.
 2. Finance asked for an estimate for the legal costs by next month.
 - b. Watson Park: Submitted a job list with estimates for work to be done in the park. See attached.
 - i. Funding: there is an expendable portion of the Trust Fund.
 - ii. There are re-occurring monthly expenses for the Park. Historical Commission would like to use extra funds to complete this job list.
 - iii. Mr. Dolby asked Finance to check with Brenda to get exact number in expendable account.

