



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
March 14, 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. Building Inspector Position:

- a. Mr. Peterson needed to obtain a different licensure and the process do so was very labor intensive and expensive. As a result, he resigned on Saturday. The Board thanked him for his service.
 - i. Mr. Dolby motion to accept Charlie Peterson's resignations as Building Inspector effective March 12, 2016, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
- b. Applicants:
 - i. Mr. Arthur Lawler – full-time Building Commissioner in Southwick. 5 year experience as a Building Commissioner.
 1. Mr. Lawler provided the Board with his resume and copy of certifications.
 2. Resides in Westfield.
 3. Would work in town evening hours, not uncommon for small towns to have evening inspection hours. Would be flexible to make some exceptions when needed.
 4. Suggested electronic permitting as it is easier for residents and part-time employees. Board agreed. Would like to look into pricing.
 - ii. Mr. Jonathan Flag- currently working as a contractor, was the building commissioner in Westfield for 8 years.
 1. Mr. Flag provided the Board with his resume, certification and referral.
 2. Flexible hours.
 3. Would like to hold the position to help maintain his credentials.
 4. Currently the Alternate in Russell, serves as mentor for acting Building Commissioner.

- iii. Mr. Levakis motion to appoint Jonathan Flagg to position of Temporary Building Inspector for a term of one month, Mr. Montanaro second, Mr. Levakis – yes, Mr. Dolby – no, Mr. Montanaro – yes, motion passed. (Board discussed decision to appoint Mr. Flagg temporarily while the position is posted because of he is more available)
- 2. Finance Committee:
 - a. Review Overages- Finance provided the Selectboard with a list of accounts that are currently over budget for FY16.
 - i. Town currently owes \$19,000 to Gateway
 - ii. Highway Part-Time Labor – account is over by about \$50.00. Cara will follow-up with Lisa to check for errors in posting as the account was frozen by the Selectboard.
 - iii. Board asked Finance to offer suggestions on which accounts money can be moved from.
 - iv. Mr. Dolby motion to move \$12,000 from Town Administrator line item to the Accountant Salary and \$8,000 from the Town Administrator line item to the Treasurer salary, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote. (Financial Officers are putting in extra hours to work on cleaning up books for a more accurate closing as opposed to hiring outside company to do so)
 - b. Books – due to be closed on Thursday. Then the Schedule A will be completed. (After the books close the Board will meet with the Financial Officers, Finance Committee and Josephine Sarnelli).
 - c. Talk Back- the Finance Committee would like to schedule a Talk Back with residents to review the draft of the FY17 budget and have an informal discussion.
 - d. Finance Committee requested list of police vehicles including mileage and where they are located. Have been asking for a while now with no response. Mr. Dolby will follow-up.
 - i. Incident last week, our police were not able to respond. What is the purpose of having town vehicles in their possession if they can't respond?
- 3. ID Cards: Mr. Montanaro motion to buy Higgins Card ID system for \$1,298.50, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
- 4. Community Compact Application: Cara will complete online.
- 5. Painting Class: waiting on insurance
- 6. Minutes: Mr. Dolby motion to approve meeting minutes of 3/7/2016 as written, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- 1. Planning Board: Mrs. McCann – will have a warrant for a bylaw to adapt the new stretch code on the annual town meeting warrant. Would like to have an information meeting on April 13, 2016.
- 2. Highway Garage Status- EDA will be responding to Clayton Davenport's letter tomorrow. Board's view is that the project is out of compliance with the contract.

8:55 p.m. Mr. Levakis motion to adjourn, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:
Cara Letendre

Adam Dolby - Chair

Andrew Montanaro - Clerk

William Levakis - Member