



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
April 27, 2016

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

Open Meeting:

8:25 p.m. Mr. Dolby called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting will be recorded.

New Business:

1. Revised Fee Schedule: Building Inspector- tabled
2. Chapter 90 Paperwork: reviewed and signed paperwork for culvert and ditch work on Chester Road.
3. Minutes: Mr. Dolby motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2016 as written, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
4. AED: The 3rd unit arrived in December, delivered to old town hall. Mr. Dolby will follow-up with Fire Chief and have it mounted in the Town Hall this week.
5. Town Sign: Mr. Hoppe is replacing the Russell sign and offered to replace the Blandford sign at the same time to save money. Estimate \$135.
 - a. Mr. Montanaro asked Mr. Hoppe to get DOT approval for the new sign before installing it.
 - b. Board agreed to have the sign replaced.
6. Highway Truck: The Highway Department would like to purchase an army dump truck with very low mileage for \$1,800.00. The price is less than it would cost to put a dump body on our current truck.
 - a. Mr. Montanaro – would we decommission a current truck?
 - i. Mr. Levakis – yes
 - b. Mr. van Werkhoven – what is the plan going forward? We have too many vehicles at the garage already. Yes they all serve a purpose but there is a lot of rusting with them all sitting there.
 - c. Mrs. Smith – several residents complain about the number of trucks parked at the garage.

- d. Mr. Dolby – asked Cara to get a list of all of the trucks from Highway and include what is wrong with each one, what they need to repair them, and what trucks they need. Ask Lisa to take photos.
 - e. Mr. Montanaro – can we swap it for the 550? Trade in and use part of proceeds to purchase new truck.
- 7. Highway Superintendent – Appointment is up in a few months. Mr. Montanaro will discuss with Mr. Curry one on one that the Board will be posting the position and letting him know he is welcome to apply.

Old Business:

- 1. Town Administrator: Board will get a list of top 4 candidates to Cara to schedule interviews.
- 2. Gateway Assessment Reduced: Mr. Montanaro spoke with Finance about using some of the funds to give a 2.5% increase to town employees. Finance agreed, with the exception of new employees, vacant positions, elected officials, police (had their increase recently), and the library staff.
 - a. Mr. Levakis: advised that include elected officials in raises to keep the positions desirable in the future.
 - b. Mr. Montanaro spoke with Town Counsel about how to move the funds and will deduct the amount from the additional money needed in the article at the Annual Town Meeting on the floor.

9:30 p.m. Mr. Dolby motion to adjourn, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:
Cara Letendre

Adam Dolby - Chair

Andrew Montanaro - Clerk

William Levakis - Member