



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
July 11, 2016

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

Open Meeting: 7:04 p.m. Mr. Montanaro called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting will be recorded.

New Business:

1. Town Administrator Interview: Lisa Peltier (see attached resume and interview questions)
2. Crystal Brainard Regarding Smith Vocational Application:
 - a. Mrs. Brainard's daughter applied late to Smith Vocational and needs the BOS approval before Smith will look at her application. The funding is in the budget for FY17 as we budgeted for more students than were accepted.
 - b. Mr. Montanaro motion for the Town to accept the financial obligation if Allison Fuller is accepted to Smith Vocational for FY17, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
3. Minutes: Mr. Montanaro motion to accept minutes from June 30, 2016, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
4. Salary Increase Transfer Station Employees & Police:
 - a. Question from the Treasurer regarding raises: we had held the raises but it's my understanding that it has been approved.
 - i. Board agreed.
 - ii. Treasurer is waiting on notice from the police, highway and library.
 - iii. Mr. Montanaro:
 1. the Police and Transfer station raises have been approved.
 2. Highway raises for union employees is being held for FY17 until the contract is finalized, at that point the rate will be ratified and paid retroactively.
 3. Highway non-union raises have been approved.
 4. Library raises were already put in place. They are budgeted to get an increase in January.
5. Tax Collector Account Reconciliation: there is still some reconciliation left to do with the former tax collector account. Mr. Montanaro, curious as to a time line as

- it will impact closing. Mrs. Masse gave a guarded target of the end of September to have the account reconciled up to date.
6. Highway Computer: the computer broke this week and Lisa drove it to Auburn to Akuity to salvage information from the hard drive. 2 quotes, 1 for a new pc \$1,329 and 1 for repair \$877. Board discussed looking into getting a grant through FEMA.
 7. Complaint Regarding Intent to Purchase Fence at Watson Park: concern about maintenance and mowing. Discussed how to remove bittersweet prior to installation. Town Counsel suggested that we clearly mark the boundaries in the park. Historical Commission is currently researching the deeds as to right away for property. Board asked Cara to forward letter to Historical Commission for their input.
 8. Mary Kronholm: appointed by the governor to five more years on the Mass Board of Library Commissioners.
 9. Bicentennial Park: need new fence rails. Mr. Levakis follow-up.
 10. Special Town Meeting: August 1 at 7:00 p.m. to move money for water project on Glasgow Road. Possibly add Union Contract if ready. Board agreed.

Old Business:

1. Truck Traffic:
 - a. A speed board will be going up on North Blandford this week.
 - b. White Wolf trucking will no longer be using the road.
 - c. Williams Stone Quarry owner posted a notice at his quarry not to use North Blandford Road.
 - d. Residents report that it has been quieter.
2. Appointments:
 - a. Accountant: splitting duties for time being. Mrs. Lombardo will be doing the warrant. Mrs. Sarnelli will be working on the general ledger and help get FY16 wrapped up and ready for an audit. Mr. Levakis motion to appoint Janet Lombardo to the accountant position to do warrants subject to the changing needs of the town, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
 - b. Mr. Montanaro motion to appoint Mr. Donald Mikesh to the COA for a term of 3 years, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
 - c. Note: Mr. Levakis- all appointments should be up on June 30 of each year no matter they date of appointment. Will review bylaws to clarify.
 - d. Highway Superintendent: received an application today, will schedule interview.
3. Accountant Duties: need contract for Josephine Sarnelli.
 - a. Mr. Montanaro- Instead of limiting hours, limit spending.
 - b. Cara will draft contract.
4. Insurance: had held as there was a large increase in property assessments from last year. Received document with updated values that are considerably more

reasonable. Question about property insurance covering contents. Board will sign renewal letter when Cara provides this information.

9:00 p.m. Mr. Montanaro motion to adjourn, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Cara Letendre

William Levakis - Member

Andrew Montanaro - Clerk