



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
August 9, 2016

Attendance: Adam Dolby, William Levakis, Andrew Montanaro, Josephine Sarnelli, Linda Smith, Tony van Werkhoven, Eric McVey, Andrew Quinn, Jeff Bacon, and Cara Letendre - Secretary

Open Meeting: 7:05 p.m. Mr. Dolby called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting will be recorded.

New Business:

1. Presentation on Investigation & FY15 Closing:
 - a. Linda Smith & Josephine Sarnelli – Power point presentation (see attached)
 - b. Adam Dolby: we are pursuing bond claims
 - c. Question and answers
2. New Town Administrator: Mr. Dolby introduced Angeline Ellison as our New Town Administrator.
 - a. Reviewed contract.
 - i. Revised section regarding salary revision after 90 day probationary period to state “to be amended upward not to exceed \$40,000 as budgeted, based on review”
 - ii. Ms. Ellison will be starting in about 1 month.
3. Minutes: Mr. Dolby motion to approve meeting minutes of August 1, 2016 as amended, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
NOTE: response from Town Counsel regarding Salary Scale – the Selectboard can develop and maintain a salary schedule for those employees whom they hire.
4. Selectmen Secretary Job Description: Mr. Dolby motion to accept the Selectmen Secretary Job Description as amended, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
5. Computer Quote for Town Administrator: Cara will get a quote for a laptop instead. Don't need to copy hard drive from Selectmen Secretary computer.

Old Business:

1. Appointments:
 - a. Mr. Dolby motion to appoint Peter Thayer to the position of Pest Control and Measurer of Wood for a one year term, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.

- b. Mr. Dolby motion to appoint Brenda Blood to the position of Animal Control Officer, Dog Officer and Inspector of Livestock for a term of one year, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
- 2. Chester Road Paving Bid: Board reviewed results from bid opening.
 - a. Warner Brothers, Westfield MA \$298,664.00
 - b. Lane Construction, Westfield MA \$270,867.00
 - c. Palmer Paving, Palmer MA \$259,647.46
 - d. Bid from Palmer Paving had to be rejected per order of Deborah Anderson (AGO) because “it contains conflicting unit prices and it contains an addition not called for, the separate unit price sheet.”
 - e. Mr. Montanaro motion to approve Chester Road Paving Project to Lane Construction out of Westfield, MA for \$270,867.00, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
- 3. Hiring Policy: Board provided copy to Angeline to review. Would like to come up with a policy that elected officials can use as well.
- 4. Watson Park Letter: Mr. Montanaro will follow-up with the Tree Warden regarding the limbs hanging over the barn in Watson Park. Discussed payment: to come out of Park Trust Funds.

9:03 p.m. Mr. Dolby motion adjourn, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:
Cara Letendre

Adam Dolby – Chair

Andrew Montanaro - Clerk

William Levakis - Member