



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Water Department, Minutes  
July 8, 2015

**Attendance:** Gordon Avery, William Levakis, Brad Curry, Cara Letendre - Secretary

**Open Meeting:**

4:15 p.m. Mr. Levakis formally called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting will be recorded.

**Posted Agenda Items:**

1. Conference Call: regarding funding for solar panels. Mike Diabara (DEP helps water facilities to reduce energy costs), Jim Barry (DOER helps municipalities research options for funding), Kim Kieran (Eversource, energy analysis/audit and incentives).
  - a. Call was initiated based on a request sent from us regarding funding solar panels for the Water Plant.
  - b. Mrs. Kieran: will visit the plant with a specialist to do an energy audit and deliver a report and offer incentives. Discussed possibility of 0% interest loan.
    - i. Scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday with Mr. Levakis and Mr. Curry at Town Hall.
  - c. Mr. Barry: Green Community Designation Program. Some aspects have changes since Blandford last looked into becoming a Green Community. There is less difference between the building code and the stretch code. Willing to visit and update us.
    - i. Scheduled to attend Selectboard meeting on July 21 at 7:00 p.m.
  - d. Mr. Diabara: Clean Energy Results Program: agencies are working together to provide solar and wind policy guidance to streamline the process. Will email Cara a link to reference.
    - i. Two possibilities: own and operate ourselves or 3<sup>rd</sup> party developer builds a solar field and passes on the energy savings to us. (example in Graton MA, Matt Pearson in charge and an excellent resource) Mr. Diabara will introduce Mr. Pearson to us to answer any questions.
2. Commitments: Water Commissioners agreed to move the commitments to the Treasurer's office.
3. Water Breaks/Repairs: Reviewed prices from contractors.
  - a. 81 Main Street: begin work at 3:30 on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Service is fractured on the edge of Route 23.
    - i. Digsafe will mark at 12:45 on Monday.
    - ii. Mr. Levakis will locate parts needed & hire police detail.
    - iii. M & M Site services hired to rent and operate excavator.
  - b. Mr. Curry will store sand at the salt shed for repairs.
  - c. NOTE: Florentino Vazquez will clean out pump house this week.

**Old Business:**

1. Herrick Road: John Dutilly discussed clean-up of stone from winter break repair. LB Construction did an excellent job on the break repair.
  - a. Will get quotes to level stone, grade and fill. Mr. Curry will re-visit site to get scope.
  - b. Mr. Loomis plans to hire the winning bidder to work on his driveway while they are there.
  - c. NOTE: Parsons on North Blandford Road and Wojik on Kaolin Road need to be graded and landscaped.
2. Plumbers: Mr. Curry gave a list of plumbers to Cara. She will follow-up with rates and insurance.
3. Union Agricultural Society: Cara corrected billing to reflect one service charge for FY15 and resent bill.
  - a. Will also charge usage fee for the first and second quarter. Mr. Avery will do a reading before the water is turned on and after it is shut off to calculate.

**New Business:**

1. Trailer: 48 x 110 ft steel box trailer. \$800.00 total includes delivery. Discussed purchasing it to replace old shed. Mr. Avery will take a look.
2. Florentino Vazquez Payrate: Hydraulic License, waiting on medical for DOT license. Will check progress at next meeting. Board granted 30 days to get license or raise revoked.

5:40 p.m. Mr. Levakis motion to adjourn meeting, Mr. Curry second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:  
Cara Letendre

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William Levakis - Chair

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Brad Curry- Clerk

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Gordon Avery - Member