



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Board of Selectmen, Minutes  
August 22, 2016

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

**Open Meeting:**

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

**New Business:**

1. COA: Regarding Community Garden – Linda Barnard and Margit Mikuski
  - a. Concerned with lack of interest in the garden. They have been offering produce to the COA members at functions and delivering to their homes, however interest is low. The intent of the garden was to provide fresh vegetables to senior citizens in town.
  - b. Discussed ways to help ease the burden on Margit and Linda and increase interest.
    - i. Mr. Levakis stated that we could leave the water running so it was easier to water the garden.
    - ii. Suggestion to allow people to plant portions of the garden themselves and therefore take ownership.
2. Selectmen Secretary Interviews:
  - a. Joanne Martin: Board reviewed resume and asked questions
  - b. Heather Hannigan: Board reviewed resume and asked questions
  - c. Cara will set-up second interviews with Town Administrator.
3. Treasurer Regarding Town Administrator Contract:
  - a. Mrs. Marra let the Board know that with the current wording in the contract stating “approximately 20 hours” Ms. Ellison is not eligible for retirement or health insurance. The Board agreed to change the wording to “a minimum of 20 hours”. Cara will make the changes and get the contract to Ms. Ellison to sign.
  - b. Mrs. Marra concerned with the fact that the Board was offering Holidays, Bereavement and Sick Time to the Town Administrator and not to other employees working the same if not more hours. The Board agreed to take this into consideration.
  - c. Mrs. Marra was concerned that when the Assessors Board requested a pay increase for her with in their budget last year it was turned down by the

Board. She feels it is unfair that the Town Administrator will be able to earn the total amount allocated in her salary line item.

**8:00 Mr. Dolby left to attend to a fire department emergency.**

**Old Business:**

8:45 p.m. Mr. Levakis closed the meeting.

Submitted by:  
Cara Letendre

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Adam Dolby - Chair

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William Levakis - Member