



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
February 5, 2015

Attendance: Andy Montanaro, Bill Levakis, Adam Dolby and Cara Letendre – Secretary

Open Meeting:

7:03 p.m. Mr. Levakis formally called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

Posted Agenda Items:

1. Warrants: reviewed and signed
2. Minutes:
 - a. Mr. Dolby motioned to approve minutes from January 26, 2015 with amendments', Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
 - b. Mr. Dolby motion to approve minutes from January 5, 2015 as written, Mr. Montanaro second unanimous vote.

Old Business:

1. Highway Garage Bids: Mr. Jemiolo not present. Board reviewed email from Mr. Jemiolo regarding references checked. Felt it was unclear. Board asked for clearer review of references and at least 3 from each company received by February 13, 2015.
 - a. Mr. Montanaro motion to rescind motion of January 5, 2015 Old Business item #8 regarding Highway Garage Project Bid, to allow for the inclusion of references, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
 - b. Mr. Dolby motion to approve Highway Garage Project Bid from Clayton & Davenport for \$118,300.00 contingent upon coherent, understood references checked by Steve Jemiolo by February 13, 2015, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
 - c. Question as to whether or not Mark Ebreo will be the project manager. Mr. Levakis will follow-up.
2. Highway Outline: none received
 - a. Chester Road Plow Schedule: plowed at 4:30 a.m., 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Mr. Montanaro will follow-up with Highway Superintendent to make sure that the schedule is consistent with the bus schedule and that any delays or cancellations be taken into consideration.
 - b. Fire Department Parking Lot: Mr. Dolby had to shovel out in front of the bays when he arrived at the station for a call the other morning. Asked that the Highway Department keep bays clear. Mr. Montanaro will follow-up.
 - c. Beagle Club Road: When Board agreed to allow Highway Department to plow this private road it was contingent upon no cars parking on the street. Last week a car was parked on the street and Town plow almost went off the road. The Board agreed that the Highway Department will no longer plow Beagle Club Road.

- d. Road Program: Highway Department Superintendent committed to presenting program by February 13, 2015.
- 3. Tax Collector Salary: Finance Committee agrees with the Board's decision of \$13.00 per/hr plus fees collected. Mr. Dolby motion to change Tax Collector from salary to hourly rate of \$13.00 plus fees earned not to exceed budgeted salary beginning July 1, 2015, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
- 4. Police Department Pay Scale: Chief needs to provide justification for rates, off agenda until then.
- 5. Police Promotion Policy: Tabled until hear back from Chief.
- 6. Bereavement Policy: Mr. Dolby motion to approve Bereavement policy with amendments, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
- 7. Water Commissioner Job Description: Mr. Dolby motion to approve Water Commissioner Job Description with amendments, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote. Mr. Levakis abstained from vote.
- 8. Special Event License: Mr. Dolby motion to approve special event license as written, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
- 9. Fire Truck Sale:
 - a. Mr. Montanaro – Board voted to not award bid to highest and only bidder last week due to the price. After reviewing the bid listing on the website, which committed Board to selling to the highest bidder, Mr. Montanaro feels morally obligated to discuss accepting bid or coming to some middle ground.
 - b. Mr. Levakis: Town Counsel has reviewed the matter and notified the Board that they are able to throw out all of the bids if they are not happy with them.
 - c. Mr. Dolby: going forward, Selectboard must approve language of any bid/listing for sale of property before it is listed.
 - d. Mr. Dolby and Mr. Levakis do not want to rescind decision.
 - e. Chief Harvey still looking into scrapping the truck.

New Business

- 1. COA Regarding New Member: Margit Mikuski asked that Linda Barnard be appointed to the COA Board (there are two empty positions). Board asked that Mrs. Barnard submit a letter of interest. Mr. Montanaro motion to appoint Linda Barnard to the COA board for a term of 3 years to expire in June 2017, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
- 2. Emergency Check List: Margit Mikuski thanked Board for help with the Emergency Check list and thanked the Police Department for checking all of those listed.
- 3. Highway Superintendent & Police Chief Mandatory Meeting with Finance: Selectboard signed documents requesting that the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief attend mandatory meetings with the Finance Committee on February 10, 2015.

9:00 p.m. Mr. Montanaro motion to go into executive session for the purpose of To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation (Highway Department union) pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, §21, ¶3. not to reconvene, Mr. Dolby second, Cara called for a roll call vote, Mr. Levakis – yes, Mr. Dolby – yes, Mr. Montanaro – yes, unanimous vote.

Submitted by: Cara Letendre

William Levakis

Andy Montanaro

Adam Dolby