



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
May 27, 2015

Attendance: Andy Montanaro, Bill Levakis, Meeting in Joint Session with the Finance Committee

Open Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Bill opened meeting, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

Posted Agenda Items:

1. A discussion ensued regarding the topic of posting salaries and expenses to the correct accounts, even when money is no longer available in the budget line (continuing from the previous evening). It was agreed that the proper standard is to post the expense where it is most appropriate, and then find funding to support the expense. It was also recommended that department heads responsible for managing budget lines come to the Selectboard before any over budget expenses are incurred, to discuss plans to handle potential overages. With encouragement from all, Mr. van Werkooven agreed to resume his position as liaison of the Accountant, Treasurer and Collector.

2. Selectboard members met with the Finance Committee to review the projected over-budget line items and make adjustments as necessary, to bring all lines into a positive alignment. With coordination of Finance, money from several lines were moved. Mr. Montanaro will present those changes agreed upon that will require a town vote (funds moved between sections), for construction of a late-June warrant.

Note: It was agreed that payroll money moved within the same "group or section" as voted in the town meeting, and expense money moved within the same "group or section" will not be presented for another town vote, as the totals for each group were the numbers approved by the voters. Movement of funds within the group or sections in order to balance accounts is, therefore, within the purview of the Selectboard and Finance, acting collaboratively.

8:55 p.m. Mr. Montanaro motion to adjourn, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by: Andy Montanaro

William Levakis

Andy Montanaro