



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Board of Selectmen, Minutes  
June 2, 2015

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

**Open Meeting:**

7:01 p.m. Bill opened meeting, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

**Posted Agenda Items:**

1. Minutes:
  - a. Mr. Montanaro motion to approved minutes from May 26, 2015 as written, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
  - b. Mr. Montanaro motion to approve minutes from May 27, 2015 as written, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
2. Highway Superintendent: Updates
  - a. Bid Opening Russell Stage Road Chapter 90 project, both companies that submitted bid proposals are on the Massachusetts pre-approved list.
    - i. Palmer Paving: \$102,052.28
    - ii. Lane Construction: \$87,968.40
      1. Board discussed traffic control, if removed from bid would have to start process all over again.
        - a. Mr. Montanaro: will we see detail hours on invoice?
        - b. Mr. Curry: may or may not. Contract price is final, will not change with hours.
    - iii. Board reviewed and compared bids. Mr. Dolby motion to accept bid for Russell Stage Road project from Lane Construction for \$87,968.40, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
    - iv. Mr. Curry will get contract out tomorrow. Plan to use old millings for Schoolhouse Road.
      - v. Discussed warranty, DOT will stand behind for one year.
      - vi. Mr. Montanaro: would like start date of 6/15/15. Mr. Curry will follow-up with Lane Construction.
      - vii. Will send information out via Reverse 911 with start date as well as contact school district.
  - b. Pot Hole Money: have spent \$12,533.33 (including guard rail on North Blandford Road.)
    - i. Crack sealing scheduled with contractor in about 2 weeks and will bring amount spent up to about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of total.
    - ii. Plan to spend extra on stone for dirt roads.
  - c. Dumpster at Watson Park: for fencing. Scrap metal money will go back to Town.
  - d. Pods at Highway Garage: have been loading them with equipment needed while construction underway.

- e. Highway Garage Project: began work today.
    - i. Discussed who is in charge of inspecting work. Building inspector, Larry Gould will do so and will contact engineers with questions. Mr. Curry has put a call in to Mr. Gould. Mr. Levakis will follow-up.
  - f. Disposed of dead coyote on North Blandford Road.
  - g. Town Hall Parking Lot: repainted handicap signs and posted Police parking signs.
  - h. Mark Boomsma will be taking test to receive class ACDL license, needed as currently only carried by Mr. Curry.
  - i. Birch Hill: checked after rain, not washed out.
  - j. Birch Hill Bridge: getting prices on milling and resealing bridge for FY16
  - k. Need new man hole cover on North Street bridge. Mr. Levakis follow-up.
  - l. South Street: steep bank into brook, put up safety cones.
  - m. George Millard Road: steep bank caused by water runoff being diverted into road. Will revisit.
3. Payroll Warrant: Board reviewed and signed.
- a. Mr. Levakis will speak with Water Superintendent about taking lunch breaks.
  - b. Mr. Dolby will speak with Chief Hennessey about taking lunch breaks.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Fence North Blandford:
  - a. Permit Engineer felt it was a safety hazard, but looking for second opinion.
  - b. Mr. Curry: feels it is in the right away. Concerned about interrupting Chapter 90 funding.
  - c. Chief Hennessey: feels it is a safety hazard, no deflection.
  - d. Board and Town take no responsibility of condition of fence after plowing season.
  - e. Hold on resolution.
- 2. North Street Water Line: Mr. Levakis and Mr. Curry met with engineers from DOT today regarding leaving the water line on top of the bridge.
  - a. Mr. Levakis:
    - i. Town can't afford to put the line back underneath.
    - ii. Now that DOT took over the bridge from the Turnpike the Town can work on the water pipe running under the bridge.
    - iii. DOT never contacted us regarding the missing insulation; they said it isn't their responsibility.
    - iv. We can keep renewing the temporary permit.
    - v. Looking into hazard mitigation grant
  - b. Hull Lumber Logging on Jethro Jones Rd: Mr. Curry gave his approval. He will make sure that loggers don't use North Blandford Road. Hull is bonded and has sent insurance paperwork to the Town. Mr. Curry will take before and after photos of the road.
- 3. MOU for Regional Accounting Program: Agreement with Kopleman and Paige not signed by Chesterfield so Town Counsel cannot review MOU for Blandford. Mr. Dolby will follow-up with Josh Garcia at PVPC to put pressure on Chesterfield to sign, otherwise we can't participate.

**New Business:**

- 1. Treasurer Regarding Budget Transfers:
  - a. Hampshire County Retirement Fund is not over by \$14,000, only by \$3,526. Some invoices should have come out of the with-holding account. Will discuss with Accountant.

