



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

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

Open Meeting:

7:02 p.m. Mr. Dolby opened meeting, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

Posted Agenda Items:

1. Finance Committee:

- a. Entering Invoices: Mrs. Sarnelli highly recommended that each department not enter invoices. She advised that the Accountant be the only one to do so. The Selectboard agreed to heed this advice.
 - i. Discussed details of a cover sheet that will be filled out by department heads and turned into the Accountant with invoices. The department heads will still be accountable for knowing how much remains in their budgets and will have view only access.
 - ii. The Selectboard drafted a memo to send out to the department heads explaining this change in procedure. Cara will distribute.
 - iii. Mrs. Lombardo will send a copy of the cover sheet to each department head and offer to meet with individuals to review new procedure.
 - iv. Finance Committee will follow-up with a packet.
- b. GTAC Meeting: Mr. Van werk Hooven, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Montanaro summarized events of the GTAC meeting last Saturday.
 - i. The Selectboard will be receiving an un-revised budget from the School Committee. They have missed the second deadline and it is assumed that they have filed for another extension. The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for August 22.
 - ii. GTAC is asking towns to establish a task force to interact with other entities working for regional interests. Will need to enter into discussions as an official body, a committee with representatives from each town. The Selectboard will review the invitation when it is received.
 - iii. Shared Counsel: Mr. Montanaro had followed up with Town Counsel and is waiting for a response. Mr. Dolby will follow-up.
 - iv. Override: discussion regarding including an article on an override on the next special town meeting warrant.
 - v. Consultant: GTAC Committee could be an entity to help us share the cost of a consultant.

2. Minutes: Mr. Dolby motion to accept meeting minutes from July 21, 2015, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.

Old Business:

1. Appointments:

- a. Mr. Dolby motion to appoint Vicky Bisgrove to the Recreation Committee for a term of three years, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
- b. Mr. Montanaro motion to appoint Jacqueline Dolby to the Recreation Committee for a term of three years, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote. Mr. Dolby abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

2. Building Inspector: Selectboard is concerned due to several complaints from residents that the current Inspector has not been responding to requests. Cara will try to contact Mr. Gould again to speak with him privately and see if the situation can be resolved.
3. Town Garage Mitigation: Waiting on excavation quotes, will decide next week.
 - a. Reviewed quote from Cold Spring for next steps required in testing process. Mr. Dolby motion to approve proposal for \$3,980.00 for Cold Spring Environmental Consultants for consulting around the decontamination at the Highway Garage, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
4. FEMA: no reply yet.
5. School Committee: already discussed.
6. Culvert Letter from Town Counsel: Not received yet.

New Business:

1. New Town Administrator Boot Camp: Board will look into attending.
2. Solar Panels for Water Plant: Mr. Avery submitted a quote from Endless Mountains for solar panels on the water plant.
 - a. Proposal would eliminate 40% of total electric bills.
 - b. \$201,000 cost up front. 203 panels.
 - c. Next step is to hire a consultant to do the structural work, about \$3,000
 - d. M.G.L solar work is exempt from needing 3 quotes
 - e. Endless Mountains:
 - i. Products are American made
 - ii. Micro-inverters: each panel is its own individual system and if damaged cost less to repair.
 - iii. Excellent warranty
 - iv. Larger panels cut costs
 - f. Discussion about adding performance bond.
 - g. Invite representative in to discuss program.
3. Rayette Byrnes, Herrick Road:
 - a. Fundraiser for Fire Department. Will contact Recreation Committee about doing a fundraiser in October.
 - b. Concern regarding motorbike racing on the property behind her house. The noise level is disturbing. Doesn't think it should be allowed in backyards. Board recommended Mrs. Byrnes follow-up with Zoning Board.
4. Watson Park & Shepard Farm: Historical Commission asked to meet with the Selectboard on August 26th regarding.
5. School Committee Job Descriptions: Cara will ask Mrs. Parent to work on job descriptions.
6. Detail Work: See attached note from Treasurer. Contractor working for the state who had hired Blandford Police officers for detail work refused to pay the 12% administrative fee. The Town ends up paying for the cost out of pocket. Board will ask Chief Hennessey to come to the next meeting to discuss his plan to cover this cost.

9:03 p.m. Mr. Dolby motion to adjourn, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by: Cara Letendre

William Levakis

Andy Montanaro

Adam Dolby