



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Board of Selectmen, Minutes  
August 24, 2015

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

**Open Meeting:**

7:00 p.m. Mr. Dolby called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

**Posted Agenda Items:**

1. Minutes: tabled
2. Warrants: Reviewed and signed

**Old Business:**

1. Special Town Meeting Warrant:
  - a. Board reviewed articles from Town Counsel and discussed wording.
    - i. Mr. Levakis called Mark Reich (attorney) and he explained that we need to:
      1. Rescind the amount appropriated for the school budget at the annual town meeting. \$1,611,292.00
      2. Raise and appropriate the base amount that that Town can afford with in the budget. \$1,584,148.00
      3. Raise and appropriate the additional amount requested by the school committee and directly tie this amount to a 2 ½ override. \$116,058.00
      4. We do not need to list a specific amount in the warrant, we can motion that on the floor.
  - b. Discussed what time to post the meeting for.
    - i. Mr. Levakis motion to schedule the Special Town Meeting for September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with the informational meeting held beforehand at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
  - c. Mrs. Kronholm proposed adding an article to the warrant to create a bylaw allowing the Moderator to declare a 2/3rds vote. Tabled for now.
2. Highway Garage: Amendment has been signed, start date to remove contaminated soil is September 9, 2015.

3. FEMA: contracts were sent to the wrong address. Cara contacted Lorraine Eddy and they will be re-sent.
4. Culvert Bylaw: Mr. Dolby will follow-up with Town Counsel.
5. Appointments:
  - a. Mr. Levakis motion to re-appoint Larry Gould to the position of Building Inspector for the term of one year contingent upon receipt of a letter of interest received by September 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
    - i. Mr. Dolby: had a discussion with Mr. Gould regarding challenges he was facing in the position. Mr. Gould was looking for an advocate. Mr. Dolby – has heard excellent feedback regarding Mr. Gould from the people he has worked with. Mr. Gould agreed to clear his docket and he has been following through.
    - ii. Mr. Dolby spoke with Town Counsel about having a cooperative agreement with other towns to appoint a Building Inspector from another town as an assistant to Mr. Gould to fill in when needed. Cara will post the position.
6. Highway Department 30 Day Review: See attached.
  - a. Road Grading: “all roads listed have been completed.” Question regarding what roads are on this list.
  - b. Rain Day: “equipment maintenance, check roads for maintenance and ditch work” would like a list of roads this was done on.
  - c. Mr. Mike Wojik: Thankful for work done on Birch Hill Road. Asked if Birch Hill Road ditch work could go out to bid. Mr. Montanaro – all agree we need more work done on drainage, but we have to live within our budget.
  - d. Board reviewed new 30 day list submitted by Mr. Curry. (see attached)
  - e. Mr. Dolby: concerned about constant equipment repair. Need more preventative maintenance. Mr. Levakis will follow-up on maintenance logs.
    - i. Discussed renting equipment.
    - ii. Would like to see the proposal for a part-time maintenance worker
  - f. Highway Part-time salaries are expended at 52% already.
  - g. Selectboard will assess Mr. Curry’s performance at the end of this 30 day period.
7. Ann Marie Rosberg: Regarding neighbor, Angela Mikuski’s, driveway on Shepard Road. Mrs. Rosberg and Ms. Mikuski had met with the Selectboard on October 7, 2014 to discuss the fact that the driveway is less than the required 15 feet away from the property pin. At that time Ms. Mikuski agreed that she would move the driveway over and would get back to the Selectboard with a timeline. She has not done so. Cara has tried to contact her several times.
  - a. Mr. Levakis will follow-up with the Building Inspector and Zoning Board as to how to enforce this bylaw.
  - b. Cara will send a letter to Ms. Mikuski letting her know she has 10 days to respond.

**New Business:**

1. Finance Committee: Mrs. Smith submitted meeting minutes from the Finance Committee/Selectboard meeting.
  - a. Mr. Montanaro motion to approve meeting minutes from joint Finance and Selectboard meeting on August 21, 2015, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote. Mr. Dolby abstained as he was not present.
2. Letter to Mr. Bill Dapkus at SoftRight regarding controls, Mr. Montanaro signed as acting chair.
3. Event Permit for Blandford Fair: The Board decided that the Union Agricultural Society does not need a Special Event License as it is an ongoing event.
  - a. Mr. Levakis motion to grant a permit to the Union Agricultural Society to hold the annual Blandford Fair on Labor Day weekend, Friday through Monday, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.

8:45 p.m. Mr. Dolby motion to adjourn meeting, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:  
Cara Letendre

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Adam Dolby - Chair

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Andrew Montanaro - Clerk

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William Levakis - Member