



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Board of Selectmen, Minutes  
September 14, 2015

**Attendance:** Andrew Montanaro, 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. Planning Board: revisit next week.
2. Financial Officers Closing FY15 Books: planning to close mid-October. Building out process for next year with Mrs. Sarnelli.
3. Minutes: Mr. Montanaro motion to approve meeting minutes of August 31, 2015, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.

**Old Business:**

1. School Committee Job Description: Mr. Montanaro motion to accept School Committee Job Description as amended on the document dated September 14, 2015, to go into effect on October 5, 2015 unless the Selectboard receives any amendments from the School Committee to consider, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
2. Highway Garage: the contaminated soil has been transported to Ondrick. We are waiting on lab tests to conclude level of contaminate in the soil. Alan Weiss reported that some odor remained below the pillars of the garage. We will go to EPA with results.
3. Building Planning/Safety Complex: scheduling meeting with DOT.
4. BRD Bond Negotiating: Treasurer- will be renewing the bond until June, hoping to pay it off early with FEMA reimbursements. Will be also doing both bond renewals on the same date to save money. Bids were put out today.
5. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: Mr. Montanaro motion to approve meeting minutes from joint Finance and Selectboard meetings on September 3, 2015 and September 18, 2015, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
6. Pay Freeze: Board decided to wait to unfreeze the pay raises for town employees as we are still paying a 1/12<sup>th</sup> budget to the School. Wait until a new budget is approved.

**New Business:**

1. Gateway Superintendent Dave Hopson: presented Selectboard and Finance Committee with a letter regarding last week's vote on the school budget. cc'd press. See attached.
2. Letter School Committee: Mr. Montanaro drafted a letter to the School Committee.
3. Wired West Alternate: Mr. Dolby motion to approve Mr. Kim Bergland as the Wired West Alternate for a term of three years, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
4. Vocational Transportation Bid: Town Administrator in Chester offered to manage a shared bid. Mr. Dolby motion to collaborate with Patricia Carlino for a vocational transportation bid contract, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.

8:20 p.m. Mr. Dolby motion to go into executive session to discuss 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. Montanaro second, Cara called a roll call vote Adam – yes, Andy – yes, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:  
Cara Letendre

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Adam Dolby - Chair

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Andrew Montanaro - Clerk