



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Board of Selectmen, Minutes  
September 28, 2015

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

**Open Meeting:**

7:01 p.m. Mr. Dolby called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

**Posted Agenda Items:**

1. Planning Board Regarding Green Community: TJ Cousineau
  - a. Mr. Cousineau updated the Selectboard as to the next steps to becoming a Green Community
  - b. Mr. Cousineau will schedule a meeting with Jim Barry and the Planning Board prior to scheduling informational meeting for the Town.
  - c. Recommendation to choose points of concern to address at the informational meeting to be presented by members of the Planning Board.
  - d. Town Clerk will look into the Idling Law to see when it was passed.
  - e. Town would have to vote to become a Green Community by January 1 for it to go into effect for July 1. We will have to have a project to use the funding for in mind at that time.
2. Treasurer: not present, home sick.
3. Accountant:
  - a. Closing of FY15
    - i. Mrs. Sarnelli meeting with Finance Officers tomorrow to review to-do list.
    - ii. Linda Smith: primary goal is closing the books. The financial officers have posted hours of when they can see people and other than that they are instructed to keep their doors closed.
    - iii. Mrs. Sarnelli will be putting together a procedures booklet for the officers to use going forward.
  - b. Fixed Asset Module for SoftRight: Finance will get quote to the Board. As we are no longer using/paying for payroll software through SoftRight the amount should balance out.
  - c. Cover Sheets: new sheets are working very well.
    - i. Discussed getting 2 signatures on invoices. The Water Department and the Selectboard invoices should have two signatures. The other boards with only one department head will have one

signature and the Selectboard will make sure to review those invoices.

4. Shared Counsel Letter: Board reviewed and signed.
5. GTAC Representation: Mr. Montanaro
  - a. GTAC is putting together a task force and will be doing a presentation for the towns in October to explain their purpose.
  - b. Each town will be asked to give their approval to the formation of the task force. Mr. Montanaro will draft a letter of endorsement.
  - c. Discussion of who would represent each town on the task force.
6. Poll Residents Regarding Exit on Mass Pike:
  - a. MassDOT stated that we cannot use the existing gates at the rest stops as entrance/exit to the Pike. Next step is to request an actual Exit. Mr. Montanaro suggested we poll the residents of Blandford to see if this is a viable option.
    - i. Discussed whether or not to use this same poll to ask questions about the DOT land behind the Pike and a use for the old tennis court space at Watson Park. Board agreed to keep the polls separate to avoid confusion.
7. Minutes: Mr. Dolby motion to approve meeting minutes of September 14, 2015 as written, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote. Mr. Levakis abstained as he was absent at that meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. Town Administrator Job Posting: Discussed posting the position now that the school budget was voted down. Board decided to wait 30 days as they have not received a new budget from the School Committee. To revisit next month.

**New Business:**

1. Chief Hennessey:
  - a. Fundraiser- would like to hold a fundraiser in the Town Hall for a fellow police officer's wife. Funding would go to purchase a blood sugar detection dog. Board agreed.
  - b. Police Department will be doing a toys for tots through the Huntington shelter to supply toys for local children.
  - c. Mr. Hennessey asked for permission to decorate Bi-Centennial Park again this year and possibly have Santa come for a day, Board agreed.

8:43 Mr. Dolby motion to adjourn, Mr. Montanaro 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