



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

**Attendance:** 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. Culvert Bylaw Article:
  - a. This bylaw is a general bylaw and not a zoning bylaw so we are able to put it on the warrant.
  - b. Discussed adding wording regarding fines being assigned by the Selectboard. Cara will follow-up with counsel
2. Wired West Shared Services:
  - a. Suggested by Kopleman and Paige that since several towns in the Wired West Collaborative use them as their Town Counsel, it would be beneficial to share town counsel fees to review the same contract. Six towns have agreed to do so thus far.
  - b. Mr. Dolby motion to allow the Town of Blandford to share counsel in terms of the Wired West Operation Agreement with other towns of the Wired West Collaboration, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
  - c. Cara will draft a letter to send.
3. Minutes: Mr. Dolby motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2015 as written, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote. Mr. Montanaro abstained as he was not present.

**Old Business:**

1. GTAC Endorsement Letter & Delegates:
  - a. Board reviewed and signed the endorsement letter submitted by Mr. Montanaro.
  - b. Delegates: Mr. Montanaro spoke with Sabrina Kanner – she may have obligations that would restrict her joining but will go to the roll out event. Kevin Green – considering joining, Linda Smith – not sure if eligible as she is on the Finance Committee, Kyle Bessette – interested.
  - c. Mr. Montanaro motion to appoint Kyle Bessette as a member of the Gateway Task Force for a term of one year, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.

2. BaNash Leech Field: Received an overview of the problem from the Planning Board.
  - a. Mr. Dolby discussed the issue with Kopleman and Paige and was advised that it is a dispute between the residents and to let it play out. Mrs. BaNash has obtained her own counsel. No resident has approached the Selectboard at this point.
  - b. BOH could issue an order to remove and re-install the leech field elsewhere, but would result in fees.
  - c. Conservation-looking into whether or not the site was inspected and signed off on prior to installation.
  - d. Mr. Dolby- let's hold off, the Building Inspector is dealing with it for the time being. Cara will follow-up with Mr. Gould to check on status.
3. Union Negotiation: Mrs. Kronholm asked if the union negotiating team needed to do the ethics training. Mr. Dolby will follow-up with Town Counsel.

**New Business:**

1. Bond Approvals: Treasurer
  - a. Board reviewed and signed, paying off 2 bonds and rolling 2 over.
2. School Budget: Don't have enough funds to cover at the moment. We are waiting on Hurricane Irene reimbursement money from FEMA.
3. Mr. Levakis: asked the Selectboard for permission to have Mr. Curry help draw up a procurement procedure to make sure that all elements are present before signing a contract. The Board agreed.
4. Turnpike Exit Survey: will go in the next Bugle.
5. Vacation Policy: current policy does not allow carry over of vacation time from one year to the next. Mr. Montanaro proposed an amendment to allow for 10 days to be carried over. Mr. Levakis- would prefer to leave it as is. Mr. Dolby- table discussion as component of executive session.
6. Mr. Levakis would like to thank the Recreation Committee for all of their hard work and a successful Halloween Party.

8:10 Mr. Dolby motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation with concerns to the union negotiation not to reconvene, Mr. Montanaro second, Cara called a roll call vote, Mr. Levakis – yes, Mr. Dolby – yes, Mr. Montanaro- yes, 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