



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

**Attendance:** Adam Dolby, Andrew Montanaro, 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.

**New Business:**

1. Charlie Peterson, interview for the position of Building Inspector.
  - a. 30 years building experience
  - b. Resides in Mill River
  - c. experience working with the building code
  - d. semi-retired and self-employed
  - e. Mr. Levakis motion to terminate Larry Gould's appointment as Building Inspector, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
    - i. Discussion: Mr. Montanaro amend motion to "accept voluntary resignation of Larry Gould from the position of Building Inspector from the date which he stopped coming to work, 4 weeks ago, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
  - f. Mr. Levakis motion to appoint Charlie Peterson as part-time Building Inspector to the Town of Blandford for the remainder of the term to be paid on salary, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
2. Minutes:
  - a. Mr. Dolby motion to approve meeting minutes of November 23, 2015 as written, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.
  - b. Mr. Dolby motion to approve meeting minutes of December 7, 2015 as written, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
3. Bridge on North Blandford Road:
  - a. Mr. van Werkhoven, the concrete is deteriorating and the reinforcing rod is exposed.
  - b. Mr. Montanaro - recommend getting an estimate to use in the budget process, to list under capital projects. Mr. Levakis will follow-up.
4. Mr. Dolby motion to accept the resignation of Niki Barselow as Assistant Town Clerk effective December 31, 2015, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
5. Mr. Dolby - spoke with CEO of Westfield YMCA about the possibility of running a satellite child care facility at Town Hall. She was very interested. The next step

will be a survey after the holidays to see if there is enough interest. Project will be self-funding and the Town can sign a rider with the YMCA's insurance company.

**Old Business:**

1. Town Administrator Search: drafting a letter to go out to surrounding towns and an ad for the local paper and the Beacon. To post mid-January
  - a. Will post job as part-time, 5 days a week 4-5 hrs a day.
  - b. Discussed benefits, will check with Treasurer regarding what is required of the Town.
  - c. Discussed sharing services with another town
2. Highway Garage Project: Mr. Levakis- should be complete by the end of this week or early next.
  - a. Some changes were made to the drainage to correct error in engineering. Will install swale and use pipe already purchased elsewhere. Requested changes be put in writing for our records.
  - b. Discussed garage doors. MIIA recommended installing automatic doors that are more energy efficient.
    - i. Discussed getting bids for new doors to check pricing. Mr. Levakis will follow-up when the current job is complete. Conti Doors in Westfield were recommended.
    - ii. Another possibility is to use current doors with automatic openers installed.
  - c. EDA and our Building Inspector will do final inspection.
  - d. Wait for concrete to set completely before move Highway Department back in.
3. Highway Department Priority List: template drafted by Mr. Levakis, Mr. Curry and Lisa. Mr. Montanaro had some changes, he will follow-up with Lisa. and Mr. Curry.
4. School Budget: Mr. Dolby contacted Christine Lynch at DESE regarding how to pay the 1/12th budget when we run out of money in the budget.
  - a. Gateway is hiring a new HR person to facilitate changes with the 5th and 6th grade for next year.
  - b. Mr. Montanaro asked Michele Crane about unfunded mandates. The School Committee came up with no decisions regarding this. It is not a top priority as it doesn't go into effect until next year and because they wanted to hold off while pursuing litigation. Mr. Montanaro asked to be on the School Committee agenda for next meeting to discuss. He will speak to Town Counsel first. Board agreed.
5. Kinsley Quote for Generator at Town Hall: Board reviewed quote for service and maintenance of generator at Town Hall. This will save us money vs. calling out when the generator needs service.
  - a. Mr. Dolby motion to approve proposal from Kinsley for the maintenance and service of the generator at the Town Hall for \$885.00 for one year, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

8:27 p.m. Mr. Dolby motion to go into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation regarding the Highway Union 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

---

Adam Dolby - Chair

---

Andrew Montanaro - Clerk

---

William Levakis - Member