



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
SELECTBOARD

Blandford Town Hall  
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Blandford, MA 01008

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
September 24, 2018**

**OPEN SESSION 6:00 pm Blandford Ski Area, LLC**

C. Letendre, Chairman; E. McVey, Clerk; W. Levakis, Member; J. Garcia, Interim Town Administrator in attendance.

Meeting is recorded

**BLANDFORD SKI AREA, LLC**

Jessie Cook Dubin, Attorney for the Blandford Ski Area and Ron Krosher, General Manager and liquor license holder presented their request for a liquor license to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Krosher gave the BOS and residents a summary of his background experience working at Butternut Basin for 5 years and his earlier experience of 37 years at ski facilities. He explained Blandford Ski Area will only be open primarily in the winter giving a rundown of the hours of operation for both the food facility and the availability of purchasing liquor to be drunk on premise. Residents asked how liquor will be controlled. Attorney Dubin and Mr. Krosher noted that they will actually have more control over this situation as Blandford Ski was a 'club' in the past and people were allowed to bring in their own alcohol. With this license they are requesting, alcohol may only be purchased within the building and no alcohol will be allowed from outside sources for any reason. There were several general questions from residents and the Board of Selectmen which were addressed by Blandford Ski area.

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the application for the Blandford Ski Area, LLC for a retail alcoholic Beverage license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages at the premise located at 41 Nye Brook Road, Blandford, MA.**

**E. McVey Seconded**

**All in Favor**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

**OPEN SESSION 7:00 pm Board of Selectmen**

C. Letendre, Chairman; E. McVey, Clerk; W. Levakis, Member; J. Garcia, Interim Town Administrator in attendance.

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## EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 17, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting.

**E. McVey Seconded**

**All in Favor**

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **5a. Highway Superintendent Update**

Highway Superintendent, Brad Curry and Highway Administrative Assistant, Joanne Grybosh presented an informational package to the BOS and residents attending the meeting.

- Wetlands Delineation on North Blandford Road: This work was supposed to happen last week however, due to the excessive rain, it did not and they will look forward to next week.
- Notice of Intent, Gore Road: Highway is starting their notice of intent for the Conservation Commission. Once the review is complete, it will be given to the Town Engineer for approved.
- Russell State Road: The road has been milled and filled. The waterways still need to be paved but due to the weather it has been put off one week. Line painting could possibly be done this week...
- Equipment Update: Mr. Curry talked about our aging equipment. The **1999-2000 Mac** recently failed inspection due to a cracked frame. This truck will be taken out of service, stripped down and put out to bid. There is also an issue with the **2006 F550**; the inspector passed the truck this year but he is seeing evidence of the same thing happening to the frame. The Department can probably get one more year out of this vehicle. The **tractor**, which is also broken down, is in line to be fixed but this will take some time. The **Freightliner** is back in for repair waiting for parts. The BOS asked for the warrantee on the Freightliner in order to investigate a claim. Mr. Curry noted the importance of the town to established a routine capital plan to replace town equipment in a timely manner rather than waiting for them to be of no value and hazardous. The BOS will look into getting funding for the F550 replacement in next years' budget. *Highway*
- Mac Truck/Sander: The new truck will be delivered as soon as they finish the electronic calibration and registration.

#### **5b. Conservation Commission – Long Pond**

- Long Pond: The Conservation Commission addressed the Board of Selectmen about the research the committee has been working on regarding the history of Long Pond. The town Watershed Protection Area that is around Long Pond and North Blandford Road is a 280 acre parcel that was taken by the Town in the mid-1980s for conservation purposes. There was a discussion about opening up this area safety to the public for recreation purposes. E. McVey noted that the signs need to be clearly indicated and the area needs to be brought up to par to allow this to happen. He also stressed the need for a clear indication going forward what activities will be allowed on that property while protecting the Town's water source. Letendre suggested that the conservation Commission should reach out to Town Council to get a legal opinion about what can and cannot be allowed.

- Conservation Membership: The Committee mentioned the problem with dealing with members that are no longer attending the Conservation Meetings. The Committee would like to move along and recruit members to the committee who will be willing to participate. This subject will be addressed at the next BOS meeting for action.
- Conservation Budget: The Committee inquired about their existing budget. The BOS went over the budget and what their possibilities are noting when a committee presents an action plan, the BOS seriously considers these plans for discussion and possible approval.
- Wetlands Compliance: C. Letendre inquired about the wetlands compliance of the progress of Park Avenue Solar on North Blandford Road and possible action that should be taken for non-compliance. Park Avenue Solar has not yet submitted a building plan. They consider themselves to be in the pre-construction phase. This information has been submitted to the Planning Board and they have given the company instructions on how to fix these problems. If this does not happen, the commission will get the DEP involved in order to get that site stabilized before the winter weather. If this step is not accomplished, the BOS suggested that they reach out to Town Council about getting a cease & desist order against the company. The Town Administrator will work with these commissions to accelerate communication.
- SunPin Solar: There was a discussion about the dispute between SunPin Solar on Route 23 and their adjacent neighbors noting that the interaction between the consultant and property owner should be left to the Town Administrator to mediate.

#### **5c. Treasurers Request to Charge a \$35 Fee for Returned Checks**

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to charge a late fee of \$35 for any returned check submitted to the Town.**

**E. McVey Seconded**

**All in Favor**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **6a. Administrative Assistant**

The discussion was tabled until the October 9, 2018 meeting when the Town Administrator returns.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Historical Commission presented a quote from Sean Newnan for \$1,780 for rock work on the park entryway for pillars, walls, labor and material for the proposed restoration.

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the quote for the repair of the Park entryway of \$1,780 from Sean Newnan for materials and labor.**

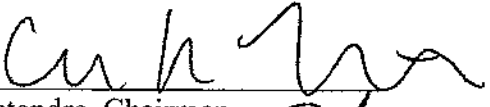
**E. McVey Seconded**

**All in Favor**

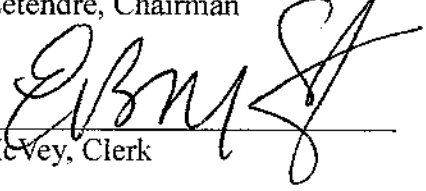
**Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm**

Submitted by: Joann Martin


Interim Administrative Assistant to the Board



Cara Letendre, Chairman



Eric McVey, Clerk



William Levakis, Member