



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
SELECTBOARD

Blandford Town Hall  
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**TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 26, 2018**

**OPEN SESSION 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm            Meeting is recorded.**

**1. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**a. Examination of the meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting of 11/19/18**

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of 11/19/18 as amended.

**E. McVey Seconded**  
**B. Levakis Abstained**  
**Motion Passed**

**2.\*AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**a. Town resident, Jennifer Girard**

A town resident requested information about the Assessor's Office hours going forward.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Warrant Review for special Town Meeting December 3, 2018**

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the various items listed on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting of December 17, 2018:

**Article 1:** Authorize the Town Moderator to declare a two-thirds vote

**Article 2:** Transfer from reserve fund to pay encumbrances

**Article 3:** Extend the Marijuana Moratorium

**Article 4:** Amend the Zoning By-Law for Long Pond Watershed Protection District

**Article 5:** Amend the Zoning By-Law to change the language for Jethro Jones Road

**Article 6:** Change the position of Town Clerk from elected to appointed

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to accept the Special Town Meeting Warrant as amended.

**E. McVey Seconded**  
**All in Favor**

#### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

**a. Greg Day, Ballard Mack Sales & Service Review extended warranty options 2019 Mack Truck Tabled-Mr. Day not available until the December 10, 2018 BOS meeting.**

**b. Historical Commission; Stone Gate, Watson Park**

Katy Milford of the Historical Commission spoke to the BOS about the condition of the stone gate at the entrance of Watson Park. It is recommended by the Town's stone mason that the area be covered with a tarp to protect the gate and avoid any further deterioration until it can be repaired in the spring.

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to allow the Historical Commission to purchase the materials needed to protect the Watson Park stone gate until it can be repaired.**

**E. McVey Seconded**

**All in Favor**

**c. Novus Insight, Inc. Contract Proposal**

The BOS discussed the possibility of entering into an agreement with Novus in 2019 for the Managed Services Agreement 2019. It will be discussed in more detail at the 12/3/18 BOS meeting.

**d. E. McVey confirmed that SunPin Solar has been sold**

SunPin Solar sold the project to another company, Nextera. It doesn't change anything else for the pilot or the process.

**e. Constables/B. Levakis**

B. Levakis mentioned that the current constables are coming up for re-appointment. He would like to recommend that we carry only one constable reporting to the Police Chief. He questioned why we need more than one constable. E. Mcvey noted that there are times that 4 constables are not enough as they are not always available. B. Levakis is concerned about the abuse of the position. The Board agreed that there should be at least 2 going forward.

**f. Stone Wall/Tree Damage Watson Park**

E. McVey discussed the problem with a tree on a neighbor's property that has damaged the stone wall in Watson Park. The Interim Town Administrator will look into it and the Historical Commission will contact our current stone mason.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Employee Reviews – B. Levakis**

B. Levakis initiated a conversation about the possibility of establishing an employee review policy. Joshua Garcia will take the lead organizing this and will be on the agenda for next week.

**b. Free Up Workspace – B. Levakis**

B. Levakis discussed the possibility of leasing 5 offices in the Town Hall to outside businesses and moving these offices to the old town hall. The BOS discussed the possibility of getting the old town hall in condition for selling or leasing. B. Levakis will do more research.

**c. Review Financial Policies – ‘Investments’ and ‘Overlay’**

The Interim Town Administrator confirmed that he has distributed the first two sections of the Policy that

were discussed at the last meeting to each of the departments giving them three weeks to review and comment. The next two sections, Investments and Overlay were presented to the BOS for their review.

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to table the review of financial policies for the next meeting on 12/3/18.**

**E. McVey Seconded for Discussion**

**All in Favor**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm

**7. \*\*EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to MGL C30A, S21. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining.**

None

\*NOTE: Audience participation / public comment is welcome only when acknowledged by the Chair and limited to two minutes. Participation / public comment is only limited to Blandford residents and can only comment on agenda items only

\*\*NOTE: Agenda may include items not reasonably expected 48 hours before the meeting. At any point this meeting may go into executive section if Selectboard finds it warranted.

Submitted by: Joann Martin

Administrative Assistant to the Board

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Cara Letendre, Chairman

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Eric McVey, Clerk

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William Levakis, Member