



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
SELECTBOARD

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**TOWN OF BLANDFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 28, 2018**

OPEN SESSION 7:00 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Interview(s) for Highway Superintendent

J. Garcia shared that four candidates applied for the Highway Superintendent position. One of which pulled out his application. Upon review, the Board of Selectmen interviewed James Kaleta for the Highway Superintendent position. No action was taken after the interview.

b. Appoint Highway Superintendent

It was briefly discussed on how we can expand our pool of candidates. J. Garcia explained that the current pay range attracted entry-level candidates who have experience as a highway worker and looking to move into a supervisory/administrative position. BOS members expressed the importance of having someone who has supervisory and administrative experience with vision and can lead. The job is complex and leadership is needed. It was briefly discussed about possibly increasing the salary range to make it much more desirable for stronger candidates.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to table the appointment.

B. Levakis seconded for discussion.

All in Favor

2. OTHER BUSINESS, IF ANY:

J. Garcia shared with the board that a vote needs to take place to appoint one of two candidates seeking to fill the position of alternate member on the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) coordinated by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC). The Towns of Blandford, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Granville, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Plainfield, Russell, Southampton, Tolland, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington are represented by Roger Fuller (Chesterfield) on the MPO and by one alternate member currently vacant, to serve in the event that the member is unavailable for a meeting. The following two candidates from our region have expressed interest in serving on the Pioneer Valley MPO as the alternate member:

- **John O. Martin, Selectman, Southampton**

- **Charley Rose, Selectman, Worthington**

Each of the Seventeen municipalities have one vote. J. Garcia explained that the vote is due by January 3, 2019.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to vote for John O. Martin, Selectman of Southampton as the alternate member on the Pioneer Valley MPO.

Bill Seconded.

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm

Submitted by: Joshua A. Garcia
Interim-Town Administrator

Cara Letendre, Chairman

Eric McVey, Clerk

William Levakis, Member