



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
March 18, 2014

Attendance: William Levakis, Adam Dolby and Cara Letendre – Secretary

Open Meeting:

7:03 p.m. Mr. Levakis formally called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

Posted Agenda Items:

1. Minutes:
 - Mr. Dolby motion to approve minutes from March 11, 2014 with amendments, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
2. Ken Elstien: Electricity Aggregation Specialist from Hampshire Council of Governments. Mr. Elstein explained that in the Municipal Aggregation program, which is available to residents, the Hampshire Council will arrange the Supply Services only, while National Grid and WMECO continue all of the Delivery Services. Customers have a legal right to opt-out of the program with no fees. All costs of the program are paid by the Hampshire Council; it has no impact on municipal budgets. 36 towns are participating thus far. In order for the Selectboard to move forward with participation, the town must vote at the annual town meeting. Mr. Elstein will send sample warrant article.
3. Ethics tests: Clerk provided Board with list of employees and volunteers who have completed the ethics test within the past two years. She will put a notice in the mailboxes of those who need to retake it.

Old Business:

1. Forensic Audit: Information not public as of yet
2. SoftRight Issues: Accountant has not heard back, Mr. Dolby will follow-up.
3. Post Office Lease: Response from Town Counsel- lease remains if the property is sold. Discussed oil usage and setting the thermostat. Mr. Levakis will follow-up.
4. Petition for Exit on Mass Pike: Town Counsel responded, there is no legal structure needed. Mr. Dolby will work on drafting a petition.
5. Accountant Interviews: scheduled for April 8th.
6. Wired West: Mr. Dolby motion to appoint Rylan Shepard and Peter Langmore to Wired West for a term of one year, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
7. Broadband: Porter Memorial Library will go live next Friday.

New Business:

1. Veteran Pay: Veteran's agent presented letter to Board regarding veterans not being paid on time each month. Asked about automatic payment. Mr. Levakis will follow-up.
2. Highway Garage: Mr. Downing has been invited to visit the garage and see the condition of the building.

Future Consideration:

8:07 p.m. Mr. Levakis motion to adjourn meeting, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:
Cara Letendre

William Levakis - Chair

Adam Dolby- Clerk