



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
September 2, 2014

Attendance: William Levakis, Andy Montanaro, and Cara Letendre – Secretary

Open Meeting:

7:06 p.m. Mr. Levakis formally called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

Posted Agenda Items:

1. Minutes: Mr. Montanaro motion to approve minutes from August 26th, 2014 as amended, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
2. Chief Hennessey: Payroll
 - Mr. Levakis motion to go into executive session to discuss police department confidential employment information will reconvene, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote. Cara called roll call vote to go into executive session, Mr. Levakis yes, Mr. Montanaro, yes, unanimous vote.
 - 8:18 p.m. Mr. Levakis motion to reconvene, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Reichart Regarding Bicentennial Park: Discussed fence repair, Mr. Levakis is in charge and will follow up. Mr. Reichart provided Board with the original quote for the work. Will schedule tree pruning for when fence is down for better access. Mr. Reichart is getting second quote for tree.
 - Watson Park Gate: provided quote for gate. Board asked for Mrs. Kronholm to get more details on gate and look into price of lettering on it (specs, warranty, size etc). Discussed tennis court. Mr. Levakis will get quotes and come to Board with ideas. Mrs. Kronholm and Mr. Reichart will get quotes as well. Discussed reusing fence for Highway and Water Departments
2. Watson Park Superintendent: Requesting chain saw to use to clear both sides of stone wall. Mr. Montanaro – some people are concerned about what would be taken down with the chain saw. Suggestion to collaborate with Historical Commission. Cara will invite Historical Commission and Park Superintendent to next meeting. Mr. Levakis: Asked Mr. Emo to mow in the park only, stay within boundaries. Mr. Levakis motion to purchase a chain saw for \$450.00 or less for Watson Park superintendent to clear an area directly adjacent to stone wall only, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote. Board gave plaque to Mr. Emo to hang in park.
3. Highway Outline: Read and reviewed.

- Chester Road: drainage working well. Road should be complete on Friday if all goes well.
 - North Blandford Road Mr. Van Werkhoven's property: (Discussed with prior Selectboard) Flooding problem originated years ago when Gore Road washed out. DEP gave permission to allow Highway Department to repair. FEMA Rep was working on getting a grant. Mr. Levakis will follow-up with FEMA. Cara add to agenda for next week.
4. Fair Permit: Suggestion to have Mr. Wyman come to Board months before fair instead of a week before. Suggestion to have Building Inspector and Fire Chief go into fairgrounds now and compose list of what needs to be done for next year. Board agreed. Mr. Levakis is planning to contact Town Counsel with questions. Water Department is reviewing billing and connections. Board will have permit request done in advance next year and address fire violations. Add issue to Future Considerations.
 5. Appointment: Mr. Montanaro motion to appoint Lynn McCann to Election Warden for one year, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
 6. Highway Budget: reviewed. If continue at pace will be over budget. Asked Cara to contact Brad with outline for correction.
 7. Liaisons to Departments/Boards/Committees: Mr. Levakis motion to assign liaisons to each department/board/committee to solve problems or contact Town Counsel, Mr. Montanaro second, Discussion: How would coordinate? If Board member feels that situation needs attention of entire Board, bring to meeting. Decision to table motion until Mr. Dolby is present. Cara will revise list and draft a memo.

New Business

1. Mowing of Town Properties: Mr. Montanaro – currently 3 different companies mowing town properties would like to consolidate and have job go out to bid. Mr. Levakis: Watson Park is paid out of the trust and done by the Superintendent. Dividing the jobs helps to support small businesses in town rather than one large company getting the job. Currently the price is fair. Mr. Montanaro – would like to see rate for year to prepare budget in advance. Can companies give us cost for the season as opposed to hourly?
2. All Boards Meeting: Set date for October 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Future Consideration

10:30 p.m. Mr. Levakis motion to adjourn, Mr. Montanaro second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:
Cara Letendre

William Levakis - Chair

Andy Montanaro - Member