



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
SELECTBOARD

Blandford Town Hall  
1 Russell Stage Road Suite 1  
Blandford, MA 01008

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
JOINT MEETING OF  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AND  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
March 25, 2019**

**OPEN SESSION 7:00 pm**

**C. Letendre**, Chairman; **E. McVey**, Clerk; **W. Levakis**, Member joined the BOS at 7:10 pm; **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 March 11, 2019**

**MOTION:** **C. Letendre** made a motion to accept the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of the March 11, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting as amended.

**E. McVey** Seconded

**B. Levakis** was late

**All in Favor**

**b. Examination of the meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting March 18, 2019**

**MOTION:** **C. Letendre** made a motion to accept the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of the March 18, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting as amended.

**E. McVey** Seconded

**B. Levakis** was late

**All in Favor**

**MOTION:** **C. Letendre** made a motion to go to Unfinished Business 4a. **Julius Hall Road.**

**E. McVey** Seconded

**All in Favor**

**2.\*AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

None

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Present and accept FY20 Budget proposed by Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee presented their draft budget proposal for the review of the Board of Selectmen. This detailed discussion will be continued at the April 1 and April 8 Board of Selectmen meetings for final approval.

**b. Review and accept articles for Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Tabled until April 1, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting

**c. Eversource – 5-Year Vegetation Management Plan – Herbicide Spraying**

Tabled until April 1, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

**a. Pete Sparks – Julius Hall road – gate issue**

Nicole Sanford from the Springfield Water Commission joined the Board of Selectmen to discuss the problem with Springfield Water's gates on a Blandford public way. There was a discussion about the history of the gates. Ms. Sanford stated that she has also taken the time to speak to the Russell State Police Barracks. The Highway Superintendent informed the Board that he has done some investigating and this road is, indeed Blandford property. E. McVey recommended that Springfield Water leave the gates so we don't encourage an influx of people using this road as it is not a maintained right of way but remove the sign so this situation won't happen again. E. McVey mentioned that the town could develop their own sign that states 'travel at your own risk'. Nicole stated that she will bring these recommendations back to the Springfield Water Commission and she sees no reason why we can't come to an agreement. The BOS Administrative Assistant will issue a copy of this section of our agreement to Pete Sparks so he may be able to plead his case as he received a citation from State Police for being on this road.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Free Cash List**

The Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen considered a priority list of road replacement in the Town as well as some equipment upgrades.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS, IF ANY:**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:41 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 is limited to two minutes. Participation / public comment is limited to Blandford residents and can only comment on agenda items.

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

Submitted by: Joann Martin  
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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Cara Letendre, Chairman

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Eric McVey, Clerk

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William Levakis, Member