



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
April 1, 2019**

OPEN SESSION 7:00 pm

C. Letendre, Chairman; ~~**E. McVey**~~, Clerk absent; **W. Levakis**, Member; **J. Garcia**, Interim Town Administrator; **Janet Lombardo**, Finance Chairman; **Julie Ball**, Finance Member 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 25, 2019

MOTION: **C. Letendre** made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting of March 25, 2019 with the Finance Committee as written.

B. Levakis Seconded

All in Favor

b. Examination of the meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting July 23, 2018

MOTION: **C. Letendre** made a motion to approve the meeting minutes form the Board of Selectmen meeting of July 23, 2018 as written.

B. Levakis Seconded

All in Favor

MOTION: **C. Letendre** made a motion to move to Unfinished Business 4a.

B. Levakis Seconded

All in Favor

2.*AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

3. ACTION ITEM:

a. Review and Accept Articles for annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator reviewed and proposed changes to the Warrant for the Annual town Meeting on May 6, 2019.

b. Eversource – 5-Year Vegetation Management Plan – Herbicide Spraying

Joshua presented the letter received from Eversource stating they will be spraying herbicides for vegetation management.

c. Review Proposed Amendments to Blandford Zoning By-Law and related map introduction definitions, additional uses to the schedule of uses table, and a new section relative to adult-use marijuana establishments. Zoning By-law and map changes for the residential and business zoning district boundaries and refer to the Planning Board to receive public comment at a public hearing.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to refer to the Planning Board to receive public comment at a public hearing.

B. Levakis Seconded

All in Favor

d. Review quote for installing an electronic handicap door opener at Town Hall

Joshua presented the BOS with a quote based on the request from the Council on Aging to install an auto-door opener for the front doors of the Town Hall. The quote is from New England Door Closers, Inc. for \$2,390.80 for material and labor noting that the funding is available.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the quote from New England Door Closer, Inc. for \$2,390.80 to install an electronic door opener on the outside Town Hall doors.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

a. Review Proposed Budget for FY20 with Finance Committee

The Board of Selectmen and the Blandford Finance Committee discussed and proposed changes to the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 proposed budget in preparation for the Annual Town Meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Town of Chester; Sharing Vocation Transportation Services 2020, 2021, 2022

The Chester Town Administrator contacted the BOS regarding their shared Vocational Transportation agreement inquiring if the Town of Blandford will continue to participate.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion for the Town of Blandford to continue their participation in the agreement for shared vocational transportation services for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

6. OTHER BUSINESS, IF ANY:

None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 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 session if the Board of Selectmen find it warranted.

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

Cara Letendre, Chairman

Eric McVey, Clerk

William Levakis, Member