



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
SELECTBOARD

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

**TOWN OF BLANDFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING
April 29, 2019**

OPEN SESSION 7:00 pm

C. Letendre, Chairman; **E. McVey**, Clerk; ~~**W. Levakis**, Member, absent;~~ **J. Garcia**, Town Administrator in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm Meeting is recorded B. Levakis is absent

1. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a. Examination of the meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting April 22, 2019

MOTION: **C. Letendre** made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the April 22, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting as written.

E. McVey Seconded

All in Favor

2.* AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Review Agreement for Shared Vocational Transportation Services

This shared service was put together with the MARS committee. The BOS had a discussion about this shared service and debated what should be budgeted for this service.

MOTION: **C. Letendre** made a motion to table Shared Vocational Transportation Services until it is reviewed by Town Counsel.

E. McVey Seconded

All in Favor

b. Review Contract Amendment for 2-year Service with PVPC for Regional Municipal Accounting

Garcia presented the contract with amendments from PVPC for Town accounting services.

MOTION: E. McVey made a motion to accept the PVPC amended contract and return it to PVPC for replacement.

C. Letendre Seconded

All in Favor

c. Review Contract Amendment for 2-Year Service with Town of Chester for Regional Economic Development Director shared services

Josh Garcia gave the BOS the summary of the amended contract which will be sent to the BOS upon completion.

d. Review FY20 Contract with Hilltown Community Ambulance

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to table Contract with Hilltown Community Ambulance until it is reviewed by Town Counsel.

E. McVey Seconded

All in Favor

e. Determination and Consent by Town Council, pursuant to Massachusetts

Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.7 – Representation of the Towns of Huntington, Blandford, Middlefield and Montgomery Regional School District Agreement

C. Letendre spoke of the regional contract that the MARS consultants, school committee members and some representatives from the Hilltown including Board of Selectmen and finance committees have presented. E. McVey noted that the ‘rules of professional conduct’ letter is sent out to the parties involved so they understand that when Town Council is representing Blandford they are focusing only on Blandford without prejudice. .

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to accept this agreement of multiple representation disclosure from Town Counsel.

E. McVey Seconded

All in Favor

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

a. Vehicle Policy – B. Levakis

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to table Vehicle Policies until B. Levakis is present.

E. McVey Seconded for Discussion

E. McVey voiced his concerns about town vehicles being taken home with employees. He would rather see all town vehicles parked on Town property and not at individual employee homes. This will be discussed at the May 13, 2019 BOS meeting when B. Levakis has returned.

E. McVey Seconded for approval

All in Favor

b. Long-Term Borrowing for Roads

Error – this subject was settled at the April 22, 2019 BOS meeting.

c. MARS Group Discussion – C. Letendre

C. Letendre reported on the last MARS meeting:

- Montgomery has agreed to budget for FY20 but they are still not it total agreement and Russell may still opt out as well
- School enrollment is up from 39 – 56 students. The problem is they are still opting out of the high school for other local schools.
- There was a discussion about the schools trying to outsource classes so the students may take a morning class in one school and transport back to their home-base school for the second half of the school day.
- Jeanne LeClaire, Economic Development Director for the surrounding towns started an Entrepreneur Club as well as an Application Development Club
- Jeanne also worked with the Blandford BOH and has applied for a grant to study board of health services

d. Town Hall Basement Water Problem

J. Garcia presented a quote to replace the basement floor for \$23,000. He is questioning whether this would be a guaranteed fix for this problem. He recommends that we go out for bids on this process to obtain a more accurate quote for what we need. Garcia will take the lead on putting this out to bid and solicit more opinions.

e. Shared Board of Selectmen Meeting with Chester for Shared Police Project

Garcia mentioned the next meeting with the Town of Chester will be May 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Chester Town Hall.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Notice from the Otis Planning Board of upcoming hearing relative to new bylaw to regulate marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers in the Town of Otis

The Town of Otis Planning Board has notified Blandford that they are having a marijuana hearing for their new marijuana bylaw.

b. Request to Gift to the Town Parcel #401A-0-28 on Brookman Drive owned by Edward and Joanne Lussier of 5 Peach Tree, Tivol, New York

This property will be brought to the attention of town residents to vote and accept.

c. Permanent Solution Statement Report notice by Jewel Environmental Corporation

Garcia noted that this is a report on the inspection of 190E between MM 28.6 and 28.7, Blandford, MA. The inspection finds that ‘no significant risk to safety has also been achieved at the disposal side and will not in the foreseeable future pose a threat of physical harm or bodily injury to people.’ This statement can be viewed on MADEP website at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx utilizing the RTN 1-20746>.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm

*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