



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
SELECTBOARD

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

**JOINT MEETING AGENDA  
BLANDFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN and  
CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
September 16, 2019**

**1. Chester declared the meeting open at 6:30 pm Meeting is recorded Meeting held at Town Hall**

C. Letendre, Chairman; ~~E. MeVey~~, Clerk Absent; ~~T. Ackley~~, Member absent; J. Garcia, Town Administrator; B. Huntoon, Chairman Chester BOS; J. Baldasaro, Vice Chairman Chester BOS; K. Warden, Town Administrator, Chester; James Higby, Clerk Chester BOS; E. Weiss, PVPC; Chief Ilnick, Chester/Blandford PD in attendance.

**The Blandford Board of Selectmen meeting did not have a quorum for this meeting. This meeting was held for informational purposes and discussion only.**

**2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

a. Examination of the Meeting Minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting September 9, 2019

**3. \*AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

a. Draft Vehicle Use Policy Review – Ongoing

b. Draft Credit Card Use Policy Review – Ongoing

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**

**a. Joint meeting with Chester Board of Selectmen to discuss Shared Police Project**

Eric Weiss from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission presented the final draft of the Inter-Municipal shared Policing project. It was noted by a resident of Blandford (Mary Kronholm) that a provision to allow additional communities in the partnership in the future was missing. Eric Weiss agreed as did Cara Letendre and members of the Chester BOS. Eric will include language for adding new members. The Chester Board of Selectmen made a motion to approve the Chester Blandford Shared Police Services contract as amended. The motion passed and the final agreement will be presented to the Chester Board of Selectmen for signatures and will be presented at the next Blandford Board of Selectmen meeting on September 23, 2019 for their final approval.

**b. Update from PVPC on Hilltown Ambulance Partnership Feasibility Study**

Eric Weiss provided an update on the study. He explained that he’s been working with the Hilltown Ambulance leadership to assess their operational structure as it exists and identify any opportunities for improving service efficiency. Currently, he’s visiting each of the Boards of the membership town’s to talk about the project and solicit input. Cara and members of Chester BOS praised the ambulance service and were very appreciative of what they do. They do recognize in the past there being concerns of lack of transparency when it came to the budget, etc. However, for the most part, it has been better and their effort isn’t unnoticed. The result of this study is to produce a tangible document that the membership communities can review and better understand the services received, the economies-of-scale of note, the challenges, and recommendations on how to improve the service and strengthen the partnership to sustain the services.

**c. Review and Approve Photovoltaic Solar PILOT Agreement with DG MA Solar, LLC.**

**d. Review and approve Photovoltaic Solar PILOT Agreement with Syncarpha Blandford, LLC**

**e. Review Draft Personnel Policy – Ongoing**

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

**9\*\*EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Executive Session in accordance with G.L.c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss ongoing litigation not to reconvene.**

\*NOTE: Audience participation / public comment is welcome only when acknowledged by the Chair and limited to two minutes. Participation / public comment is only limited to Blandford residents and can only comment on agenda items only.

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

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

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Cara Letendre, Chairman

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Absent  
Eric McVey, Clerk

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Thomas Akley, Member