



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
Board of Selectmen

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

POSTED April 23, 2020 by 7:00 pm  
Amended: April 24, 2020 by 12:00 noon

**MEETING AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**April 27, 2020**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.C. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Blandford Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by visiting either of the following options:

- **Dial-In Number: (425) 436-6311; Access Code 248324#**
- **You tube – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjMX9bP223xSJq34P31AVGw>**

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted unless you are on the agenda ahead of time, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Blandford website a transcript or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

If you have any comment regarding items that are on the agenda, please forward to Joann Martin, Administrative Assistant, at [Selectboardadmin@townofblandford.com](mailto:Selectboardadmin@townofblandford.com) or 413-848-4279 x206.

**1. OPEN SESSION 7:00 pm**

**Meeting held in the BOS office, Town Hall**

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

- Examination of the Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2020*
- Examination of the Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2020*

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

*Temporarily Suspended*

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

- Review and take action on submitted hardship request/s to waive the payment of interest and other penalties for late payment of excise tax and fourth quarter real estate and personal property tax, as adopted per the provisions of Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020.*
- Review and take action on contract amendment with Warner Brothers, LLC*
- Rescind the vote that took place on April 6, 2020 at the Board of Selectmen meeting to put the following question on the ballot during next federal election: "Do you favor construction of a new exit on the MA Turnpike between existing Exit 2 in Lee, MA and Exit 3 in Westfield, MA providing for access to the town of Blandford?"*

*c. Discuss adding the following question on a ballot during the next all-town local election: “Do you favor construction of a new exit on the MA Turnpike between existing Exit 2 in Lee, MA and Exit 3 in Westfield, MA providing for access to the town of Blandford?” Or take any other action.*

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

*a. COVID-19 Update*

*b. Update on Fire Chief search process*

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Discuss creating a committee to research and provide recommendations for stipends for elected and appointed Town boards, commissions and committees that exist per Town bylaws.

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

**8. TABLED ITEMS:**

*a. Review updated draft policies for personnel handbook – General Administration*

*b. Review draft policies for personnel handbook – Preamble; General Provision; Recruiting; Hiring*

*c. Review draft policies for personnel handbook – standards of Conduct*

**9. MEETING ADJOURNED:**

**10.\*EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

\*NOTE: Audience participation / public comment - Temporarily Suspended

\*\*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..