



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
SELECT BOARD

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD and  
CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
January 20, 2021**

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 Select Board 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:

- **Zoom Video Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87116077710>
- **Meeting ID:** 871 1607 7710
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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 at 6:00 pm**

**Meeting is recorded**

**Meeting held virtually/Zoom**

**In attendance:** C. Letendre, Chairman; E. McVey, Member; T. Ackley, Member; Police Chief, D. Ilnick; K. Warden, TA Chester; B. Huntoon, Chairman Chester; J. Baldasaro, Vice Chairman Chester; R. Holzman, Clerk Chester

**1. OPEN SESSION 5:30 PM**

**Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall**

**2. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

***a. Review and take action on contract between the Town and FRCOG for assistance with SCADA System Design Services Procurement for the Blandford Water Department***

Garcia explained this has to do with design work to upgrade the SCADA system at the Water Plant for the Water Department. What's being voted on is to approve the contract with FRCOG for Procurement Services that will assist with the bidding process in securing the design services to upgrade the SCADA system.

**MOTION: T. Ackley made a motion to approve the contract with FRCOG for procurement services.**

**E. McVey Seconded**

**All in Favor**

***b. Interview candidates for Police chief for the Chester/Blandford Police Department – meeting jointly with Chester Select Board***

The Chester Board of Selectmen joined the Blandford Select Board to interview 2 candidates for Police Chief of the Chester/Blandford Police Department – Tammy Weidhaas of Russell, MA and Shawn M. Boyne of Harwinton, CT. The Town Administrator for Chester, Kathy Warden, began the meeting introducing the members of the two Boards to the candidates and noted that the Boards started with 11 candidates and have narrowed them down to 2. The Boards asked 10 questions of each candidate. Chief Ilnicky spoke of the fact that both candidates are qualified to be Police Chief for the Blandford/Chester Police Department.

**MOTION: R. Holzman, Chester Board of Selectmen Clerk, made a motion to appoint (Josh, I could not understand the name of the person appointed here.) as the next Chief of Police for the Blandford/Chester Police Department.**

**T. Ackley, Blandford Select Board Seconded**

**All in Favor**

**AMENDED MOTION: T. Ackley made a motion to amend the motion to enter into negotiations with Officer Tammy Weidhass to become our Chief of Police**

**C. Letendre Seconded**

**All in Favor**

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**5: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 pm**

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

Submitted by: Joann Martin  
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board  
and Town Administrator

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Cara Letendre, Chairman

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Eric McVey, Clerk

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Thomas Ackley, Member