



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
SELECT BOARD

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD  
March 22, 2021  
6:00 pm**

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
- **Phone Dial In:** 1-929-205-6099, dial in meeting ID when prompted

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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; J. Garcia, Town Administrator; KP Law, Town Accountants; K. Smelcer, Finance; J. Lombardo, Finance; D. Jemiolo, town Clerk; M. Kronholm, Assistant Town Clerk; D. Hopson, Moderator

**2. EXAMINATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES:**

*a. Examination of the Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021*

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to table the meeting minutes of March 15, 2021  
E. McVey Seconded  
All in Favor

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

None

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

***a. Review Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting March 22, 2021***

The Board reviewed the 29 Warrant Articles for the Special Town Meeting of March 22, 2021 with Town Counsel and Town Moderator.

***b. Emergency Repair of Russell Stage Road***

R. Senecal joined the Board and explained the emergency repair situation on Russell Stage Road. Finance, Garcia and the Board determined that \$80,586,22 is needed to repair the road. Senecal described several budget scenarios of which will have an impact and delay dirt road projects he had planned for within this fiscal year. It was decided to take \$37,000 from the Town's Reserve Account and \$55,000 from the Town's Capital Project Account to supplement the unforeseen cost.

**MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to move \$30,000 out of the Town's Reserve Account to fund the emergency repair.**

**K. Smelcer Seconded  
All in Favor**

**MOTION: E. McVey made a motion to move \$55,000 from the Town's Capital account and \$30,000 out of the Town's Reserve Account to pay for the emergency repair work.**

**C. Letendre Seconded  
All in Favor**

***c. Confirm local Town Election Date – Town Clerk***

D. Jemiolo met with the Board to request moving the date of Blandford's local election from May 8, 2021 to June 26, 2021. She explained the Town received notice from the State allowing an extension of this date to provide more time for the budget, etc.

**MOTION: E. McVey made a motion to change the local election date from May 8, 2021 to June 26, 2021 and to allow mail-in voting in accordance with MA General law for local town election**

**C. Letendre Seconded  
All in Favor**

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

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**8. TABLED ITEMS:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm

**10. \*EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

\*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 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