



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
SELECT BOARD

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

MEETING MINUTES
BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD

June 14, 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

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. If 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 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, Clerk — **Absent:** T. Ackley, Member; J. Garcia, Town Administrator; J. Lombardo, Finance; C. Smelcer, Finance

2. EXAMINATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

a. Examination of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2021

MOTION: T. Ackley made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2021 as written.

E. McVey Seconded

All in Favor

b. Examination of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to table the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021 pending questions

E. McVey Seconded

All in Favor

AMENDED MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 07, 2021 as written.

T. Ackley Seconded
All in Favor

c. Examination of the Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the Joint Meeting Minutes of June 07, 2021 as written.

E. McVey Seconded
All in Favor

MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to approve the Joint Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021 as written

C. Smelcer Seconded
All in Favor

3. *AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

4. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Review and Take Action online-item transfer requests – jointly with Finance Committee

The Board reviewed year-end line transfer requests.

SELECT BOARD MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to transfer \$46,383.20 from #015914.000 Group Insurance to 015301.000 Vocational Education

E. McVey Seconded
All in Favor

FINANCE MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to transfer \$46,383.20 from #015914.000 Group Insurance to 015301.000 Vocation Education

C. Smelcer Seconded
All in Favor

SELECT BOARD MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to transfer \$2,960.18 from #015192.001 Town Hall Utilities to 015193.000 Old Town Hall Expense

E. McVey Seconded
All in Favor

FINANCE MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to transfer \$46,383.20 from #015914.000 Group Insurance to 015301.000 Vocation Education

C. Smelcer Seconded
All in Favor

SELECT BOARD MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to transfer \$9,950.00 from #225450.000 Water Department Superintendent Salary to #225450.029 Water Department Capital

E. McVey Seconded
All in Favor

FINANCE MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to transfer \$9,950.00 from #225450.000 Water Department Superintendent Salary to #225450.029 Water Department Capital
C. Smelcer Seconded
All in Favor

SELECT BOARD MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to transfer \$5,000.00 from #225450.000 Water Department Superintendent Salary to 225450.006 Water Department Testing
E. McVey Seconded
All in Favor

FINANCE MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to transfer \$5,000.00 from #225450.000 Water Department Superintendent Salary to 225450.006 Water Department Testing
C. Smelcer Seconded
All in Favor

SELECT BOARD MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to transfer \$1,100.00 from #225450.000 Water Department Superintendent Salary to 225450.016 Licensed Assistant
E. McVey Seconded
All in Favor

FINANCE MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to transfer \$1,100.00 from #225450.000 Water Department Superintendent Salary to 225450.016 Licensed Assistant
C. Smelcer Seconded
All in Favor

SELECT BOARD MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to transfer \$800.00 from #225450.000 Water Department Superintendent Salary to 225450.003 Water Back-Up Superintendent
E. McVey Seconded
All in Favor

FINANCE MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to transfer \$800.00 from #225450.000 Water Department Superintendent Salary to 225450.003 Water Back-Up Superintendent
C. Smelcer Seconded
All in Favor

SELECT BOARD MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to transfer \$8,000.00 from #225450.020 Water Department Other Labor to 225450.029 Capital
E. McVey Seconded
All in Favor

FINANCE MOTION: J. Lombardo a motion to transfer \$8,000.00 from #225450.020 Water Department Other Labor to 225450.029 Capital
C. Smelcer Seconded
All in Favor

b. Review and Take Action on Contract between the Town and Joshua A. Garcia for Town Administrator Services

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the contract with Joshua A. Garcia as Blandford's Town Administrator as amended from 1 year to 3 years the term being July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024
T. Ackley Seconded
All in Favor

c. Review and Take Action to authorize the Chairman of the Select Board to sign the Terms and Conditions form and assurances of Compliance with Title VI form to secure Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Garcia explained the many uses of this recovery money from the Commonwealth.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to authorize the chairman of the Select Board to sign the Terms and conditions form and Assurances of Compliance with Title VI form to secure Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds
T. Ackley Seconded
All in Favor

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

a. Broadband Update – Peter Langmore

Peter Langmore joined the Select Board update the Board on the progress of Blandford Broadband. He reported that connections have begun and should advance quickly. Of the 608 homes in Blandford, 481 have signed up which is 79% of the town.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review All Department Expense Report

The Board reviewed the updated All Department Expense Report and found no problems.

b. Jason Stover of Sperry Road; Lot #132 – Request for culvert placement

Mr. Stover joined the Board requesting the culvert on his road be replace so he is able to access his property. There is a question about ownership of this section of road. Garcia will connect with the Board of Assessors and find out what the ownership situation is of this road and get back to Mr. Stover.

c. PVPC Presentation on Local Rapid Recovery Planning Efforts

PVPCs Eric Weiss and Ira Brazinski joined the Board to discuss the recovery planning efforts for Blandford from Covid 19. Weiss explained that this program was intended and designed to assist towns in this recovery process and will focus on Blandford's business zoned area speaking about sidewalks, pathways, signage with the priority being attracting people to Blandford's common areas, the village center, the country store, the White Church, Library, etc.

7. OTHER BUSINESS, IF ANY:

8. TABLED ITEMS:

c. Request from the Building Commissioner to consider seeking appropriate authorization to amend existing unregistered vehicle bylaw

9. MEETING ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

10.*EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to move into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual not to reconvene

Roll Call in: C. Letendre – Yes E. McVey – Yes T. Ackley - Yes

*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 session if Selectboard finds it warranted.

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

Cara Letendre, Chairman

Absent
Eric McVey, Clerk

Thomas Ackley, Member

Janet Lombardo, Chairman Finance

Cathy Smelcer, Finance

Deborah Brody, Finance