



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Select Board

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

MEETING MINUTES
BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD
October 25, 2021
6:00 pm

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- **Zoom Video Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87116077710>
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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 or 413-848-4279 x206.

1. OPEN SESSION 6:00 pm

Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall

In attendance: **C. Letendre**, Chairman; **T. Ackley**, Member; **T. Cousineau**, Member; **W. Foxmyn**, Interim Town Administrator

2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a. Examination of the Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021 as written
T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor

3. *AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. Review and Approve Sunset Oil/Bay State Boiler – Additional work

A quote was received from Sunset Oil for \$8,250 to replace the oil-fired warm air furnace for the Fire Department. Chief Mottor will reach out for a second quote.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to table the quote from Sunset Oil until 1 more quote is received
T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor

The Board was presented a second quote from Bay State Boiler for \$11,000 so will be able to make a decision tonight.

AMENDED MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the contract with Sunset Oil for replacing a warm air furnace at the Fire Station in the amount of \$8,250.

T. Ackley Seconded

All in Favor

b. Review and Approve Warrant #9

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #9 Payable

T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review All Department Expense Report

The current All Department Expense Report has not been received. Table until 11/1/21.

b. ARPA Project Discussion

The Board reviewed the current list of ARPA requests received. Final decisions will not be made at this time.

c. 2022 Liquor License Renewal

All liquor license requests have not yet been received. Tabled for a future meeting.

d. Fire Chief – Pinning Ceremony

The Pinning Ceremony will be November 1, 2021 honoring the Senior Blandford Firefighters

e. Review OPM Meeting – Mary Kronholm

The weekly OPM Meeting was held Thursday, October 18, 2021 and is now in design stage. Wendy Foxmyn, Dave Waldron, and Mary Kronholm summarized the meeting for the Select Board.

f. Blair Road – D. Waldron

Dave Waldron, Highway Superintendent, spoke to the Board regarding the flooding problems of flooding on Blair Road due to beaver dams. Waldron reported he contacted Beaver Solutions to help with the problem. It was pointed out that this problem is coming from Springfield Water & Sewer property and the Town should not be liable for fixing this problem. The Board's pointed out that because this is SW&S property, we have no legal authority to do anything. Letendre is requesting a quote to fix the problem to send to Town Counsel requesting advise on how to move forward.

g. GOV Deals – D. Waldron

Dave Waldron, Highway Superintendent, spoke to the Board asking for their permission to sell scrap metal and equipment that is no longer needed and stored in the Highway Building to Gov Deals. The Board gave Waldron their permission to go ahead with this project.

h. M. Perry License – D. Waldron

Dave Waldron, Highway Superintendent, spoke to the Board regarding approving his request to pay for one of his employees to obtain his CDL license. The Board approved. Ackley wants an agreement from this employee that the employee will stay with the Town for at least 3 years after this license has been obtained. Letendre suggested Waldron also look into the union contract.

7. OTHER BUSINESS, IF ANY:

a. R. Senecal Contract – North Blandford Road Project

The Board made a decision to hire a consultant to produce the complicated state paperwork that is required for Chapter 90 funds.

MOTION: C. Letendre and the Board unanimously approved and signed a contract for services with Rene Senecal for the MassWorks Grant project for North blandford Road for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

T. Ackley Seconded

All in Favor

8. TABLED ITEMS:

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

b. Sperry Road Update

9. MEETING ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

10. *EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

****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...

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

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

Cara Letendre, Chairman

Thomas Ackley, Member

Theodore Cousineau, Member