



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
Select Board

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

**JOINT MEETING MINUTES with  
BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD and Finance Committee  
June 06, 2022,  
6:00 pm**

**OPEN SESSION 6:00 pm**

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

**In attendance:** C. Letendre, Chair; T. Ackley, Member; T. Cousineau, Member; C. Dunne, Town Administrator; J. Lombardo, Finance Chair; Deb Brodie, Finance; C. Smelcer, Finance; D. Jemiolo, Town Clerk; M. Kronholm, Asst Town Clerk; M. Reich, KP Law; D. Hopson, Moderator

The Select Board met with Blandford's Finance Committee, Town Clerk, Moderator and Town Counsel to review the final Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting June 13, 2022.

**OPEN SESSION 6:00 pm**

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

**1. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

*a. Approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes from April 04, 2022,*

**MOTION:** T. Ackley made a motion to accept the April 4, 2022, meeting minutes as written  
T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor

**2. \*AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*a. Historical Society – Chips Norcross Update*

Pliney Norcross, President of the Historical Society met with the Board to update them on the status of the Parade and updates on the progress of the Historical Society for Summer 2022, He is reporting 5 concerts in the Summer Concert Series.

*b. Highway Department – Dave Waldron*

-Drone Pictures of Beave Damage: The drone pictures went well, and they are sent to Town Counsel.

-Gore Road: The Stump grinding is done and trimming on Chester Road.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

*a. Appoint Dave Mottor to Forest Warden for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023*

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Dave Mottor as Forest Warden for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

***b. Appoint David Waldron as Highway Superintendent for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Dave Waldron as Highway Superintendent for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

***c. Appoint Linda Barnard to Historical Commission for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Linda Barnard to Historical Commission for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025

T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

***d. Appoint Theodore Cousineau as PVPC Alternate for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Theodore Cousineau as PVPC Alternate for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

T. Ackley Seconded

T. Cousineau Abstained

All in Favor

***f. Appoint Christopher Dunne as Town Administrator for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Christopher Dunne as Town Administrator for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

***g. Appoint Douglas Emo as Watson Park Groundskeeper for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Douglas Emo as Watson Park Groundskeeper for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

T. Ackley Seconded

All in Favor

***h. Appoint Gordon Avery as Water Department Superintendent for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Gordon Avery as Water Department Superintendent for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

T. Ackley Seconded

All in Favor

***i. Appoint Keri Morawiec to Recreation Committee for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Keri Morawiec as Recreation Committee member for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025  
T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor

***j. Appoint Tammy Weidhaas as Chester/Blandford Police Chief for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Tammy Weidhaas as Chester/Blandford Police Chief for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023  
T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor

***k. Appoint Aaron Poteat as Plumbing & Gas Inspector for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to appoint Aaron Poteat as Plumbing & Gas Inspector for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023  
T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor

***l. Appoint Nicholas Chiusano as Plumbing & Gas Inspector Assistant for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Nicholas Chiusano as Plumbing & Gas Inspector for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023  
T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor

***m. CVRF-MP Close-Out Approval – Select Board***

The Board approved the CVRF-MP Close-out regarding COVID spending.

***o. Approve Warrant #25***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre approve Warrant #25 for payment  
T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor

***p. Approve PVPC Invoice #11***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve PVPC Invoice #11 for payment  
T. Ackley Seconded  
All in Favor

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

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

***Annual Town Meeting Review – Finance Committee, Town Counsel, Town Moderator, Select Board***

The Annual Town Meeting Board reviewed the Warrant line-by-line for final approval

***Town Administrator Report***

Tick Spray for Watson Park/Town Hall area: Dunne reported receiving two quotes. Mosquito Squad quoted \$1,206 for three applications and would need to walk the properties. Brett Hartley's estimate for the entire park was high. A quote for the Town Hall area was requested and not yet received. This will be discussed at the new Select Board meeting.

-Commonwealth Places Grant: An application was submitted for the library so they can do some placemaking on the front lawn with a patio and seating. We will hear soon.

-REDO Grant: We have a form on the website for those Businesses who are interested in applying for these monies.

-Treasurer's Office: Sara Hunter, Town Treasurer has loan papers that need approvals by the Board. Dunne will gather signatures from the Board.

-RRG Assessor Contract: RRG's contract is coming to an end. Dunne is requesting a month-by-month contract agreement for the time being while the Town goes out for bids for this important service.

**7.\*EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm

**TABLED ITEMS:**

- a. Request from the Building Commissioner to consider seeking appropriate authorization to amend existing unregistered vehicle bylaw***
- b. Shepard Farm Update***
- c. Police Office Safe***
- d. PC Replacement Plan***

\*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.

\*\*NOTE: Agenda may include items not reasonably expected 48 hours before the meeting.

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

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Cara Letendre, Chairman

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Thomas Ackley, Member

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Theodore Cousineau, Member

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Janet Lombardo, Finance Chair

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Deb Brodie, Finance Member