



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
Select Board

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

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD**  
**October 27, 2022**  
**6:00 pm**

Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall

**In attendance:** C. Letendre, Chair; J. Allen, Member; T. Cousineau, Member; C. Dunne, Town Administrator.

Meeting Open at 6:00 pm  
Meeting is recorded

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

*a. Examination of the Select Board meetings for **September 12, 2022***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 12, 2022, as written

**T. Cousineau Seconded**

**All in Favor**

*b. Examination of the Select Board meetings for **September 19, 2022***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 19, 2022, as written

**T. Cousineau Seconded**

**All in Favor**

*c. Examination of the Select Board meetings for **September 26, 2022***

**Tabled**

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to move to Action Item 4e: A&M Logging

**J. Allen Seconded**

**All in Favor**

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

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*a. Update from **Kristen M. Smidy**, Superintendent of the Gateway Regional School District*  
**Tabled**

b. **Highway Department Report**

Highway Superintendent Dave Waldron was not available. Christopher Dunne reported that Palmer Paving will be done with North Blandford Road Friday, October 28, 2022.

c. **Town Administrator's Report**

a. *Finance/Budget*

i. *Review of final version of **Special Town Meeting warrant***

Dunne presented the Special Town Meeting warrant to the Board and Moderator for approval.

b. *Grant updates:*

i. *Mass Development Commonwealth Places grant awarded for **Porter Patio project***

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ii. *DLTA Shared Water Operator: updates from October 24th meeting*

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iii. *Western Massachusetts EDC **REDO** funding announcement*

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c. *Other Department updates:*

i. *Board of Health/Conservation Commission: **Blair Road beaver** situation*

Springfield Water & Sewer are working with the Blandford Board of Health and has received a permit from the Board of Health to start trapping. Springfield Water is handling all the trapping and is intending to pay for this.

d. *Ongoing projects:*

i. *Update from **Cobble Mountain Reservoir** site visit for “A Day Without Water” event on October 21*

Dunne met with Springfield Water on Cobble Mountain at the reservoir to see the layout of the reservoir. He spoke to them regarding opening the area up for recreation.

ii. ***Fire/Highway Facility** event being held from 10:00am – 2:00pm on October 29*

Blandford's Fire Department and Highway Department has scheduled an open house to give residents an idea of the condition of the buildings and the plans to upgrade these facilities for the future.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. ***Review and act on warrant for Special Town Meeting to be held Monday, November 14, 2022***

Dave Hopson, Town Moderator joined the Select Board and Town Administrator to review the Special Town Meeting warrant for the November 14, 2022, Special Town Meeting.

**MOTION:** T. Cousineau made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 14, 2022

**C. Letendre Seconded  
All in Favor**

- b. Review and act on MassDevelopment Commonwealth Places Project Creator Grant Agreement awarding the Town \$15,800 pending evidence of a local 1:1 match*

**MOTION: T. Cousineau made a motion to act on Mass Development Commonwealth Places Project Creator Grant Agreement awarding the Town \$15,800 pending evidence of a local 1:1 match**

**C. Letendre Seconded  
All in Favor**

- c. Review and act on Warrant #8 for payment*

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #8 for payment**

**T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor**

- d. Review and act on Beagle Club and Maple Lane resident requests for snow plowing in Fiscal Year 2023*

**MOTION: T. Cousineau made a motion to request the Highway Department to plow Maple Lane & Beagle Club Road for the winter of 2022-2023**

**C. Letendre Seconded  
All in Favor**

- e. Review and act on License for A&M Logging to access Brainerd property between the Turnpike and Ski Blandford area until January 27, 2023*

Duane Pease met with the Select Board to discuss logging access through private property.

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to allow A&M Logging to access Brainerd property between the Turnpike and Ski Blandford area until January 27, 2023**

**T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. All Department Expenditure Report*

The Board reviewed the All-Departmental Expenditure Report and found everything in order.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Submitted by Joann Martin  
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

and Christopher Dunne, Town Administrator

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Cara Letendre, Chair

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Jeffery Allen, Member

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Theodore Cousineau, Member