



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Select Board

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

POSTED March 02, 2023, by 6:00 pm

SELECT BOARD AGENDA
March 06, 2023
6:00 pm

Members of the public who wish to dial-in or participate virtually, may do so by visiting either of the following options:

- **Zoom Video Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82168083073>
- **Meeting ID:** 821 6808 3073
- **Phone Dial In:** 1-929-205-6099, dial in meeting ID when prompted

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.

Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall

1. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a. *Examination of the Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023*
- b. *Examination of the Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023*

2. *AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Highway Update
- b. Town Administrator
 - i. Budget/Finance
 1. Preliminary FY24 **GRSD Assessment:** \$1,455,611 (decrease of 0.5%)
 2. Meeting with Finance Committee on March 6 at 4:00 PM to review **Special Town Meeting warrant** and draft recommendations
 - ii. Grant updates:
 1. REDO
 - a. Revised estimate for **paved playspace** work is \$20,390 with prevailing wage and crack repair. Grant award from REDO was \$17,000.
 2. Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
 - a. Application for \$200,000 for **Town Common Rehabilitation** unsuccessful; Commonwealth Places grant program funding to be considered
 3. Rural & Small Town Development Fund
 - a. Williamstown received \$400,000 in FY22 for schematic design of a fire facility; Rural & Small Town Development Fund should be considered for **Fire/Highway Facility Project**; next meeting of Building Committee to be held on March 13 at 5:00 PM

4. Ongoing Projects
 - a. **ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan** public meeting held at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 6; formation of a Disability Commission to oversee and coordinate the advancement of a five-year implementation plan and help with obtaining Municipal ADA Improvement Grant funding
5. Other Departments
 - a. Fire Department: **Reposting of Fire Chief** position with higher salary and potential benefits; convening larger discussion with Chester on public safety
 - b. Accounting: **Kinsherf FY 24 proposal** of \$36,000
 - c. Highway Department: needed improvements to **Maple Lane** to enable continued Town plowing in winter 2023-2024

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Review and act on **appointment of Lynn Kane** to the position of Assistant Treasurer/Collector for the term of March 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023
- b. Review and act on grant agreement with the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts, Inc. for the FY23 Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) Project, “Smart Digital Town Crier” (**town sign**) project in the amount of \$25,175

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. All Departmental Expenditure Report

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

TABLED ITEMS

- Request from the Building Commissioner to consider seeking appropriate authorization to amend existing unregistered vehicle bylaw.
- Police Office Safe.
- PC Replacement Plan.

*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 who may comment on agenda items only.

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