



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Select Board

Blandford Town Hall
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Blandford, MA 01008

POSTED March 09, 2023, by 6:00 pm
AMENDED March 16, 2023 by 3:00 pm

SELECT BOARD AGENDA
March 16, 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 Department
 - i. Severe **winter weather emergency** – response and lessons learned
- b. Town Administrator
 - i. Budget/Finance
 1. Next **Finance Committee meeting: Wednesday, March 29** to go over Town Administrator answers to budget questions, recommendations and Reserve Fund transfers for utilities and other items
 - ii. Grant updates
 1. Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO)
 - a. Moving forward with **paved playspace** quote of \$20,390
 2. Rural & Small Town Development Fund
 - a. Expression of Interest (EOI) submitted for \$300,000 toward some portion of design for the **Fire/Highway Facility Project**; next meeting of Building Committee rescheduled to Thursday, March 16 at 5:00 PM
 3. Underutilized Properties
 - a. Drafting EOI for **Shepard Farm** to be funded via this grant program
 4. **Resilient Dirt Roads** Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant
 - a. Community Listening Sessions tentatively scheduled for April 14th with seniors and April 24th for other residents

- iii. Other Departments
 - 1. Fire Chief position

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review and act on agreement for **Fiscal Year 2022 audit services** with Roselli, Clark & Associates in the amount of \$20,000

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

- i. Police and Fire vehicles have been accepted and waiting on parking / lineup details from the Parade Committee

- b. **Shepard Farm Conway School of Landscape Design**

- i. Proposal for student project in the amount of \$17,000

- c. **Needed improvements to Maple Lane** to enable continued Town plowing in winter 2023-2024

- i. Town Counsel: discontinuance of plowing would not expose Town to liability
- ii. Funds for repair of private roads: FEMA funds in some disaster areas
- iii. M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 6C only pertains to "removal of snow and ice"

6. NEW BUSINESS

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.