



## TOWN OF BLANDFORD

Select Board

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

### JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE & SELECT BOARD AGENDA MAY 1, 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](mailto: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. Review and act on minutes for the Select Board **meeting of April 3, 2023**
- b. Review and act on minutes for the Select Board **meeting of April 10, 2023**

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

#### 3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Highway
- b. Town Administrator
  - i. Finance/Budget
    1. **FY24 budget**
    2. Revenue Sources: **Tax Title Auction**
  - ii. Grants
    1. Feedback on **Rural and Small Town Development Fund** (One Stop for Growth) Expressions of Interest for Fire-Highway Facility and Shepard Farm
    2. **New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA)** grant for Shepard Farm
  - iii. Other Departments
    1. Enterprise Funds: **Indirect Cost Agreements**
    2. **Joint Fire Chief** with Chester
    3. **Seasonal intern/labor** from Gateway Water Internship program
  - iv. Legislative Updates
    1. **House budget**

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review and act on **Year-End Transfers** recommended by Town Administrator

- b.* Review and act on Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (**MIIA**) **FY24 renewal** for property casualty, professional liability and workers compensation insurance in the amount of \$86,584 less dividends and credits
- c.* Review and act on appointment of **Nicole Daviau** to the **Historical Commission** for the term July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2026
- d.* Review and act on appointment of **Ryan Stafford** to the **Historical Commission** to complete Janet Strausberg's term July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024
- e.* Review and act on appointment of **John VanHeynigen** as **Electrical Inspector** for the term July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.
- f.* Review and act on appointment of **Nathan Maynard** to the **Conservation Commission** for the term July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2026
- g.* Review and act on grant agreement with **Blandford Animal Hospital** for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover COVID-related revenue losses in the amount of \$20,000
- h.* Review and act on placement of question on the June local election ballot to cease assessing the **farm excise tax** on animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a.* Review **Taking Root Garden Design** quote for FY24 maintenance of Bicentennial Park in the amount of \$1,755 and Watson Park in the amount of \$1,680
- b.* Review and act on Gateway Regional School District FY23 **School Violence Prevention grant** application

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a.* All Departmental **Expenditure Report** for April 28, 2023

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**TABLED ITEMS**

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