



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD
WATER DEPARTMENT**

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Water Commissioners

Brian Champiney
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Water Superintendent

Gordon Avery

**MEETING MINUTES
BLANDFORD WATER COMMISSION
JANUARY 12, 2023
5:55 P.M.**

1. OPEN SESSION:

Meeting Opened at 5:55 P.M. and is recorded.

In Attendance: B. Curry, Chair, M. Keier, Member, P. Thayer, Member,
G. Avery, Water Superintendent, K. Shaw, Administrative Assistant.

2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- a. Meeting Minutes of 12.01.22 Accepted.
- b. Meeting minutes of 12.15.22 Accepted.

3. ACTION ITEMS:

- a.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

- a. **Global Chemicals, Inc. Ordering Card**

This item tabled.

- b. **Water Department Mower Quotes**

Gordon presented the two quotes received to replace the mower determined too expensive to repair. Commercial zero-turn Z-M series range about \$12,000-\$15,500 while the Kubota zero-turn from MB Tractor & Equipment would be \$7,577.35.

MOTION: M. Keier made a motion to select the Kubota zero—turn mower.

B. Curry Seconded

All in Favor

c. Water Department Printer Quote

Karen presented the quote of \$289.00 for an HP Officejet Pro 9015e All-in-One Multifunction printer – color – ink-jet to replace the present printer that will not print from the computer. In addition

MOTION: M. Keier made a motion to accept the quote from Black Rock Technology Group for the purchase of the All-in-One printer.

B. Curry Seconded

All in Favor

d. Email to Sara Hunter Requesting Financial Information including Indirect Costs.

An email was drafted to Sara Hunter requesting financial information key to preparing the FY 24 budget on January 11, 2023 which was shared with the Commissioners. Karen will follow up for a response prior to the preparation of the new budget.

Gordon advised P-Fast sampling schedule is current and posted on the wall. He needs to contact DEP as it was only required until January. The DEP has it scheduled every quarter for the next 3 years. Shouldn't have to as all samples have come through as undetected.

Relative to Lead and Copper – Gordon prepared a list for sampling which will require contact information (telephone numbers) be added and Karen will be working on this. A letter will be sent out prior to testing.

5. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Karen advised that Chip Norcross, of the Blandford Historical Society brought in the water bill for the meter at 1 North Street and stated it should be a Town expense to be paid by the Town. He said that the Town Administrator agreed. Gordon advised this needs to go to the Selectboard to approve this change. The Town Administrator will be requested to bring this to the Selectboard.

Gordon updated the status for the meter reading. There is another meeting next week on this with EJP and Softright.

Work will be required for those accounts that have high and low meter readings and Softright will need to contact their engineering department to build this into the system.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Shaw, Administrative Assistant
Water Department

WATER COMMISSION

Brad Curry, Chairman

Michael Keier, Member

Peter Thayer, Member