



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Select Board

Blandford Town Hall
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**Joint Meeting of the
Blandford and Chester
Select Boards and Finance
Committee Agenda
May 15, 2023
6:00 PM**

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- **Zoom Video Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82168083073>
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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 Select Board Meeting Minutes of **April 24, 2023**

2. *AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a.* Highway
- b.* Town Administrator
- i. Finance/Budget
 - 1. **FY24 budget process update**
 - ii. Grants
 - 1. MassWorks Grant for **Beech Hill Road Bridge**
 - 2. **New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA)** grant for Shepard Farm
 - 3. **Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO)** update: paving projects and sign design/placement
 - 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. Updates
 - 1. Discussions with **Springfield Water & Sewer Commission**
- c.* Police Chief

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review and act on appointment of **Dave Waldron as Highway Superintendent** for the term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- b. Review and act on appointment of **Adam Dolby as Forest Warden** for the term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- c. Review and act on appointment of **Jennifer Dubiel as Blandford/Chester Police Chief** for the term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- d. Review and act on appointment of **Aaron Poteat as Plumbing & Gas Inspector** for the term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- e. Review and act on appointment of **Theodore Cousineau as Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Alternate** for the term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- f. Review and act on appointment of **Jo-Anne Auclair as Historical Commission member** for the term May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2026
- g. **Review Fiscal Year 2024** operating budget
- h. Review and act on **Year-End Transfers**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Joint Fire Chief** discussion

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. All Departmental Expenditure Report for May 15, 2023

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.

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