



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Select Board

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

MEETING MINUTES
BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD
July 24, 2023
6:00 pm

Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall

In attendance: C. Letendre, Chair; J. Allen, Member; T. Cousineau, Member; C. Dunne, Town Administrator-Absent

1) EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

2) AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a) *Highway Superintendent – Dave Waldron*

-Beech Hill Road Closure: Granville is closing Beech Hill August 7 on the Granville side and should be closed for about one month. The bridges are being worked on.

-South Street and Cobble Mountain Culverts: Working on culverts on both streets. Conservation is working on the Cobble Mountain culvert.

-Huntington Road Paving: Highway is working on paving Huntington Road down the hill to the Transfer Station.

-Old Chester Road: Waldron reported that Old Chester Road is open again for the season.

-Watson Park Road: Allen asked if there is anything that can be done with Watson Park Road as there is a good-sized hole at the back end of the park. Allen is requesting that stone dust be used. Waldron will take care of this.

b) *Town Administrator – Christopher Dunne*

None

4) ACTION ITEMS

- a) ***Interview Conservation Agent Candidate***: Nicolas Pietroniro joined the Board to talk about the open position of Conservation Agent. The Board asked a series of questions of Nick who comes with high recommendations from the Conservation Commission. Nick is currently on the Becket Conservation Commission and the Board believes he will be an asset to Blandford's Conservation Commission.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to appoint Nicolas Pietroniro as Conservation Agent for the Town of Blandford
T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

b) Approve Warrant #01 for Payment

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #01 for Payment

T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

c) Approve CDBG Revised Invoices

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the CDBG Revised Invoices from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

J. Allen Seconded

All in Favor

d) Approve PVPC Financial Warrant #24 Community Development Program

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #24 for Community Development Program from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

5) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Project Proposal – Taking Root Design:*** Taking Root submitted a proposal to repair and replace damaged plants after winter and frost damage. The amount of the bid is \$800 which will be taken out of the Watson Park Trust.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the bid from Taking Root in the amount of \$800.00 for the replacement of perennials in Watson Park

J. Allen Seconded

All in Favor

7) EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

TABLED ITEMS:

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

*NOTE: Audience participation/public comment is welcome only when acknowledged by the Chairman 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 expected 48 hours before the meeting.

Submitted by Joann Martin
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board
and Christopher Dunne, Town Administrator

Cara Letendre, Chair

Jeff Allen, Member

Theodore Cousineau, Member