



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
Select Board

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD  
Monday, January 02, 2024  
11:00 pm**

**Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall**

**In attendance:** C. Letendre, Chair; J. Allen, Member; T. Cousineau, Member; I. Brezinsky, Interim Town Administrator

Meeting Open at 11:00 am

Meeting is recorded

1) **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

2) **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT**

3) **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR FINALIST INTERVIEW**

*a. Town Administrator Search Update & Discussion*

**-Highway Laborer Search:** Ira filled the Board in on the progress on the search for Highway laborer, reposted the position and received several applications that look promising.

**-Town Administrator Position:** Brezinsky reported to the Board that both Michael Szolek and Mark Seigers are still interested in the position as Town Administrator. Brezinsky shared his notes on the extensive reference calls he made.

The Board discussed each of the candidates, reviewing the original interview with them and decided to offer the position to Michael Szolek. Ira Brezinsky will take care of offering this position to Michael.

4) **ACTION ITEMS**

*a. Approve Warrant #13 for Payment*

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #13 for payment

**T. Cousineau Seconded**

**All in Favor**

5) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

*a. St. Patrick's Day Parade*

Letendre would like to join in on the Holyoke Parade again in 2024. She and J. Martin will make the arrangements.

***b. All Departmental Expenditure Report***

The Board reviewed the All-Departmental Expenditure Report and found few problems.

**7) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. *Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with possible selected candidate for Town Administrator position.*

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigation position

**T. Cousineau Seconded**

**All in Favor**

**Roll Call Vote In:** C. Letendre - Yes      T. Cousineau - Yes      J. Allen - Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Submitted by Joann Martin  
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board  
and Ira Brezinski, Interim Town Administrator

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Cara Letendre, Chair

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T. Cousineau, Member

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J. Allen, Member