



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Select Board

Blandford Town Hall
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**JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Followed by
MINI TOWN MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
Monday, May 20, 2024
6:00 pm**

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- **Zoom Video Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82168083073>
- **Meeting ID:** 821 6808 3073
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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 08, 2024

2. *AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a) Highway

b) Finance

-FRCOG Oil Bids

4. ACTION ITEMS

a) Review and act on Warrant for Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 3 at 7:00 PM

b) Review and act on proposed Year-End Transfers

c) Approve Warrant #23 for Payment

d) Appoint Ryan Stafford to the Historical Commission for the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027

e) Appoint Nicolas Pietronior to the position of Conservation Agent for the term July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025

f) Appoint Margit Mikuski to the position of American Disabilities Act Member for the term July 1, 2024, through June 20, 2025

g) Appoint Gordon Avery to the position of Water Department Superintendent for the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

- h) Appoint Cara Letendre to the FRTA Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025*
- i) Appoint John VanHeynigen as Electrical Inspector for the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025*
- j) Appoint Eric Kinsherf, CPA to the position of Town Accountant for the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025k) Appoint Kim Bergland to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026*
- l) Rescind the following motion from Select Board Meeting May 13, 2024:*

Update Letter: The National Opioid Litigation involves opioid manufacturers and distributors and are currently receiving allocations of settlement funds based upon negotiated settlements arising from such litigation. As you are aware the National Consortium of attorneys representing this litigation is seeking authority to amend existing litigation complaints to add additional counts against new defendants based upon the roles of Pharmacy benefit managers of a possible opioid crisis and their alleged failure to undertake the duties of monitoring opioid prescription practices. Authorizing such an amendment would permit cities and towns to participate in that expected litigation and possibly will benefit from settlements of judgements with respect to those additional defendants and whether to authorize the Amendments is a policy decision for the city or town, however, the decision must be communicated to the Consortium on or before May 17, 2024.

Cara Letendre made a motion May 13, 2024 @ 7:03 pm.

Motion: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the amendment to the permit for Blandford to participate in expanded litigation and possibly to expand litigation in the matter of the opioid litigation.

**T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) All Departmental Expenditure Report Review

*NOTE: Audience participation/public comment is welcome only when acknowledged by the Chair and limited to two minutes. Participation/public comment is limited to Blandford residents who may comment on agenda items only. The Town of Blandford is committed to the full participation of people with disabilities and Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Persons who require special accommodations including an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in the Town's programs, services, or activities, should contact the Town Administrator at (413) 848-4279 ex. 502 at least 14 business days in advance of a meeting.

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