



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
SELECT BOARD

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2024
5:00 pm

Meeting held in Select Board Chambers

In attendance: J. Lombardo, Chair; K. Green, Member; D. Brodie, Member; J. Coury, Member

1) EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2) AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENTS

3) NEW BUSINESS

- a) *Meet Cristina Ferrera our New Town Administrator!* Christina Ferrera, Blandford's new Town Administrator was introduced and given a warm welcome by those in the room.
- b) *Discuss the Continuance of Deb Brodie & Janet Lombardo on the Finance Committee.* Deb Brodie and Janet Lombardo agreed to continue on the Finance Board for the next three years.
- c) *Choose a Finance Chair for FY25.* Lombardo has decided to step away as Chair and Jackie Coury was voted in as new Chair of the Finance Committee. It should be noted that Janet's contribution to the team is significant, so everyone was very happy that she is continuing on the committee noting that her tenure as Chair has been greatly appreciated by the Committee and the Town.
- d) *Discuss the level of involvement in FY25 for the Finance Committee and if there is anything specific they want to change/improve, etc.* The Committee discussed next year's process for budget season and how we can make that a smoother process in the future.
- e) *Share with Cristina what her role should be with the Finance Committee.* There was a discussion about Cristina Ferrera's role during budget season and her role on the Committee.
- f) *Establish on-going cadence of Finance Committee Meetings.* There was a discussion about joining the Finance Team meetings, however, we agreed to be present as Blandford Residents, not as Finance Committee. Until August, the Finance Committee will meet "as needed" or as requested by the Finance Committee Chair, Cristina Ferrara, or the Select Board.

4) ACTION ITEMS

- a) *Review and approve transfers.* The Finance Committee processed year-end transfers.

Finance Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Janet Lombardo, Finance

Jackie Coury, Finance Chair

Deborah Brodie, Finance Member

Kevin Green, Finance Member