



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Select Board

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

**JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE,
SELECT BOARD and MODERATOR
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 17, 2024
6:00 pm**

Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall

In attendance: C. Letendre, Chair; J. Allen, Member; T. Cousineau, Member

1. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

2. *AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a) Highway

-Beech Hill Road Bridge Payment Submitted: The Board signed an amended agreement requesting more money sooner. We are paying the same amount, just more money up front.

-Schoolhouse Road: Waldron spoke to Town Counsel. Counsel suggested Waldron have a meeting with the landowner. Allen spoke to the resident and the situation has been corrected.

-Used Motor Oil: Waldron made arrangements to have the used motor oil taken away. Letendre directed the Highway crew to continue to take care of oil changes.

4. ACTION ITEMS

a) Eric Kinsherf, CPA Contract Renewal

The Board signed Eric Kinsherf, CPA Contract Renewal for FY25 which was previously approved.

b) Novus Insight, Contract Renewal

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to Approve the FY25 Novus Insight Contract Renewal in the amount of \$22,980.48 for the term July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

J. Allen Seconded

All in Favor

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) PVPC, Angela Panaccione; Dirt Road Project

Panaccione joined the group to discuss the Dirt Road Project PVPC and Blandford have been working on for the past couple of years being done by Fuss and O'Neill. Panaccione is here to discuss what PVPC has accomplished, any future plans and answer any questions. She explained further that this has been a 2-year

project; part of the MVP grant which included assessment of the unpaved roads in Blandford as well as community meetings, outreach to the elementary schools, beaver study which has not been returned year, the deliverables of two culverts on Gibbs Road and Shepard Road, the cost of the culverts needed is approximately \$900,000+. Letendre is stunned at the cost of these culverts and wonders how small towns can afford to pay. Panaccione is supplying a list of possible grants for this work. Panaccione reported on a great deal of detail that was managed throughout this grant process.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Submitted by Joann Martin
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Cara Letendre, Chair

T. Cousineau, Member

J. Allen, Member