



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
Select Board

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

**JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
BLANDFORD SELECT BOARD and  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
July 01, 2024  
6:00 pm**

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

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

**EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

None

**2. \*AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

***a) Highway – D. Waldron***

**Backhoe:** Waldron reported it would be \$2,700 to repair.

**Safety Class:** The Highway crew will be going to a safety class and trained on the chipper which should give us some insurance credits with MIAA.

**Tighe & Bond:** Waldron spoke to them about Schoolhouse Hill Road. An estimate for design is \$80,000 to redo the entire road over, better drainage, etc. Letendre inquired if anybody lives on that road. It could be up to \$500,000 to do the entire road. The road is not passable at this time. The Board does not believe this would be a beneficial use of funds at this time.

***b) Finance Line Items Changes - Tabled***

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

***a) Approve Payroll Warrant #25***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #25 for payment

**T. Cousineau Seconded**

**All in Favor**

***b) Approve PVPC Invoice #35 Housing Rehab***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to approve PVPC's Invoice #35 for CBDG Housing Rehab program

**T. Cousineau Seconded**

**All in Favor**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

***a) Springfield Water & Sewer – Cemetery Gate – Tabled***

Letendre reported Nicole Sanford could not be here this evening. Springfield Water wants to formulate a new authorization letter for Cemetery Commissioner’s access to Warfield and Stannard Cemetery so that it can be posted on the commission’s property. Sanford is working with Pete Sparks. Sanford stated if Blandford is considering opening and removing these gates, we should consult Conservation and the Fire Department. Rescheduled for July 15, 2024. Cousineau reported Blandford was supposed to get keys for those gates and that never happened for the Cemetery. Cousineau is not sure about the Fire Department. Cousineau also believes it would be okay if Springfield Water leaves the gates in place but leaves them unlocked for Blandford’s easy access but protected otherwise.

***b) CDBG FY2020 Community Development Block Grant Monitoring Clearance Letter-FYI***  
Information only

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to move into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union personnel not to reconvene.**

**Roll Call out: C. Letendre – Yes; T. Cousineau – Yes; J. Allen - Yes**

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union personnel.**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 pm

\*NOTE: Audience participation/public comment is welcome only when acknowledged by the Chair 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

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Cara Letendre, Chair

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Jeff Allen, Member

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Theodore Cousineau, Member