



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Select Board

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

**JOINT SELECT BOARD and WATER DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2025
6:00 pm**

Meeting held in the Select Board Chamber, Town Hall

In attendance: C. Letendre, Chair; T. Cousineau, Member; J. Allen, Member; C. Ferrera, Town Administrator; M. Keier, Water Commissioner; G. Avery, Water Superintendent; B. Curry, Water Commissioner; P. Thayer, Water Commissioner

1. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Examination of the Select Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024, as written

T. Cousineau Seconded

All in Favor

2. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT*

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a) Highway Superintendent – Rene Senecal

b) Town Administrator – Cristina Ferrera

a. Inspector General Fraud Training OFFICE OF inspector general training done and

b. COA Vehicle – Insurance & Plates Cancelled that done

c. Town of Blandford – Meeting with Auditors to schedule the next audit tony will be here fy25

d. FY26 Budget Workbook sent to all Departments/Boards workbook is out some are back feb 4, 5, 6 will go iver policy and contracts

e. LPM – Town Property Management Quotek; will give a quote and suggestions free quote

f. Green community; 3 types of vehicles atv hybrid electric; no need to go out ot bid marcotte ford is a vendor on state contraxt; marcott 2025 ford escape hybrid 40,250. Folks will come to talk about full electric but margit does not want full electric

c) Board of Health – Jennifer Girard

a. none

4. ACTION ITEMS

a) Karen Shaw Resignation Water Department – resigned Jan 21

b)

c) Appoint Asa Kerr to Zoning Board of Appeals for the term January 27, 2025, through June 30, 2028

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to appoint Asa Kerr to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term January 27, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor

d) Approve Tax Map Maintenance Proposal – Board of Assessors

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the Tax Map Maintenance Proposal for the Board of Assessors

T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor

*e) Town Administrator 6-Month Review – Cristina Ferrera
The board glowing review!*

f) Nicolas Pietroniro, Conservation Agent Resignation Letter

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Conservation Agent, Nicolas Pietroniro effective December 20, 2024

T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor

g) Approve Warrant #15 Payroll for payment

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #15 Payroll for Payment

T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor

h) Approve Warrant #16 Accounts Payable for Payment

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #16 Accounts Payable for Payment

T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Water Department Scada Project* no contract available>>>> got scolded for not having this stuff
- b) Water Department Accounts Payable*
- c) Water Department Staffing*
- d) Prior-Year Water Bill Procedure* pay current bills now and we'll deal at special town meeting
- e) Greenlight Letter Scada Project:* Ferrera reported the greenlight letter for this project was received January 22, 2025.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to Discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. The individual to be discussed in such Executive Session shall be notified in writing by the public body at least 48 hours prior to the proposed Executive Session; provided, however, that notification may be waived upon the written agreement of the parties.**

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to move into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to Discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. The individual to be discussed in such Executive Session shall be notified in writing by the public body at least 48 hours prior to the proposed Executive Session; provided, however, that notification may be waived upon the written agreement of the parties and the Select Board will reconvene

C. Letendre – Yes T. Cousineau – Yes J. Allen – Yes

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Submitted by Joann Martin
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Cara Letendre, Chair

T. Cousineau, Member

J. Allen, Member