



**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  
February 03, 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

**1. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**a) *Examination of the Select Board Meeting Minutes of December 02, 2025***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to table the meeting minutes of December 02, 2025, until the February 10, 2025, Select Board Meeting  
**T. Cousineau Seconded**  
**All in Favor**

**b) *Examination of the Select Board Meeting Minutes of December 09, 2025***

**MOTION:** C. Letendre made a motion to table the meeting minutes of December 09, 2025, until the February 10, 2025, Select Board Meeting  
**T. Cousineau Seconded**  
**All in Favor**

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

None

**2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**a) *Highway Superintendent – Rene Senecal***

None

**b) *Town Administrator – Cristina Ferrera***

**-Highway Superintendent Selection Committee:** A committee has been set to interview potential candidates for Highway Superintendent. The members are: Rene Senecal, Interim-Highway Superintendent; Dave Hopson, Town Moderator; Chief Dubiel, Chester/Blandford Police, Cristina Ferrara, Blandford Town Administrator. TJ Cousineau, Select Board Member, will be on the board as well but as a non-voting member.

**-FY26 Budget Meetings:** Ferrera announced she sent out the schedule of upcoming budget hearings for all departments with the Finance Committee.

**c) *Board of Health – Jennifer Girard***

-Girard gave a general update to the Board of the pre-existing situations of resident properties that are being managed.

**d) *Water Department – Gordon Avery***

The Water Department Superintendent informed the Board that the Commission has chosen a candidate to fill the

position of Administrative Assistant to the Department. The Board reminded the Water Department that all candidates for positions with the Town of Blandford need to come in front of the Select Board first and be hired later, not the other way around. The Board requested the candidate attend the 2/10/25 Select Board meeting for an interview.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

a) ***Approve Warrant #16 Payroll for payment***

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to table Warrant #16 Payroll for signature until the February 10, 2025, Select Board Meeting.**

**T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) ***GRSD Superintendent – Kristen Smidy***

Gateway Regional School District Superintendent, Kristen Smidy attended the Blandford Select Board meeting to update the Board on Gateway’s upcoming programs, the successes of existing programs, and to let the Town know that the School District’s budget will not be finalized until after the March 1<sup>st</sup> census has been completed. They will be hosting a budget presentation on March 13<sup>th</sup> and invited anybody who is interested to attend at 7:00 pm at Gateway.

b) ***Plumbing Inspector – Aaron Poteat***

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to table meeting the Plumbing Inspector**

**T. Cousineau Seconded  
All in Favor**

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 pm**

Submitted by Joann Martin  
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

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Cara Letendre, Chair

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T. Cousineau, Member

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J. Allen, Member