



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 10, 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 approve the Meeting Minutes of December 02, 2025, as written

**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 approve the Meeting Minutes of December 09, 2025, as written

**T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

1. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT*

G. Reichert

2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a) *Highway Superintendent – Rene Senecal*

**b) *Town Administrator – Cristina Ferrera
-Budget Hearing***

Ferrera reported the Budget Hearings have been delayed because of weather.

c) *Chester/Blandford Police Contract:*

The Town of Blandford and the Town of Chester will meet to discuss renewing the contract between the towns for shared police services. The meeting will be on February 24 at the Blandford Town Hall and via zoom.

MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to move to New Business a) COA Vehicle Discussion

**T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

d) *Gateway Education Association:*

The Gateway Education Association would like to reserve the Blandford Town Hall gymnasium for their annual

fundraiser. This event will be in late March. The Association is looking for a one-day liquor license. Martin will make the arrangements and get approval from the Select Board.

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

None

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

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

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #16 Payroll for payment
T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

b) ***Approve Warrant #17 Payroll for Payment***

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #17 Payroll for payment
T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

c) ***Approve Warrant #17 Town of Blandford Accounts Payable for Payment***

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve Warrant #17 Accounts Payable for Payment
T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

d) ***Approve Clean Water Trust***

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to Approve the Clean Water Trust
T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

e) ***Approve Water Booster Pump Station and Water Main Design between the Town of Blandford and Wright & Pierce***

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to approve the Water Booster Pump Station and Water Main Design between the Town of Blandford and Wright & Pierce
T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) ***COA Vehicle Discussion***

Deb Lundgren, resident met with the Select Board to talk about the possibility of installing charging stations so Blandford can purchase electric vehicles. Lundgren brought a wealth of information to the Select Board and spoke about full electric vehicles, the future of electric vehicles and Green Community Status which has given the town grant opportunities and the possibility of solar on the building and the possibility of embracing these ideas and one step closer to becoming a Climate Leader. She talked about forming a Community Climate Leader Committee. She will bring the group to the attention of the Select Board when established.

b) ***Appoint Jasmine Ortega to Water Department as Administrative Assistant***

Jasmine Cortiz joined the Board to be interviewed for the position of Administrative Assistant in the Water Department. She is familiar with Softright and is currently working for the Town of Hunting Highway Department. Jasmine is highly qualified and will be an excellent addition to the Water Department.

**MOTION: C. Letendre made a motion to appoint Jasmine Orgeta as Administrative Assistant to the Water Department
T. Cousineau Seconded
All in Favor**

c) *Temporary Liquor License for fundraiser*
See Town Administrator Report above

d) *Selection of Porter Memorial Library OPM for Library Addition – N. Daviau - table*

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm

Submitted by Joann Martin
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Cara Letendre, Chair

T. Cousineau, Member

Absent

J. Allen, Member