

Town of Chester Selectmen Joint Meeting with Town of Blandford Selectmen Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2019

Attending: Chester Select Board members Barbara Huntoon & John Baldasaro, Blandford Select Board members Cara Letendre, Eric McVey and Thomas Ackley, Chester Town Administrator Kathe Warden, Blandford Town Administrator Joshua Garcia, Eric Weiss from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Chester – Blandford Police Chief Daniel Ilnicky.

The Board of Selectmen met with Blandford Board of Selectmen to continue the discussion of shared policing between the two towns.

The subjects discussed, included the following, in the agreement.

The definition of what a police department shall do; the name of the joined police department; term agreement and termination terms; agreement amendments; governance; formation of a partnership oversight committee that would meet quarterly and include a minimum of 2 Select Board members from each town; rules for the host community (Chester); discussion about yearly costs; maintenance of any shared assets; budget agreements; annual reporting timing; discussion about other municipalities joining the current shared policy and the costs incurred emphasizing that any and all of these conversations and decisions will be decided in a joint discussions between the towns.

The joint meeting adjourned at 7:15pm with agreement that the next meeting will be held on July 15, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Blandford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Katherine Warden

Barbara Huntoon Chair

John Baldasaro Vice Chair

Vacancy – Clerk