

**Town of Chester Board of Selectmen
Water Commissioners and Zoning Board of Appeals
Monday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m.
1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford Town Hall, Blandford MA 01008**

Barbara Huntoon opened the meeting at 6:00pm. Warrants were signed.

Discussion and vote to reorganize the Selectboard - Barbara made the motion to appoint John as Chair; James seconded the motion. Barbara voted aye, James voted aye, and John abstained. John made the motion to appoint Barbara as vice chair; James seconded the motion. John voted aye, James voted aye, and Barbara abstained. Barbara made the motion to appoint James as clerk; John seconded the motion. Barbara voted aye, John voted aye, and James abstained. Board restructured with John as Chair, Barbara as Vice Chair, and James as Clerk.

Review and possible vote to sign contract for Town Administrator Katherine Warden – Kathe said the only changes to the contract were to cover membership costs. John made a motion to accept the contract and sign it, James seconded the motion and all voted aye. Contract signed.

Review any applications for Transfer Station Position with possibility to vote on appointment and review any applications for DPW Laborer Position – Liz Massa said Terry Donovan had worked along with Joan Stalcup the last two weeks. She said Anthony Turgeon could only work on Saturdays at this time. Liz stated after working with and observing both women, she recommends Joan Stalcup as the lead attendant and Terry Donovan as the assistant attendant. She also recommended Anthony Turgeon to be the alternate. John made a motion to appoint Joan Stalcup lead, Terry Donovan assistant, and Anthony Turgeon alternate. Barbara seconded the motion and all voted aye. Liz said Greg Harrison had been volunteering at the Transfer Station but wasn't interested in committing to the position.

Kathe said there were two applicants so far for the Highway crew. Kathe did want the Selectmen to be aware she knows one of the applicants. John said he would like to wait a few more weeks to see if there were any more applicants.

John made a motion to adjourn this meeting to reconvene with the Blandford Board of Selectmen. Barbara seconded the motion and all voted aye.

At 6:30pm the joint Boards of Selectmen opened the meeting. Blandford/Chester Police Chief Daniel Ilnicky and Eric Weiss of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission continued the ongoing conversation about the joint shared project now known as Chester Blandford Shared Police (CBSP). Eric Weiss of PVPC went over the agreement to form a Partnership Oversight Committee, which will be comprised of at least 2 members from each Board of Selectmen, both Town Administrators and Chief Ilnicky. The committee will meet each quarter to review and discuss goals, policy, operations, change in procedures, staffing, operations, and promotions. Eric discussed individual items in the agreement explaining the goal is to keep this new project as close to the current way things are done between and in the two towns. Eric feels this model

will be used across the State going forward. The next review meeting was set for Monday August 19, 2019 at 6:30pm in Blandford Town Hall.

The joint Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Warden

Barbara P. Huntoon – Chair

John Baldasaro - Vice

James Higby -Clerk

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