

**Town of Chester Board of Selectmen  
Water Commissioners and Zoning Board of Appeals  
Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:15p.m.  
Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road Blandford MA**

John Baldasaro, Barbara Huntoon and James Higby present

John opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

John said first would be the reappointments of the Highway Superintendent, and Conservation Commission member. Barbara makes a motion to reappoint and reaffirm John Baldasaro for Highway Superintendent, Police Officer, James seconds the motion they vote aye with John abstaining from the vote. John makes the motion to reappoint and reaffirm R, Duane Pease to the Conservation Commission, James seconds the motion and both vote aye with Barbara abstaining from the vote. James makes a motion to reappoint and reaffirm to the Water Information Committee, Sharon Marge, Rick Stone, Steve Salvini, and Bob Daley. Barbara seconds the motion all vote aye. John reappoints and reaffirms James to the Water Information Committee, Barbara seconds the motion and both vote aye. James abstains from the vote.

Kathe asks if everyone is comfortable with Town Counsel handling the reply for the open meeting law violation notice. Everyone agreed that Town Counsel should handle it.

James said he wanted everyone to know that Annette LaMountain had approached him about the repair of the business sign at the top of Main Street. She said the Town had originally paid for it and it was in bad shape. John asked to table the discussion till a future meeting due to the time constraint of the meeting.

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm, Barbara seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Blandford chair Cara Lelendre opened the meeting at 6:37pm, due to not enough Blandford Select board members in attendance she holds the meeting from starting. At 6:40 she reopens the meeting with Select board member Thomas Ackley in attendance, Eric McVey absent, Eric Weiss of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Josh Garcia Blandford Town Administrator and Chief Dan Inicky Chester/Blandford Police Chief. The meeting was being recorded by Blandford and Chester.

Eric Weiss said that the final changes to be made were minor and would have the final copy after the Chester Town Counsel was done with the review. Dan Inicky said he was finalizing the chief's job description and the inventory of both departments. Eric shares copies of the recent article in the Springfield Republican about the changes that have gone on in the Blandford Police Dept and the creation of the IMA with Chester. Eric wanted everyone to know that the Town of Middlefield had contacted him about exploring the opportunity of an IMA with the towns for shared police services. Dan shared that he was asked by the Town of Middlefield to serve as interim chief till they decided what they wanted to do. He said he was not interested in the position. There was a brief discussion about when the IMA could be signed and implemented.

Josh Garcia said there is an IT grant coming up that could be used to share Permiteyes for the inspectors. Since multiple towns share the same inspector it would benefit everyone. Josh would like to start getting verbal agreements from the other town for pursuing a share service grant. Eric said to let him know how PVPC could help with the process.

Cara said she received an invitation by the MMA to attend a seminar at UMASS Amherst for a regional event to discuss issues that effect Western Mass. Eric said he was moderator for the meeting and is being held on October 5 from 8:30am -2:00pm.

The joint meeting ended at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katherine Warden

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John Baldasaro – Chair

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Barbara P. Huntoon - Vice

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James Higby -Clerk

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