

**BRATTLEBORO REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
PRE-MEETING
INFORMATIONAL SESSION
March 2, 2016**

Selectboard Chair David Gartenstein at 7:06 P.M., on March 2, 2016, convened a meeting of Town Meeting Members at the Academy School on Western Avenue. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and answer questions for the upcoming Special Representative Town Meeting scheduled for March 12. Present were Selectboard members: David Gartenstein, Donna Macomber, David Schoales, John Allen and Kate O'Connor. Also present: Town Manager Peter Elwell; Police Chief Michael Fitzgerald; Fire Chief Michael Bucossi; Town meeting members and members of the public.

The question to be voted at the special meeting is as follows:

ARTICLE 1: Shall an amount not to exceed Four Million, Five Hundred Thousand (\$4,500,000.00) Dollars of the proceeds of bonds authorized at the October 20, 2012 special representative town meeting of the Town of Brattleboro be expended for the purpose of purchasing land and buildings at 62 Black Mountain Road, Brattleboro, Vermont and renovating said lands and buildings into a Town of Brattleboro Police Station instead of constructing the police station renovations at the Brattleboro Municipal Center as authorized at said special representative town meeting?

Voting on this Article is to be done by Australian ballot.

David Gartenstein began the meeting with an historical background of the project going back 20-30 years and leading up to process of how the current question of relocating the Police station came to be.

Town Manager Peter Elwell also addressed the meeting, presenting the financial details.

There were numerous questions, comments and concerns from the audience. The primary topics concerned the Police Department not being located in the downtown area and concern about the Town owning rental property and competing with independent landlords.

At 9:24 P.M., there being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Annette Cappy
Town Clerk