

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015
SPECIAL MEETING – 9:00AM
GREEN STREET SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
MINUTES**

Selectboard members present: David Gartenstein, David Schoales, Kate O'Connor, Donna Macomber, and John Allen.

Staff present: Town Manager Peter Elwell, Assistant Town Manager Patrick Moreland, Finance Director John O'Connor, Fire Chief Mike Bucossi, Assistant Fire Chief Peter Lynch, Police Chief Mike Fitzgerald, Police Captain Mark Carignan, Town Assessor Russell Rice, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Others present: See attached attendance sheets, Steve Horton (Project Manager), and others who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Chair Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 9:00am in the gymnasium at Green Street School. He confirmed that the meeting was officially warned.

POLICE-FIRE FACILITIES PROJECT – Public Information Session

- (i) Staff Presentation*
- (ii) Public Participation – Questions and Comments*

Gartenstein said that the Selectboard was holding a series of special meetings to provide the public with information regarding potential upgrades to the Police Station, Central Fire Station, and West Brattleboro Fire Station. He reviewed the recent history of the Police-Fire Facilities Project, including approval by Representative Town Meeting in 2012, design approval in 2013, passage of the budget in 2014 by Representative Town Meeting, and the budget referendum in 2014 by the voters as a whole. Following defeat of the budget in 2014, Gartenstein said that the Selectboard removed expenditures for the project from the proposed budget, and the budget was subsequently approved. He said that improvements to the Police station and both Fire stations had been discussed since the 1990s but no significant improvements had been made and as a result all three stations were in need of absolute life safety improvements. He said that the Board and staff were advocating additional improvements to the facilities and the alternatives were being presented today. Town Manager Elwell provided and discussed a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating alternatives being considered, including the financial aspect of each of the alternatives. Fire Chief Bucossi discussed in detail the need for improvements to Central Fire Station and West Brattleboro Fire Station and the proposed improvements. Police Chief Fitzgerald discussed in detail the need for improvements to the Police Station. He discussed two options for improvements at the Municipal Center, as well as the possibility, advantages and disadvantages of purchasing the Brattleboro Reformer building on Putney Road and moving the Department to that location. After the presentation, Gartenstein opened the meeting for questions and public comment. Spoon Agave, Louise Zak, John Wilmerding, Tim Cuthbertson, Pal Borofsky, George Reed-Savory, Judy Davidson, Frankie Gibson, Erica Croft, Orion Barber, Gary Carrier, Ben Underhill, Michael Bosworth, Franz Reichsman, Tad Montgomery, Pierre Landry, Carol Barber, and others who did not identify themselves asked questions and provided their comments and opinions. There was very little discussion by the Board. Gartenstein said that two more public information sessions were scheduled on November 30 and December 2, and he encouraged the public to attend and participate in the discussions.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

There was no further business.

MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN TO ADJOURN AT 11:37AM. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 (SCHOALES WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE).



David Schoales, Clerk

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SIGN-IN SHEET
November 21, 2015

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| 1. | <u> RACC </u> | print name: <u>Robert Oser</u> |
| 2. | <u> Bill </u> | print name: <u>BE UNDERHILL</u> |
| 3. | <u>Orion Barber</u> | print name: <u>ORION BARBER</u> |
| 4. | <u>George Reed Savory</u> | print name: <u>GEORGE REED-SAVORY</u> |
| 5. | <u>Judy Davidson</u> | print name: <u>JUDY DAVIDSON</u> |
| 6. | <u>Ricky Davidson</u> | print name: <u>Ricky Davidson</u> |
| 7. | <u>Edward Leclair</u> | print name: <u>EDWARD LECLAIRE</u> |
| 8. | <u>Elizabeth Junson</u> | print name: <u>ELIZABETH JUNSON</u> |
| 9. | <u>Carol Farrington</u> | print name: <u>Carol Farrington</u> |
| 10. | <u>John Wilmerding</u> | print name: <u>John Wilmerding</u> |
| 11. | <u>Steven Stone</u> | print name: <u>STEVEN STONE</u> |
| 12. | <u>Stacy Amani</u> | print name: <u>STACY AMANI</u> |
| 13. | <u>VICKI SHEPPARD</u> | print name: _____ |
| 14. | <u>Jennifer Jacobs</u> ← | print name: <u>Jennifer Jacobs</u> |
| 15. | <u>Michael Bosworth</u> | print name: <u>Michael Bosworth</u> |
| 16. | <u> T. CUTBERTSON </u> | print name: <u>T. CUTBERTSON</u> |
| 17. | <u>Sandra J. Page</u> | print name: <u>Sandra J. Page</u> |
| 18. | <u>Ely Lamore-Gher</u> | print name: <u>Ely Lamore-Gher</u> |
| 19. | <u>Ann Wright</u> | print name: <u>ANN WRIGHT</u> |
| 20. | <u>Pierre Landry</u> | print name: <u>PIERRE LANDRY</u> |
| 21. | _____ | print name: <u>Frankie Gher</u> |
| 22. | <u>Ken McCaffrey</u> | print name: <u>KEN MCCAFFREY</u> |
| 23. | <u>Kathy Dowd</u> | print name: <u>Kathy Dowd</u> |

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| 2. | <u>John</u> | print name: <u>JOHN CARTER</u> |
| 3. | <u>Carol Barber</u> | print name: <u>Carol Barber</u> |
| 4. | <u>Karen DeServes</u> | print name: <u>Karen DeServes</u> |
| 5. | <u>Matt Hubbard</u> | print name: <u>Matt Hubbard</u> |
| 6. | <u>Eric Roulin</u> | print name: <u>Eric Roulin</u> |
| 7. | <u>Larry McIntosh</u> | print name: <u>n</u> |
| 8. | <u>PAL BOROFSKY</u> | print name: _____ |
| 9. | <u>Tim Johnson</u> | print name: _____ |
| 10. | <u>Elyahoff McLaughlin</u> | print name: _____ |
| 11. | <u>Rachel Zamore</u> | print name: <u>Rachel Zamore</u> |
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| 13. | <u>Tim O'Connor</u> | print name: <u>TIM O'CONNOR</u> |
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