

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014
SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – 8:00AM
MINUTES**

Selectboard members present: David Gartenstein and Kate O'Connor.

Selectboard-elect members present: John Allen, Donna Macomber, and David Schoales.

Staff present: Town Clerk Annette Cappy, Interim Town Manager Patrick Moreland, Public Works Director Steve Barrett, Highway/Utilities Superintendent Hannah O'Connell, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Media present: None.

Others present: BCTV staff member Jeff Mastroianni.

INTERNAL BUSINESS

Oath of Office – Town Clerk Annette Cappy administered the Oath of Office to the three elected Selectboard members - John Allen, Donna Macomber, and David Schoales.

Town Clerk Cappy called the meeting to order at 8:05am in the Selectboard Meeting Room. She confirmed that the meeting had been officially warned.

Election of Officers

Cappy opened the nominations for Chair. Macomber nominated David Gartenstein for Chair. There were no other nominations, and Cappy closed the nominations.

DAVID GARTENSTEIN WAS APPOINTED CHAIR ON A VOTE OF 5-0.

Gartenstein opened nominations for Vice Chair. Allen nominated Kate O'Connor for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations, and Gartenstein closed the nominations.

KATE O'CONNOR WAS APPOINTED VICE CHAIR ON A VOTE OF 5-0.

Gartenstein opened nominations for Clerk. O'Connor nominated David Schoales for Clerk. There were no other nominations, and Gartenstein closed the nominations.

DAVID SCHOALES WAS APPOINTED CLERK ON A VOTE OF 5-0.

Gartenstein asked for a brief discussion about Representative Town Meeting on Saturday. He said that substantial concerns were expressed at Representative Town Meeting, and from at least two members of the Police-Fire Committee, about the cost of the Police-Fire facility upgrade project. He asked whether the Board wanted to inquire of the Committee to discuss whether the project could be reduced by \$500,000 or \$1,000,000. There was discussion by the Board about ramifications of cutting the cost of the project, consequences of the cuts, and additional design costs. Board members generally agreed that putting the question to the Committee would demonstrate good faith efforts by the Board in response to Town Meeting members. There was also discussion by the Board about the schedule of the Board meeting in Montpelier on Wednesday, March 26. It was decided to meet at the Town Manager's office and leave from there at 10:00am. Gartenstein also asked that scheduling of Selectboard meetings be added to the next Board agenda. There was a brief discussion about scheduling a special meeting to discuss Selectboard goals.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

There was no further business.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN AT 8:18AM TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

David Schoales, Clerk