

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD/INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:00PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00PM
MINUTES**

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

Staff present: Assistant Fire Chief Peter Lynch, Town Assessor Russell Rice, Highway Supervisor Al Franklin, Accountant Brenda Bryer, Planner Sue Fillion, Assistant Children's Librarian Lindsay Bellville, Police Lt. Mike Carrier, Executive Secretary Jan Anderson, and several other staff members who attended the meeting at various times.

Media present: Tim Johnson representing WTSA, Olga Peters representing The Commons, Howard Weiss-Tisman representing the Brattleboro Reformer, and BCTV staff and volunteers.

Others present: Town Manager Search Citizens Committee (Lisa Lorimer (Donahue), Jerry Goldberg, and Spoon Agave), and several Town Meeting Members and members of the public who attended the meeting at various times.

Chair David Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 5:03pm in the Selectboard meeting room. He confirmed that the meeting was officially warned.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS WHERE THE SELECTBOARD HAS DISCLOSED THAT PREMATURE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND DISCLOSURE WOULD PLACE THE MUNICIPALITY AT A SUBSTANTIAL DISADVANTAGE. PETER LYNCH, RUSSELL RICE, AL FRANKLIN, BRENDA BRYER, SUE FILLION, LINDSAY BELLVILLE, MIKE CARRIER, AND JAN ANDERSON WERE INVITED TO ATTEND. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 (O'CONNOR WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE).

The Board rose from executive session at 5:45pm. Gartenstein called for a recess and said that the Board would reconvene at 6:00pm at Academy School.

Gartenstein reconvened the special meeting at 6:00pm at Academy School.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS WHERE THE SELECTBOARD HAS CONCLUDED THAT PREMATURE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND DISCLOSURE WOULD PLACE THE MUNICIPALITY AT A SUBSTANTIAL DISADVANTAGE. MEMBERS OF THE TOWN MANAGER SEARCH CITIZEN COMMITTEE WERE INVITED TO ATTEND. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 (MACOMBER WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE).

Gartenstein reconvened the special meeting at 6:30pm.

INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING – *Information for Special Representative Town Meeting.*

Gartenstein said that the FY15 budget had previously been approved at Representative Town Meeting in March, then was defeated by public vote on April 27 through a budget referendum. He said that the Board met several times since the defeat of the budget and has since approved a revised, reduced budget that would be presented to Special Representative Town Meeting on Monday, June 2. The Board reviewed increases and reductions made to the original budget and discussed the new proposed FY15 budget. Several Town Meeting Members and members of the public had inquiries and provided suggestions for the new budget.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Gartenstein said that the Board would enter into executive to discuss personnel matters and that no further business would be conducted after the session.

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Gartenstein reconvened the special meeting at 7:30pm. There was no further business.

MOTION BY DAVID SCHOALES AT 7:30PM TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

David Schoales, Clerk