

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING – 4:00PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 4:10PM
MINUTES**

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

Staff present: Finance Director John O'Connor, Town Assessor Russell Rice, Interim Town Manager Patrick Moreland, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Media present: None.

Others present: None.

Chair David Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 4:05pm in the Selectboard meeting room. He confirmed that the meeting was properly warned.

Set Downtown Improvement District (DID) Tax Rate – FY15 Property Taxes. Finance Director O'Connor said that the grand list had been reconciled and in order to raise the amount of \$78,000 for the Downtown District approved by Representative Town Meeting he asked that the Board approve the tax rate as reported in his memo to the Board. Town Assessor Rice discussed the decline in the grand list value of the DID. There was some discussion by the Board about the tax rate, grand list value, and tax exempt businesses.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO APPROVE A FISCAL YEAR 2015 PROPERTY TAX RATE OF \$0.1381 PER \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Executive Session – Appointment or Employment or Evaluation of a Public Officer or Employee.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT OR EVALUATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND, ALTHOUGH A FINDING WAS NOT NECESSARY, ASKED THAT THE BOARD MAKE A FINDING AS PART OF THE MOTION THAT PREMATURE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OR DISCLOSURE WOULD PUT THE MUNICIPALITY AT A SUBSTANTIAL DISADVANTAGE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Gartenstein reconvened the meeting at 5:05pm. There was no further business.

MOTION BY DONNA MACOMBER AT 5:05PM TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

David Schoales, Clerk