

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:15PM
MINUTES**

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

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

Media present: Tim Johnson representing WTSA.

Others present: One person who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Chair Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 5:17pm in the Selectboard meeting room. He confirmed that the meeting was officially warned.

FY16 BUDGET – Discussion. Moreland distributed three memos to the Board. Finance Director John O'Connor reviewed and discussed the memo entitled "General Fund Fiscal Year 2014 Results as of 9-2-2014". Moreland then reviewed his memos pertaining to the Capital Plan and "2016 General Fund Budget Basic Assumptions". He asked for direction from the Board for its upcoming budget expectations.

There was discussion by the Board about the budgeting process and expectations, information contained in the memos, the Police-Fire Facilities project, pay-as-you-throw trash program, Human Services funding, and obtaining greater public involvement. The Board asked that Administration provide it with a level-service budget and a level-funded budget (including level tax levy and level expense) for further discussion by the Board. It discussed scheduling budget meetings in various locations to increase public participation, and asked that the Police-Fire Facility Building Committee meet soon and that the matter be added to the October 7 Selectboard agenda.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, WITH A FINDING THAT PREMATURE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE WOULD CLEARLY PLACE THE TOWN AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AT A SUBSTANTIAL DISADVANTAGE. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Gartenstein reconvened the meeting at 6:30pm. There was no further business.

MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN TO ADJOURN AT 6:30PM. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

David Schoales, Clerk