

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014  
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:15PM  
MINUTES**

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

Staff present: Interim Town Manager Patrick Moreland, Town Clerk Annette Cappy, Fire Chief Mike Bucossi, Assistant Fire Chief Peter Lynch, Recreation & Parks Director Carol Lolatte, Town Appraiser Russell Rice, Public Works Director Steve Barrett, Highway/Utilities Superintendent Hannah O'Connell, Library Director Jerry Carbone, Grants Manager Kim Ellison, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Media present: Tim Johnson representing WTSA, Howard Weiss-Tisman representing the Brattleboro Reformer, Chris Lenois representing WKVT, and photographers from various media sources.

Others present: Chris Grotke, from iBrattleboro, BCTV staff and volunteers, and others who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Chair David Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 5:15pm in the Selectboard meeting room. He confirmed that the meeting was officially warned.

***TOWN MANAGER SEARCH*** – *Approve Employment Agreement; Announce New Town Manager.*  
Gartenstein said that the Board had performed three Town Manager searches since Barb Sondag, the former Town Manager, resigned in July, 2013. He said that the Board was pleased to announce that Peter Elwell had been selected as the new Town Manager and that he would start in his new position on January 20, 2015. Gartenstein reviewed Elwell's professional history and qualifications, and he welcomed him into his new position. He said that the Board and Elwell negotiated a contract and the Board was now asked to approve it. Gartenstein provided copies of the contract and reviewed the general terms. He thanked all of the people who participated in the searches, including Department Heads, staff members, the Citizen Committee, and Staff Committee. He also thanked Patrick Moreland for his work as Interim Town Manager and for providing a steady hand in the interim. Each of the Board members spoke in support of Elwell for the position. Members of the public asked the Board questions pertaining to Elwell and the Town Manager search process.

**MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO AND PETER ELWELL FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 20, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 IN THE FORM PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Gartenstein executed the contract on behalf of the Town. Town Clerk Cappy attested to it.

There was no further business.

**MOTION BY DONNA MACOMBER AT 5:30PM TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

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David Schoales, Clerk