

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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: Interim Town Manager Patrick Moreland, Town Attorney Robert Fisher, Finance Director John O'Connor, Planning Director Rod Francis, Town Assessor Russell Rice, Library Director Jerry Carbone, Police Chief Mike Fitzgerald, Police Captain Mark Carignan, Town Clerk Annette Cappy, Recreation & Parks Director Carol Lolatte, Fire Chief Mike Bucossi, Assistant Fire Chief Peter Lynch, Public Works Director Steve Barrett, Highway/Utilities Superintendent Hannah O'Connell, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Media present: Tim Johnson representing WTSA and Olga Peters representing The Commons.

Others present: None.

Chair David Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 5:00pm in the Selectboard meeting room. He confirmed that the meeting was officially warned.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR RELATIONS AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES, BASED UPON A FINDING THAT PREMATURE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE WOULD CLEARLY PLACE THE SELECTBOARD, THE TOWN, AND PEOPLE INVOLVED AT A SUBSTANTIAL DISADVANTAGE. THE INTERIM TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY WERE INVITED INTO THE SESSION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 (MACOMBER WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE).

Gartenstein reconvened the meeting at 5:25pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Response to VY Decommissioning Reports - Vermont Yankee Site Assessment Study and Draft Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report. Gartenstein said that the Board previously asked Rod Francis, Planning Services Director, to prepare a draft response to the Public Service Department identifying the Town's interests with respect to the closure of Vermont Yankee (VY) and VY's filing of the Site Assessment Study and Draft Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report. Kate O'Connor noted that the State legislature recently formed the Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizen Advisory Panel and she had been appointed by the Governor to be one of the nineteen people on the panel. She spoke about the formation and purpose of the committee, and directed anyone interested in VY's decommissioning to visit the website at VYdecommissioning.com. Rod Francis then reviewed and discussed his proposed response that had been provided to the Board and included in its packet. There was a brief discussion by the Board which included a suggested amendment. Francis said that he would revise his response before sending it to the Public Service Department.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTBOARD CHAIR TO SIGN THE LETTER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT AS DRAFTED AND FINALIZED BY ROD FRANCIS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

FY16 Budget – Discussion. Gartenstein said that meetings were scheduled today and tomorrow to gather information for the fiscal year 2016 budget. He noted that the Board had been presented with proposed general fund and capital fund budgets for FY16, and he asked Interim Town Manager Moreland to briefly discuss the proposed budgets. He suggested that each Department Head then discuss their department's proposed budgets and to identify particular areas of concern. Public Works Director Barrett, Highway/Utilities Superintendent O'Connell, Fire Chief Bucossi, and Assistant Fire Chief Lynch

discussed their department's proposed budgets and concerns. There was much discussion by the Board, including capital needs.

Gartenstein said that another meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 25 at 5:00pm to hear from the other Department Heads and continue with budget discussions.

MOTION BY DONNA MACOMBER AT 7:00PM TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

David Schoales, Clerk