

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:00PM
MINUTES**

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

Staff present: Interim Town Manager Patrick Moreland, 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.

Others present: Jerry Goldberg, Robert Stack, and Mary Ide.

Chair David Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 5:05pm in the Selectboard meeting room. He confirmed that the meeting was properly warned.

NEW BUSINESS

FY16 Budget – Discussion. Gartenstein said that budget discussions for fiscal year 2016 were discussed at a special meeting yesterday and that this meeting was a continuation of those discussions. He said that the Board heard from Department of Public Works and Fire Department yesterday, and he asked the remaining Department Heads to discuss their proposed FY16 general fund and capital fund budgets, along with any particular areas of concern. Recreation & Parks Director Lolatte, Town Clerk Cappy, Police Chief Fitzgerald, Library Director Carbone, Planning Director Francis, Town Assessor Rice, Finance Director O'Connor, and Interim Town Manager Moreland each discussed proposed budgets and capital concerns for their departments. Each Board member then discussed her/his expectations and concerns around the FY16 budget. There was substantial discussion by the Board about the proposed departmental budgets, capital projects and expenditures, the unassigned fund balance, anticipated large expenditures, pending changes in the trash/recycling laws, and necessary improvements to the Police-Fire facilities. The Board agreed to continue budget discussions at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Gartenstein said that the Board would enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and that no further business would be discussed later when it reconvened.

MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT OR EVALUATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, WITH A FINDING THAT PREMATURE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE WOULD PLACE THE SELECTBOARD, THE TOWN AND PEOPLE INVOLVED AT A SUBSTANTIAL DISADVANTAGE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Gartenstein reconvened the meeting at 7:25pm. There was no further business.

MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN AT 7:25PM TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

David Schoales, Clerk