

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015  
SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00PM  
ACADEMY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
MINUTES**

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

Staff present: Town Manager Peter Elwell, Assistant Town Manager Patrick Moreland, Finance Director John O'Connor, Fire Chief Mike Bucossi, Assistant Fire Chief Peter Lynch, Police Chief Mike Fitzgerald, Police Captain Mark Carignan, Town Assessor Russell Rice, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Others present: See attached attendance sheets, Ray Giolitto (Project Architect), and others who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Chair Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 6:05pm in the gymnasium at Academy School. He confirmed that the meeting was officially warned.

***POLICE-FIRE FACILITIES PROJECT – Public Information Session***

- (i) Staff Presentation*
- (ii) Public Participation – Questions and Comments*

Gartenstein announced that this was the second of three special Selectboard meetings to provide the public with information regarding potential upgrades to the Police Station, Central Fire Station, and West Brattleboro Fire Station. He reviewed the recent history of the Police-Fire Facilities Project, including approval by Representative Town Meeting in 2012, design approval in 2013, passage of the budget in 2014 by Representative Town Meeting, and the budget referendum in 2014 by the voters as a whole. Following defeat of the budget in 2014, Gartenstein said that the Selectboard removed expenditures for the project from the proposed budget, and the budget was subsequently approved. He said that improvements to the Police station and both Fire stations had been discussed since the 1990s but no significant improvements had been made and as a result all three stations were in need of absolute life safety improvements. He said that the Board and staff were advocating additional improvements to the facilities and the alternatives were being presented in the three special meetings. Town Manager Elwell provided and discussed a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating alternatives being considered, including the financial aspect of each of the alternatives. Fire Chief Bucossi discussed the need for improvements to Central Fire Station and West Brattleboro Fire Station and he discussed the proposed improvements in detail. Police Chief Fitzgerald discussed in detail the need for improvements to the Police Station. He discussed an option for improvements to the station located at the Municipal Center, and the possibility, advantages and disadvantages of purchasing the Brattleboro Reformer building on Putney Road and moving the department to that location. After the presentation, Gartenstein opened the meeting for questions and public comment. Susan Stafursky, Dick DeGray, Paul Love, Don Webster, Diane Parton, Jay Jacobowitz, Nancy Barber, Charlie Robb, Sr., Kip Tewksbury, Nancy Miller, Helen Robb, Peter Cooper, Linda Bailey, Arlene Distler, Deborah Tewksbury, Jane Southworth, Bob Tortolani, Robin Sweetapple, and others who did not identify themselves asked questions and provided their comments and opinions. There was very little discussion by the Board. Gartenstein said that another public information session was scheduled on December 2 and that the Board would discuss the project at all of the upcoming meetings. He encouraged the public to attend and participate in the discussions.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

There was no further business.

**MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN TO ADJOURN AT 8:30PM. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

  
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David Schoales, Clerk

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
SIGN-IN SHEET

November 30, 2015

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| 1.  | Nancy Barber           | print name: Nancy Barber    |
| 2.  | Paul Love              | print name: Paul Love       |
| 3.  | Chaz Leung             | print name: Chaz Leung      |
| 4.  | Ray Messouris          | print name: Ray Messouris   |
| 5.  | Chuck Cummings         | print name: Chuck Cummings  |
| 6.  | Diane Parton           | print name: Diane Parton    |
| 7.  | Don Webster            | print name: Don Webster     |
| 8.  | Peter Cooper           | print name: Peter Cooper    |
| 9.  | Linda Bailey           | print name: Linda Bailey    |
| 10. | Susan Murray           | print name: Susan Murray    |
| 11. | Lee Stookey            | print name: Lee Stookey     |
| 12. | Kathleen Bowd          | print name: Kathleen Bowd   |
| 13. | Bob Tartolani          | print name: Bob Tartolani   |
| 14. | Susan & Dick Stafursky | print name: Stafursky's     |
| 15. | Sally Brunta           | print name: _____           |
| 16. | Susan Hiner            | print name: Susan Hiner     |
| 17. | Kris Dewisa            | print name: _____           |
| 18. | Stephen Devosia        | print name: _____           |
| 19. | Katie Keir             | print name: Katie Keir      |
| 20. | Charles W. Keir        | print name: CWK K           |
| 21. | Heleen Robb            | print name: Heleen Robb     |
| 22. | Charles Robb Sr        | print name: Charles Robb Sr |
| 23. | _____                  | print name: _____           |