

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015  
SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00PM  
BRATTLEBORO AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE  
MINUTES**

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

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, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

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

Chair Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 6:05pm in the multipurpose room at Brattleboro Area Middle School (BAMS). 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 third of three special Selectboard meetings to provide the public with information regarding potential renovations and 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. Eric Spruyt, Ms. Dudzinsky, Tad Montgomery, Fred Breunig, Hugh Barber, Isaac Wagner, James Bansleben, Pierre Landry, Dora Bouboulis, and others who did not identify themselves asked questions and provided their comments and opinions. There was some discussion by the Board. Gartenstein said that the Board would continue to 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 8:06PM. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

  
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David Schoales, Clerk

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1. Francine Vankario print name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Michael Heiden print name: MICHAEL HEIDEN
3. Marta Casabona print name: Marta Casabona
4. George Allen print name: GEORGE ALLEN
5. Mark Edes Schuler print name: MARK EDES SCHULER
6. JAMES BANSLABEN print name: BCTV-volunteer
7. Mary H White print name: MARY H WHITE
8. Isaac Wagner print name: ISAAC WAGNER
9. Fred Breunig print name: Fred Breunig
10. Wayne Stires print name: WAYNE STIRES
11. Ben Coplan print name: Ben Coplan
12. JAD Montgomery print name: JAD MONTGOMERY
13. Pierre VanDer print name: PIERRE VAN DER
14. Sarah Shepherd print name: SARAH SHEPHERD
15. Laura Burdo print name: Laura Burdo
16. Joshua Jones print name: Joshua Jones
17. Jacquie Stromberg print name: JACQUE STROMBERG
18. Ruth Lane print name: Ruth Lane
19. Dora Bouboulis print name: Dora Bouboulis
20. Hugh Barber print name: Hugh Barber
21. F. Spry print name: F Spry
22. Lou Withelife print name: LOU WITHELIFE
23. Dunkan Rowley print name: Dunkan Rowley

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3. Karen Cribari print name: Karen Cribari
4. Kathy Dowd print name: Kathy Dowd
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