

Town of Dartmouth  
400 Slocum Road  
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

**Select Board Members Present:**

Michael P. Watson-Chairman  
Lara H. Stone-Vice-Chairwoman  
William J. Trimble-Absent

Joseph Michaud  
Shawn McDonald

The Chairman opened the public meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The Chairman polled the Board for a roll call vote to convene into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec 21: Selectman Michaud, yes; Selectman McDonald, yes; Vice-Chairwoman Stone, yes; Chairman Watson, yes.

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The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 14, 2011 in room 304.

Board members signed the **warrant(s)** for the following bills from various departments in the amounts of:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Warrant #</b>	<b>Warrant Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
11/5/2011	PR19	Payroll Expense	\$901,400.56
11/10/2011	PD1219	Payroll Deduction	\$544,013.69
11/14/2011	P1220	Police Expense	\$16,665.41
11/14/2011	T1220	Town Expense	\$435,423.75

**I. Appointments**

Town Counsel

Anthony Savastano presented a budget comparison from 2010 to 2011.

	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
General Counsel	\$35,010.00 under	\$51,435.00 currently
Labor Counsel	\$3,911.00 above	\$9,922.00 currently
Special Counsel	\$20,506.00 above	\$3,300.00 currently

The Board stated that there was an improvement in cleaning up the budget. The annual decline in spending since last year was a direct result of better management of the budget so far this year. Anthony Savastano will provide the Board with a budget report.

### **Election and Tree Lighting (Lynn Medeiros)**

#### **Election**

Lynn Medeiros presented a date of April 3, 2012 to the Board for the annual Town election. Executive Administrator David Cressman will provide an approval letter to Lynn Medeiros.

*After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the date of April 3, 2012 for the annual Town election.*

#### **Tree Lighting Celebration**

Lynn Medeiros presented a date of Sunday, December 11, 2011 to the Board, for the annual Tree Lighting ceremony. The Board stated that non-religious items can be used for decorations for the ceremony. Anyone wishing to donate to the Tree Lighting Fund can send all donations to the Town Clerk's Office. Checks should be made payable to: Town of Dartmouth/Tree Lighting Fund.

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the date of the Tree Lighting Ceremony as December 11, 2011.*

## **II. New Business:**

#### **Drainage problem on Lakeshore Drive**

The Lakeshore Drive drainage problem seems to be a result of a piece of property that was demolished and reconstructed into a new site. However, the new property owner has installed a curb that has added to the drainage problem. The property owner has agreed to remove the curb and allow a right of entry onto paper street so that the work can be completed. The Board is waiting for Michael Riley (Conservation Representative) to review the site and confirm that it is okay to install a catch basin and swale in the paper street area to catch the water.

## **III. Minutes**

Minutes from October 24, 2011 and November 7, 2011.

*After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 24, 2011 and November 7, 2011 with an amendment to changing Joseph Michaud from absent to present on the minutes.*

#### **IV. Announcements:**

Dartmouth Friends of the Elderly Annual Craft Sale will be held on December 3, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dartmouth Senior Center, 628 Dartmouth Street. Tables available for \$20.00; call to reserve 508-999-4717.

Zoning Board of Appeals appointment ends November 30, 2011; anyone wishing to apply may send a letter of interest to the Dartmouth Select Board, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA, deadline November 20, 2011 at noon. Michael Travers has submitted his letter of interest for re-appointment.

Dartmouth High School Marching Band claimed the Division 5 Championship title at the USSBA. Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in the Championship win.

*After a motion was made by Chairman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to adjourn.*

Attest:

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David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

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