



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

Lara H. Stone-Chairwoman
Shawn McDonald-Vice-Chairman
William J. Trimble

Joseph Michaud
Michael Watson

The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on **May 14, 2012** in room 304.

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

Date	Warrant #	Warrant Description	Amount
5/5/2012	PR45	Payroll Expense	\$894,510.46
5/10/2012	PD1245	Payroll Deduction	\$532,225.00
5/14/2012	P12465	Police Expense	\$25,891.28
5/14/2012	S1246	School Expense	\$90,179.60
5/14/2012	T1246	Town Expense	\$709,813.76

I. Appointments:

6:30 p.m. Police Chief Lee-Accreditation.

- Chief Timothy Lee presented the Police Department's Accreditation plaque; the Police Department recently received full accreditation from the state of Massachusetts.

6:40 p.m. SRTA.

- Appointment of Shawn Sullivan to the SRTA Bus Company.
- Eric Rousseau greeted the Select Board; he is the new Administrator for SRTA.

6:45 p.m. Cemetery Commission.

- A letter was received from the Cemetery Commission indicating that the Commission would not be able to attend due to late notice. They will be asked to attend a future Select Board Meeting on 6/4/2012.

- Selectman Michael Watson would like to be told where the equipment (tractor) is being stored. Chapter 40, Section 3 of M.G.L. allows the Select Board to be informed of the equipment location.
- The Select Board is the authority in regards to any sale of equipment.
- The petition is moot due to the fact that the Select Board is the statutory authority on the sale of equipment, not Town Meeting.
- The motion made at the previous meeting on Article 9- Liquidation of Equipment remains.
- Article 6- Cemetery Rules and Regulations (10 voter petition)-Town Counsel has concerns with the language in the article presented. The Select Board does not feel comfortable approving this Article at this time.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously not to approve Article 6-Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

7:15 p.m. Town Moderator.

- Pre- Town Motions Meeting- improves results of Town Meeting in advance. The next meeting will be on May 23rd at 7p.m. at the Town Hall, to help craft language on articles prior to Town Meeting.
- All questions should be directed to mhaskell@town.dartmouth.ma.us
- Finance Committee- Serve as eyes and ears of Town Meeting; they serve advisory roles on each article presented for Town Meeting. The Town Moderator would like to establish a balanced Finance Committee with different viewpoints. The Finance Committee is a committee of checks and balances. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest and a resume to mhaskell@town.dartmouth.ma.us , no prior experience is necessary.

II. New Business:

A. Warrant Recommendations.

- Article 6- *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously not to approve the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.*
- Article 8-*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve to Continue the Cemetery Revolving Fund with the adjusted amount of \$2280.00.*
- Article 15-*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to allocate 1 million dollars for a roof replacement.*
- Article 17-*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to change all stipends to 0 dollars with the exception of the Town Clerk, and to plan to discuss this with Town Meeting within the next four months.*

- Article 22-After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve Funding Dartmouth Community Television's (DCTV) Operating Budget with a reduced amount of \$331,589.00.
- Article 4-After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Creation of a Stabilization Fund for Dartmouth Cable Television (DCTV) with a sum of \$225,000.00.

B. Town Meeting, Message from the Select Board.

-All edits will be sent to Executive Administrator, David Cressman from the Select Board.

C. FY2013 Budget.

Police Department

- Chief Timothy Lee presented the 2013 Budget along with the goals and objectives when he started 2 years ago and a completed strategic plan for the Town of Dartmouth. The major difference in the budget for this year in comparison to last year's budget is a request for three additional police officers. This would allow for the change of sergeants and lieutenants, which will allow them to better serve in their rank. The promotions give the Chief three lieutenants -in- command positions. This also would eliminate the Captain's position therefore using the funding from that line item to offset the difference of the patrolmen positions. In order to do this Chief Lee will need an additional \$91,000.00. The realignment will eventually lead to a \$60, 225.00 savings in 2014.
- Increased line item for fuel; the department is currently struggling with this line item.
- Executive Administrator, David Cressman would like to see classes presented to the Select Board in regards to preparing new requested patrolmen.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement must be reached and completed in order to move forward with reorganization.

Recreation Account (Tim Lancaster)

- The Finance Committee recommended that the Recreation Account be eliminated going forward in the new budget.
- The previous Recreation Account requires that Town Meeting and the Finance Committee can weigh in on it.
- If this account goes unfunded there will be no summer camps or recreational programs, Easter egg hunts, karate classes, dance or crafts to name a few. This will also affect office staff as this account partially funds (20 hours) salaries for office staff. This reduction in staffing will give the clerk position unemployment, and the office would need to be closed for 20 hours a week to the public.
- The Select Board will support the continuance of the Recreation Account at Town Meeting.

School Committee Budget

- Upfront one-time cost for E-readers to replace text books, this cost will not duplicate from year to year.
- Math specialist positions are a critical priority for this year's budget.
- The better the schools do, the better the Town does; the budget is more this year than it has ever been due to a new student achievement plan.
- The Select Board would like to see some transportation amounts in regards to the budget.
- The question on taking Technology Funds from the CIP Account is going to have to be revisited due to uncertainty of the Select Board.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve \$40,330.00 from the accounting error to the operating budget of the School Budget.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was unanimously voted that if there is a savings in school transportation of up to \$110,000.00 annually it can be moved to the operating budget.

III. Old Business:

A. Town Meeting Warrant and Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The Select Board reviewed and approved.

IV. Minutes: Minutes of May 7, 2012

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 7, 2012.

V. Announcements:

- ZBA Application due on May 15, 2012.
- Request for the Select Board to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. If interested, please contact Ed Pimentel.
- The Park Board was not advocating for an increase in beach stickers.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to adjourn.

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

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