



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

Lara H. Stone- Chair
Shawn McDonald –Vice Chair
William J. Trimble

Joseph Michaud
Michael Watson

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

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

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 5, 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
10/27/2012	PR17	Payroll Expense	\$938,919.96
11/1/2012	PD1318	Payroll Deduction	\$378,277.01
11/5/2012	D1319	DPW Expense	\$129,866.30
11/5/2012	T1319	Town Expense	\$785,898.37

- **Appointments:**

6:30 p.m. Hearing-Tax Classification
The Chair opened the Hearing

- General Laws Chapter 40, Section 56 a determination of percentages of the local levy to be borne by each class of property must be made by the Select Board.

FY2013	Tax Levy Purposes			
Class 1	Residential	(R)	4,075,025,030	83.2937%
Class 2	Open Space	(O)	-0-	-0-
Class 3	Commercial	(C)	607,532,845	12.4180%
Class 4	Industrial	(I)	77,969,725	1.5937%
Class 5	Personal Property	(P)	131,827,270	2.6946%

- For Fiscal Year 2013 Tax Levy Purposes, Dartmouth has a full and fair cash valuation of \$4,892,354,870
- R and O account for 83.3% of valuation and CIP for 16.7%
- The percentages for this year and the previous six years are as follows:

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
R-O	83.3	83.6	83.6	83.7	84.1	84.6	85.7
CIP	16.7	16.4	16.4	16.3	15.9	15.4	14.3

- The Town has the option of establishing one tax rate for all classes of property or shifting part of the R-O Tax Levy to the CIP Classes. The shift cannot exceed 150% of the CIP percentage allocations.
- In FY2012 the Board voted to continue shifting 40% to the CIP classes. The resulting percentage of the tax levy were Residential-77.06% and CIP-22.94%. In addition, the small commercial exemption was continued at the maximum 10%.
- If the Board elects to maintain the same shift this year the Residential share would go down from last year's 77.06% to 76.61% with the CIP rising to 23.39%.

Residential	\$9.35
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.29
Personal Property	\$14.23
Single Rate (would be)	\$10.17

- Looking back at the last six years of taxes on a median valued house we can see how the cumulative increase would be about 15%.

FY2007 median value	\$322,000	Tax @ 6.80	\$2,190
FY2008 median value	\$326,000	Tax @ 6.43	\$2,096
FY2009 median value	\$309,000	Tax @ 7.22	\$2,231
FY2010 median value	\$290,000	Tax @ 7.85	\$2,277
FY2011 median value	\$279,000	Tax @ 8.44	\$2,355
FY2012 median value	\$275,000	Tax @ 8.88	\$2,442
FY2013 median value	\$269,500	Tax @ 9.35	\$2,520

The Chair closed the Hearing.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to set the residential tax factor at 91.9772%.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to have the Town Administrator send a letter to the delegation in Boston requesting that the exemption be increased to 20% and the restriction on employees eased to include a greater number to truly represent small businesses in our Town.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson it was unanimously voted to set the commercial exemption to a maximum of 10%.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing-NStar petition for 3 proposed pole locations on High Hill Rd.

- *The Chair opened the Hearing.*

7:03 p.m. NStar Petition for the removal of 3 existing poles on High Hill Rd.

- *The Chair closed the Hearing.*

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to accept the 3 proposed pole locations on High Hill Rd., and the removal of 3 existing poles on High Hill Rd.

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing-NStar Petition for 2 proposed pole locations on Fisher Rd.

- *The Chair opened the Hearing.*
- *The Chair closed the Hearing.*

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2 proposed pole locations on Fisher Rd.

Southcoast Youth Core Program

- Established in 2003
- Currently have 36 High School students employed working for the trustees of reservations.
- Three goals of the program: vocational learning, fostering conservation and leadership development.
- 7,700 hours of work completed in 7 weeks by the students over the summer.
- Applicants can apply through their High School.

• **New Business:**

- A. Appointment of Joseph E. Ingoldsby to the Agricultural Commission

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was unanimously voted to appoint Joseph E. Ingoldsby to the Agricultural Commission.

- B. Dartmouth Aquaculture Regulations

- Aquaculture is new to Dartmouth but not to local surrounding communities.
- Private granted section of waterways in Dartmouth to grow shellfish.
- Heavily regulated industry
- Students could benefit from the marine biology and learn the process of sowing oyster seeds.
- The Select Board would like to form an Aquaculture Committee consisting of :
 - 3 at large members
 - Member from the Shellfish Committee
 - Member from the Waterways Management Commission
 - Member from the Agricultural Commission
 - Member from the Conservation Commission
 - Ex-Officio Members- Harbormaster and Town Administrator
- All applicants who want to apply to the Aquaculture Committee can contact the Town Administrator.
- Lara Stone recommended Steven Caravana be involved with the Aquaculture Commission.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to establish an Aquaculture Committee to establish preliminary Aquaculture regulations for

the Town of Dartmouth and have them presented at the June 2013 Town Meeting.

C. Black Friday Applications

- Dartmouth Mall
- Target
- Best Buy

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was unanimously voted to approve the Black Friday applications for the Dartmouth Mall, Target and Best Buy.

*All applications need to have a safety plan in place and be approved by the Police Department before completion of approval is granted.

D. Double Pole Report

- Dartmouth had 383 double poles three years ago now down to 91.

E. Lloyd Woods Property Conservation Restriction

- Dexter Mead presented the Select Board with a conservation restriction to be placed on 26 acres of land that was bequeathed to the Lloyds Center.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was unanimously voted to approve the conservation restriction on the Lloyd Woods Property.

- **Old Business:**
 - Selectman Michael Watson would like to see a series of non-binding questions in regards to Town Government presented to residents to give Town Meeting Members and the Select Board a feel of where residents stand in regards to Town Meeting and our current form of government. A question on electronic voting machines would be something the Select Board would like to see presented.
 - Selectman William Trimble would like to see a third party come in and assess our form of government.
- **Minutes:** Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2012 and October 22, 2012.

*Minutes of October 15, 2012- fix roll call vote for Bill and Shawn as they were absent.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted (3-0, 2 abstentions, McDonald and Trimble) to approve the minutes of October 15, 2012 and October 22, 2012 as amended.

Announcements:

- Student exchange program with the Azores for students in the future.

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

Transcribed by: Stephaney Santiago