

Town of Dartmouth
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Select Board Members Present:

Shawn McDonald- Chair
Michael Watson -Vice Chair
William J. Trimble

John George Jr.
Lara Stone

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 McDonald, yes; Vice-Chair Watson, yes; Selectman Trimble, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman George, yes;

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on **February 10, 2014** in room 304.

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

	Warrant #	Warrant Desc	
1/25/2014	PR30	Payroll Expense	\$1,016,178.83
1/30/2014	PD1431	Payroll Deduction	\$436,606.16
2/3/2014	D1432	DPW Expense	\$35,092.47
2/3/2014	P1432	Police Expense	\$4,415.31
2/3/2014	T1432	Town Expense	\$257,545.71
2/1/2014	PR31	Payroll Expense	\$998,059.65
2/6/2014	PD1432	Payroll Deduction	\$434,723.37
2/10/2014	D1433	DPW Expense	\$159,077.63
2/10/2014	S1433	School Expense	\$616,403.75
2/10/2014	T1433	Town Expense	\$2,600,951.79

I. Appointments:

Citation given to the Dartmouth Police Department recognizing their outstanding professionalism and bravery in the handling of an incident last week involving a day long standoff.

7:00 p.m. Introduction of New Police Officers- Dartmouth welcomes six new Police Officers to the Department.

- Chad Pimental
- Cristina Brum
- Timothy Riley
- Jorge Silva
- Justin Medeiros
- Darren Emond

7:15 p.m. Hearing- Petition from N-Star for 1 Proposed Pole Location on Highland Avenue at Hearing Run Road.

Chairman opened the Hearing.

Chairman closed the Hearing

7:20 p.m. UMass Sustainability Report- This report takes into account economy, environment and society. Through the graphs and charts you can see all the great things we have accomplished, and the things we can do better. This report can be seen in its entirety on our website.

II. New Business:

A. Renewal Application for Taxi Driver's License and Class A- Gabriel DaRosa from Bluebird Transportation.

- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to approve the renewal application of Gabriel DaRosa.*

B. Population estimates for seasonal licenses in 2014- It is estimated that by July 10, 2014 Dartmouth will have 33,511 people residing in the town.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Vice Chair Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to accept and forward to the ABCC.*

C. Reappointment of Randall Weeks Jr. as Registrar- Randall is our Republican Registrar.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Vice Chair Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to reappoint Randall Weeks Jr.*

D. Old Business:

- A. Electronic Voting- A Committee has been started with three volunteers from the Finance Committee, two Town Meeting Members will complete the Committee. The Select Board will have a minimal roll in this process, and the matter will be addressed sometime around August, after the committee has had time to see the system used in surrounding towns.
- B. Third Agreement between the Town of Dartmouth & Community Nurse and Hospice Care Inc.-This agreement will carry them until March 1, 2014. They need this extended time to secure their new home.
- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Vice Chair Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to extend the lease.*
- C. Use Variance Bylaw Article- Planning Board submitted an article to keep Use Variances in every other zoning district except residential areas.
- D. Medical Marijuana Bylaw/Special Permit- In a past meeting the Select Board indicated wanting to co-sponsor this article. Town Counsel has reviewed and made some modifications.
- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was unanimously voted to move it.*

E. Efficiency Study- Continued

A. Fleet Maintenance-

1. Implement an automated system for tracking fleet performance, maintenance, repairs and operations. The DPW Director, David Hickox, accepted this recommendation. His staff has already started to review systems. Projected time frame is June 30, 2016, or the centralization of garage.
2. Consolidate the Fleet Management into one division. The DPW Director, David Hickox, accepted this recommendation and the protected time frame is June 30, 2016, contingent on the centralization of the garage.
3. Utilize the leasing purchase plan. The BPW Director and the Treasurer both reject this recommendation. We have sufficient funds to cover vehicle replacement which is less costly than leasing.
4. Alternate Fuels- We have already accepted alternate use vehicles, were there is a reasonable return on our investment. All vehicles purchased after 2012 are hybrid, with the exception of the Police Department. We are still exploring the use of Compressed Natural Gas.

F. Charter Revisions- We will be hosting our second Public Meeting on February 26, 2014, at the Town Hall at 6:30 P.M. We encourage residents to come to the meeting to speak their concerns and learn more about the proposed changes to our government. All are in favor of having a direct question on the April Ballot. The wording is unclear at this point, Town Administrator; David Cressman will speak to all members of the Select Board to find wording for the question that everyone will agree on.

- ***After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to have a question put on the April Ballot "Do you want all the Department Heads to report to.....?" David Cressman will finish the wording.***

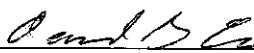
- G. Cecil Smith/Mary Robinson Landfill- Department heads made a site visit to the landfill on January 31, 2014. Representing the property owner was Joe Lemieux, he is at the property sorting and recycling the demolished animal shelters. Old campers were no longer on the property. Cesspool shows no evidence of recent use. There was a pool of oil flowing out of the landfill to the street. There was no indication of anything being buried at the site. We will continue with routine site visits. DEP will be notified of the animals that are on top of the landfill.
- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was unanimously voted to have the Board of Health remove the animals from the landfill.*
- H. Select Board Safety Issues- Police Chief Lee has spoken with the DPW Director, regarding the issues of stop lines being pushed back 6-8 feet to help the bus drivers that are making the right turn onto Alan Street, Tucker Road and Gaffney Road. David Hickocks, DPW Director, will have his Engineering Department look into the issues and will contact the Police Chief with his solutions.

E. Announcements:

Greg Barnes, Director of Budget Finance/Treasurer is asking the Board to allow him to deficit spend. Due to the harsh weather we have had this winter; we have gone over our snow plow budget.

- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to deficit spend for snow and ice removal in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 31B.*

Attest:



David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

Transcribed by: Christine Amaral