

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

Joseph Michaud
Shawn McDonald

The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 28, 2011 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
11/5/2011	PR21V1	Payroll Expense	\$1,675.81
11/12/2011	PR20	Payroll Expense	\$894,949.64
11/17/2011	PD1220	Payroll Deduction	\$1,180,875.86
11/19/2011	PR21	Payroll Expense	\$1,024,737.01
11/21/2011	S1221	School Expense	\$473,178.14
11/21/2011	T1220	Town Expense	\$621,503.04
11/23/2011	PD1221	Payroll Deduction	\$460,098.24
11/28/2011	D1222	DPW Expense	\$84,227.82
11/28/2011	P1222	Police Expense	\$27,022.61
11/28/2011	T1222	Town Expense	\$416,829.24

*Cub Scout Den recognized and photographed with the Select Board

I. Appointments

6:30 pm -Hearing Tax Classification

The Chairman opened the Hearing.

Paul Bergman, Administrator of Assessing, presented the Board with the necessary information to set the tax rate. The following are the percentages for this year and the previous six years as follows:

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
R-O	83.6	83.6	83.7	84.1	84.6	85.7	86.2
CIP	16.4	16.4	16.3	15.9	15.4	14.3	13.8

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 FY2011 the Board voted to continue shifting 40% to the CIP Classes. The resulting percentages of the Tax Levy were Residential- 77.01% and CIP-22.9%. 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 up slightly from last year's 77.01% to 77.06% with the CIP ticking down to 22.94%.

The Chairman closed the Hearing.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the 40% commercial tax split.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Small Business Exemption.

6:45pm- Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Michael Travers appointment expires on 11/30/2011; he has presented the Board with a letter of interest for re-appointment.

Stanley Mickelson has also submitted a letter of interest for the Zoning Board of Appeals appointment.

Town Counsel will review the Zoning Board of Appeals By-Laws to determine whether or not appointments should take place in November or May going forward.

The Select Board will address the issues of appointments and appointment dates at the next Select Board meeting on 12/5/2011

II. New Business:

Stat Dispatch Analysis (Jan. to Nov.)

- Dispatcher generated report
- Response time is 8.10 minutes on average
- The Town of Dartmouth does participate in Mutual Aid with surrounding areas

DYAA Lease

- Lease Agreement for 3 years with the DYAA for the use of Crapo Field on Russell Mills Rd.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve a 3 year lease with the DYAA for use of the Crapo Field on Russell Mills Road.

Internet Café Zoning

-All new applicants for Liquor Licenses will sign statements stating that they will not have Internet Gaming Devices in their establishments.

Toys R' Us and Target for Black Friday

-Both Toys R' Us and Target were late getting their applications in for Black Friday.

-The Select Board will approve them both retroactively.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Black Friday applications for Toys R' Us and Target retroactively.

III. Old Business

-Charter review standings are in and Selectman Joseph Michaud would like the Select Board to support the Municipal Efficiency Study Group in getting a cost analysis to see how we can improve Town government by making it more efficient and cost effective.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to move forward with the Municipal Efficiency Study Group.

-Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone formerly resigned from TRG, and then recommended that Selectman William Trimble represent the Select Board going forward.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted 4 in favor and 1 abstention (Selectman William Trimble) to nominate Selectman William Trimble as the TRG representative.

IV. Minutes

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 14, 2011.

V. Announcements:

Draft Horseneck Planning Unit Resource Management Plan (Including Horseneck Beach State Reservation and Demarest Lloyd Memorial State Park)
Monday, December 5, 2011 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Fall River's Heritage State Park, Davol Street, Fall River.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting will be on **Sunday, December 11, 2011 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm**. This year's Tree Lighting will include:

Santa's Arrival
Craft Projects for Children
Music
A few Craft Vendors
Story Reading
Hot Cocoa and Cookies and More!

Anyone wishing to make a donation to our Annual Tree Lighting may do so either in person or by mailing a check to the Town Clerk's Office, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA. Please make checks payable to: Town of Dartmouth/Tree Lighting Fund

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

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: **Stephaney Santiago**