



**Town of Berlin
Municipal Office Building
108 Shed Road**

**Berlin, VT. 05602
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

6:00 PM-Budget Work Session

APPROVED MINUTES

Selectboard Members: Ture Nelson, Chair; Jeremy Hansen, Vice Chair; Roberta Haskin, Secretary; Brad Towne and Pete Kelley.

Absent: Selectboard Member Haskin

Present: Dana Hadley, Town Administrator, Diane Isabelle, Charles Storrow

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Ture Nelson

Local Option Tax

The Chair noted that they have had two Public Hearings on the subject of putting the local option tax on the Town warning.

Motion: Hansen/Towne to add to the Town Meeting ballot, "Shall the Town impose a one percent local option tax on sales pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138 to lower local property taxes?"

Selectboard Member Towne noted that he was not generally in favor of the local option tax but he would vote to include it on the ballot in order to get it presented to citizens. Selectboard Member Kelley agreed that citizens should have an opportunity to vote on the question. The Board had a discussion regarding other uses of any revenue. Charles Storrow representing the Berlin Mall did advise the Board of his and his client's concerns regarding the tax.

Vote in the affirmative.

Budget Work Session

The Board reviewed the special appropriations that were received and have now been noted in the budget.

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Motion: Hansen/Towne to approve putting this before the voters for expenses of \$2,757,826 and revenues of \$717,098. Excepting special appropriations.

Vote in the affirmative.

The Board will meet on Monday, January 25, 2016 to approve the warning.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm

For the Select Board:

Dana I. Hadley, Town Administrator