



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, MA
Present: Clerk G. Woodbury, Members Stevens & C. Woodbury and Administrator Gaudette.
Vice Chair Fritze arrived at 6:36 pm and Chairman Pepe was absent.

Public Hearing 6:15 pm FY15 Tax Classification Hearing

Clerk Woodbury opened the hearing at 6:15 pm.
Principal Assessor Mary Williams and the Board of Assessors were present.

Ms. Williams gave a Power Point presentation on the FY15 Tax Classification. She noted the Board will need to vote whether or not to adopt the following:

- A split or single tax rate
- Open space discount
- Residential exemption
- Small commercial exemption

The Board of Assessors recommends a single tax rate with no open space discounts, no residential exemptions, and no small commercial exemptions.

The hearing was closed at 6:34 pm. There were no members of the public present.

A motion to adopt a Single Tax Rate (Stevens/C. Woodbury/) passed 3/0.

A motion not to adopt the Open Space Discount (C. Woodbury/Stevens) passed 3/0.

A motion not to adopt the Residential Exemption Discount (Stevens/ C. Woodbury) passed 3/0.

A motion to not to adopt the Small Commercial Exemption (C. Woodbury/Stevens) passed 3/0.

Discussion: Special Town Meeting Follow-up

Mr. Gaudette noted he will finalize the budget and work to set the tax rate.

Mr. C. Woodbury said he was asked about the Board's view on changing the Town Zoning Bylaws to allow tattoo parlors by a member of the Planning Board. Mr. Gaudette suggested the Planning Board send him a memo on how they want the requirements to change. He noted the process for zoning changes is by citizen petition or by the Planning Board placing an article on a Town Meeting Warrant where a two-thirds majority vote is needed for zoning changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
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