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Selectmen's Work Session
9:00 am – Town offices

Friday November 1, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Chip Albee, Selectman Lloyd Wood, Selectman Bill Marcussen (via telephone conference), and Administrative Secretary Karen Koch.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albee called the Selectmen's work session to order at 9:07 am.

The Selectmen met with Diane Falcey to set the 2019 tax rate. The amount recommended by the Department of Revenue (DRA) was \$10.09 (Municipal \$3.17; County \$1.05; Local Education \$3.98, and State Education \$1.89). After much discussion about whether or not to use any of the undesignated fund balance, it was agreed not to in order to keep an appropriate amount of funding available. George Sancoucy, Utility Assessor, felt it appropriate to keep a \$25,000 overlay for tax abatements. Assessor Rod Wood suggested \$45,000. The Selectmen agreed with Mr. Wood's suggestion.

Selectman Marcussen moved to not take any money from the undesignated fund balance this year and to keep a \$45,000 overlay. This would make the municipality tax rate \$3.19 for a total tax rate \$10.11. Seconded by Chairman Albee for discussion. Selectman Wood showed concerned in regards to the tax rate increasing (municipal portion) and suggested taking the additional overlay out of the fund balance. Chairman Albee and Selectman Marcussen were not in agreement. Selectman Wood moved the question. Vote passed with all in favor.

\$10.11 is the preliminary tax rate and is not final until approved by DRA.

At approximately 9:33 am, Chairman Albee moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor.