

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2008
APPROVED**

Present: Stuart Schulman, Vice Chairman; Anna Eliot, Clerk; Peter Cunningham; George Dillon, Jr.

Absent: Joshua A. Degen, Chairman

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Schulman called meeting of the Board to Order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the announcements and agenda.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

1. Mr. Haddad discussed his recent Department Head meeting.
2. Mr. Haddad reported that he would contact the Attorney Generals Office regarding the use of Prescott School and report to the Board with information.
3. Mr. Haddad stated that the GIS and Water Department is working on a map of the street lights that are being proposed to be shut-off.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Mr. Cunningham stated that the by-law committee is meeting and presented changes will be made to the Board once the committee concludes its work. Ms. Eliot stated that she attended the Tarbell School walk-thru and public hearing. Mr. Dillon also attended the Tarbell meeting and thought the public turnout was good.

TAX CLASSIFIACATION PUBLIC HEARING, Continued from November 10th:

Ms. Swezey, the Town Assessor gave her report on commercial and residential properties. Ms. Swezey stated that a rate of \$14.32 is proposed. Ms. Swezey stated that the residential rate has increased. Ms. Evan, Assessor stated that explained the assessment process for neighborhoods in Town. Lakefront property decreased in value which was statistically supported. Mr. Haddad stated that the DOR gave a preliminary ok to the information given from the Assessors. Ms. Swezey stated that if the Town were to look at a split rate the Town would need at least 10% commercial before seeing a significant difference. Mr. Dillon asked about the decrease in some neighborhoods and the rational for it. Ms. Evans explained the data to the Board and that VISION was used to get the final numbers. Mr. Haddad commented that because it was not a re-evaluation year abatements may be less than last year.

Mr. Cunningham moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Hearing closed.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve a single tax rate of classification for FY09 as recommended by the Assessors. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Jennifer Pederson presented Steve Collette and George Bracket with the Waterworks Pride Award. This award is given to those who provide safe and clean drinking water. Mr. Dillon credited the Water Department for this honor.

MINUTES

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the October 29, 2008 work session minutes. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Cunningham moved to approve the October 29, 2008 executive session minutes; for release. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully *submitted*,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 12-22-08