BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021

PRESENT: Mrs. Diane Vayda; Chairman and Roland Sickenberger, Clerk
ABSENT: Mr. David J. Pierce, Vice-Chairman
ATTENDEES: Kevin Dorman, William Mansfield and Gary & Susan Simeone

Reconvened in Open Session at 7:05 PM (Executive Session Minutes under separate cover)

TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING
Motion to open the Public Hearing in accordance with MGL, Ch. 40, Section 56 on the issue of the tax levy to be borne by each class of property for FY 22 made by Mrs. Vayda; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

Assessors Kevin Dorman and William Mansfield were in attendance this evening to present information in support of the proposed tax rate. Mr. Dorman stated that in light of the fact that the Board of Selectmen have consistently voted for a one-tier tax rate, he recommended that practice continue. He further stated that the average single-family dwelling in the United States is up 19%. The town currently has 1,419 residential properties and 72 commercial/mixed use properties. Assessments on the properties increased 8% with $56,000 in new growth. FY 21 tax rate is currently $14.03/thousand of value and the anticipated rate for FY 22, pending DOR approval is $13.23/thousand of value.

Motion to vote a single tax rate for both residential and commercial made by Mr. Sickenberger; second: Mrs. Vayda – unanimous.

MINUTES
Motion to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2021 as written made by Mr. Sickenberger; second: Mrs. Vayda – unanimous.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 30, 2021 – 6 PM Regular Session

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Sickenberger; second: Mrs. Vayda – unanimous at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Executive Secretary

Roland Sickenberger, Clerk

11/30/21
Date Approved