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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Selectmen Present: Chairperson Abigail Arnold, Brad Howell, and Scott Carbee

Staff Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Arnold called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

The purpose of this meeting was to set the 2015 tax rate. The preliminary rate was issued by DRA at \$25.19. There was discussion if fund balance should be used to reduce the rate to \$25.06 to keep the rate the same as 2014. Ms. Arnold felt that fund balance should be used at Town Meeting in a method that allows the residents to vote on the use of it. Mr. Carbee felt the surplus funds are the people's money and should be returned to them to offset the tax rate. The use of \$25,000 would maintain a flat tax rate.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Carbee to approve the tax rate of \$25.19 per \$1000 assessed valuation. **Motion Passes.**

The Board continued discussion regarding CIP items for 2016. Mr. Carbee stated that he wanted a warrant article for additional funding of the Town Hall restoration project. Projects for the Town Hall include the site work needed to properly drain the site and accommodate underground utilities.

Ms. Arnold outlined the projects that were currently contained in the CIP for town buildings.

- Transfer Station \$12K
- Horse Sheds \$15K
- Library Windows \$25K
- Annex Paint & Heat \$25K
- Police Dept Remodel \$45K
- Paint TH Sides \$30K

Mr. Carbee stated he believes there is a moisture problem at the Annex which is causing the paint failure on the gable ends of the building.

Mr. Carbee reported that Warren completed the plumbing of the posts at the Horse Sheds, but foundations are needed for each post to securely anchor them.

There was also a discussion regarding adding funds to the budget for Library landscaping for 2016.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday, October 26, 2015 at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Arnold adjourned the meeting at 9:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Not approved until signed.

Abigail Arnold

Scott Carbee

Brad Howell