

Holbrook Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Regular Session of
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Present: Matthew V. Moore, Chairman
Kevin J. Sheehan, Vice-Chairman
Daniel F. Moriarty, III, Clerk
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate
Daniel R. Lee, Associate

In attendance: Timothy J. Gordon, Town Administrator
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator
Paul Digirolamo, Town Treasurer/Collector
Bethiny Moseley, Town Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Moore, in the Selectman Noel C. King Meeting Room, Holbrook Town Hall, Floor 3R, 50 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FY2017 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING:

Present: William Marble, Member of the Board of Assessors
Patrick Harring, Principal Assessor; Pamela Holt, Assistant Assessor

The legal notice published in the Patriot Ledger on November 24, 2016, was read.

MOTION: At 7:16 pm, by Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to open the Tax Classification Hearing for FY2017

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Harring reviewed the packet of information he presented to the Board of Selectmen. He explained that the Board of Selectmen will be making a decision on the split tonight, and they are charged with setting tax policy. Property values have been adjusted to the market, using the sales from calendar year 2015. The 2015 sales of residential property was strong, showing an overall increase in sales of 4.4%. It was noted that the numbers being discussed tonight are preliminary until they are certified by the DOR. Mr. Harring explained the effect of changing the “shift”, which is the factor used in allocating the tax levy between the residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property classes. He indicated that the Board of Assessors recommended that the shift remain at 1.69. The new PreK – 12 school project represents about \$2.39 of the new tax rate. Mr. Harring explained the Residential Exemption and the Small Commercial Exemption, and why they are not recommended by the Board of Assessors for the Town of Holbrook. Kevin Costa, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke in favor of the Small Commercial Exemption and setting the shift at 1.51 on business.

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen vote to classify the Town of Holbrook under the Classification Act at a Factor of 1.69 for Fiscal Year 2017

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen vote not to adopt the Residential Exemption or the Small Commercial Exemption for Fiscal Year 2017

VOTE: 5:0

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MOTION: At 7:50 pm, by Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to close the Tax Classification hearing for Fiscal Year 2017

VOTE: 5:0

Daniel F. Moriarty, III, Clerk

Documents:
Classification Hearing Notes from Assessors
Legal Notice