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Greensboro Selectboard

July 19, 2018

Special Meeting – Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Kehler, Peter Romans, Susan Wood, Michael Lapierre

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt McAllister

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Barbara Brooke, Kevin Rich

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Update on the Vermont Council on Rural Development meeting – Peter
- Legal – Boester Appeal – Andy

PUBLIC CONCERNS

None this evening.

SET THE MUNICIPAL TAX RATE

Because of the latest report from the Vermont Tax Department regarding the backlog of the Homestead Declarations, Barbara felt it would be prudent to withhold sending out our tax bills until all the necessary Declarations were reported from the State. By sending them now, it could create confusion for those having filed their Homestead Declarations, but not having them processed, and resulting in incorrect tax bills. It would also save the Town Office from having to send out revised bills, with the added postage expense and time doing so. The bills will be sent out the week of July 30th. This does not impact the tax due date, which is November 1, 2018.

Barbara presented the calculation worksheet to the Board to explain how the tax rate is calculated. Because of the budget that was voted on at the March Town Meeting, the tax rate will increase. The State Education Department has set the Residential and Non Residential tax rate. Therefore, the proposed Municipal Tax Rate was calculated at \$.6525. Andy made the follow motion:

The Board set the Municipal Tax Rate at \$.6525.

Peter seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

VERMONT COUNCIL ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Peter reported that Paul Costello gave a great presentation that was well attended. Andy had also worked with VCRD in the past and felt it was beneficial. The program that we would utilize from the VCRD was the VCRD For Community Visits Program. After discussion, Susan made the following motion:

The Town will pursue working the Vermont Council for Rural Development Community Visits Program to support Greensboro in the future development of Greensboro, and how to get there.

Peter seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Peter added that he would talk with Paul Costello and work with Andy on this project.

BOESTER APPEAL

Andy reported that the Sara Davies Coe, the Town Attorney, is participating, with other attorneys in this appeal. The neighbor's attorneys are being very proactive in this. The Court has requested that a dispute resolution be sought for this; i.e. mediation or other means. The appellant submitted a new design of the roof, which was rejected by the Patterson's.

A site visit is scheduled for July 24th at 4:00 pm. It is open to the public.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Susan received an email from Kerry Edmunds regarding the ordinance, and expressed concern with dogs running on her posted property. There was discussion regarding violations and fines associated with those violations. Kevin Rich offered that the fines need to be significant enough to make an impression on the violators. Susan noted that Kevin should not have to assume the cost of housing animals that have been confiscated due to violations. The new ordinance will put forth a "boarding" fee that would cover costs of shelter and food.

This ordinance will take time to finalize, with input from the Town and interested parties. The discussion will continue at the August 8th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Peter moved and Andy Seconded the Motion to Adjourn at 7:45 pm. Motion carried at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Kim Greaves