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Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Open Session Meeting Minutes
Meeting Conducted Remotely via Zoom

Members present: Joseph Botaish, James Anderson, Christopher Gallo, William Harrington, Michelle Rouse

Members absent:

Also present: Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator; Amanda Vasapollo, Executive Assistant; Gregory Enos, Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resources Director; Mike King, Finance Director; and Rob Scotton, Principal Assessor

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mr. Botaish. Followed by a roll call for attendance, all members and staff present.

Documentation:
Tax Classification Hearing Presentation
Impact to Tax Bill Calculator

Announcements:
Mr. Harrington read the following, it's that time of year again, the Giving Tree is up outside the Nurses' Office at Town Hall. This is a gift drive in collaboration with the Wrentham Schools, Senior Center, and Police Department to make sure all Wrentham residents have a happy holiday season. Please feel free to take a tag and bring the unwrapped gift with the tag attached back by December 14th. The Wrentham Police Association Toy Drive - Please come by the Public Safety Building on Saturday, December 2nd between 9AM to 1PM to drop off a new unwrapped toy for a child of any age, as well as items for local elderly in need. Meet some local officers along with our community resource dog, Cruiser and Sergeant Santa Mayhew for photo ops.

CONTINUED – PUBLIC HEARING – TAX CLASSIFICATION

Present was the Board of Assessors, Tom DiPlacido, Ed O'Neil, and Irene Levesque
Mr. DiPlacido spoke, presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Classification Hearing. Mr. DiPlacido provided a summary of the tax rate setting process the Assessor's Department conducts each year. The presentation highlighted home inventory, land values, new growth, historical data and neighboring communities tax rates.

A discussion took place amongst the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Mr. Sweet and Mr. King regarding different CIP shifts and the impact to tax payers.

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to close the public hearing for the tax classification hearing. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to approve the Commercial, Industrial/Personal Property Factor of 1.34 with a Residential Factor of .9272. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Anderson the Board vote for a Commercial Exemption of 10% for small business. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

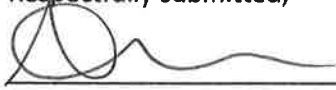
Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gallo to not accept the Residential Exemption.

Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to adjourn the open session meeting at 7:34PM. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Vasapollo, Executive Assistant