

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
7/30/18

Board Members present: Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom, Callie Streeter, Jason Aronowitz and Tom Martin

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett and Cheryl Brown

Tax rate: The Selectboard reviewed the Tax Rate formula Cheryl had prepared. Cheryl explained the deficit from last year of -\$21,887. The \$37,335 overpayment from the AOT could be used to offset that. The Board talked about overruns in the budget and decided not to make an adjustment in the tax rate. They will watch the remaining budget spending. Any necessary spending needs are to come through the Board for approval from all departments. If there is a surplus at the end of the year the Board will talk to the voters about putting that money into Capital Reserves.

The Fire Department has already spent its budget and they are aware of it. Cheryl discussed it with the FD Officers (Stefan). The Board would like the FD Officers to come in to the next meeting on 8/6/18.

Jason spoke about adding a number to make up for delinquent taxes in the tax rate formula, but the board chose not to do that this year and will look at it next year. It would be difficult to estimate what the delinquent taxes will be. Tom said that the Selectboard report will explain the factors that go into the tax rate.

MOTION: John made a motion to approve the Municipal tax rate of 0.4377 and the School residential tax rate of 1.6433 and 1.6260 for non-residents. Total residential tax rate will be **2.0810** and non-residential will be **2.0637**. Rae seconded the motion. All agreed.

Tom spoke about an email he received from VLCT about nominating Clerks and Treasurers for Clerk/Treasurer of the year. **Motion:** Tom would like to nominate Cheryl Brown for Clerk/Treasurer of the year through VLCT and Sasha Elwell-Badore for assistant Clerk/Treasurer of the year. John seconded the motion. All agreed.

MOTION: Tom made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. John Seconded. All agreed