

October 24, 2017

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

[JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN & BOARD OF ASSESSORS]

Selectboard Present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Julia Blyth

Selectboard Absent: Tracy Rogers

Assessors Present: Bob MacEwen, Chair; Beth Walker; Alice Lord

Also Present: Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary

Others Present: Shelby Ashline, The Recorder

Doc: Assessors' presentation for FY18 proposed tax rate and classification options

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

School Resource Officer

- On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to establish the School Resource Officer position with a job description to follow.

Tax Classification Hearing

- The Board of Assessors convened in a joint meeting for the Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 pm
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to open the Public Classification Hearing to discuss the allocation of the local property tax levy among the property classes for FY18.
- The legal notice was read for the record:
 - In accordance with CH. 40. S. 56 as amended by CH. 369 of the Acts of 1982 and Ch. 79 of the Acts of 1983, of the MA General Laws, the Northfield Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Northfield Town Hall, Selectmen's Hearing Room, 69 Main Street. The purpose of the Hearing will be to discuss the issue of allocating the local property tax levy among the property classes for Fiscal 2018.
- The Assessors presented a review of a single tax rate vs. a split tax rate and recommended a single tax rate to the Board of Selectmen.
 - Discussion of how the tax rate would change from the estimated amount provided at annual town meeting in May of 2017 with a focus on the campus status.
 - There were no written letters or public comment regarding the hearing.
 - The excess levy capacity \$163,236.28.
 - Proposed tax rate is \$17.86/ thousand.
- On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to adopt a uniform tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018.
 - The Selectboard signed the required document the Assessors will submit to the Department of Revenue.
- On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to close the public hearing at 6:17pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary


Selectboard Clerk

11/14/17
Date Approved
As amended


Assessors' Clerk

11/08/17
Date Approved as amended