

Aquinnah Select Board
December 1, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Jim Newman (chairman), Julie Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Jay Smalley, Howard Goldstein, Harald Sheid (RRG), Allen Rugg, Rick Solberg, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes Accepted
(Accepted Minutes of Oct. 27 & Nov. 10 as submitted)

Tax Classification Hearing
(Adopted a Residential Factor of 1.0)

Harald Sheid, of Regional Resource Group, presented an explanation of issues related to setting the 2021 tax rate including the effect of adoption of a Residential Factor. In Aquinnah, the levy to be raised is estimated to be \$5,146,128, an increase of 0.8% over last year's levy of \$5,105,195. The maximum allowable levy limit for FY 2021 is certified at \$5,261,744 resulting in an excess levy capacity of \$115,615.52.

In consideration of the above the estimated tax rate with a Residential Factor of 1.0 would be \$6.39 per thousand dollars of valuation.

Julie made a motion that the Board vote in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 56, as amended, the percentage of local tax levy which will be borne by each class of real and personal property, relative to setting the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rates and set the Residential Factor at 1.0000, with a corresponding CIP shift of 1.0000 pending certification of the Towns annual tax recap by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

The motion was seconded by Gary and approved unanimously.

Jim thanked the Board of Assessors for their work in setting the rate.

Approved Town Meeting Warrant
(Set Date of December 19, 2020 for Special Town Meeting)

Board approved the Special Town Meeting to be held at the Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. on December 19, 2020. They also approved a Special Selectmen's meeting in conjunction with the Town Moderator by Zoom video conference at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 to consider reducing the town meeting quorum as allowed under M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 56, as amended.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.