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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2020 SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: Mr. John A. Nason-Chairman, Mr. Marc W. Richard-Vice-Chairman, Mr. David Dufresne-Clerk, and Ms. Priscilla J. Clowes-Administrative Secretary.

ATTENDEES: See attached listing

Mr. Nason called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance in the Shepard Municipal Building Gymnasium. He advised all that this meeting is being video and audio taped.

BOA Tax Classification Hearing

Mr. Bill Ramsey-Board of Assessors Chairman presented the Tax Classification options available for the Town: The recommendation prior years has always been to approve the Single Rate Option. There is not enough Commercial property in Town to justify the Split Rate. Ms. Rachael Carney stated that the Total Valuation has gone up approximately 6% and there has been 2.5% New Growth. DOR will approve the actual Tax Rate once determined. Mr. Nason made a motion to accept the recommended Single Rate Tax Classification, Mr. Dufresne seconded – AIF.

Business

Mr. Nason stated that he would like to thank Ms. Rebecca Acerra for her over 20 years of service with the Town and wishes her well in her new role as BOS Executive Secretary for the Town of West Brookfield. Ms. Acerra's effective resignation date is October 23, 2020. Mr. Nason welcomes Ms. Priscilla Clowes to fill the BOS Administrative Secretary position; Appointment to be ratified at the next BOS meeting. Mr. Dufresne stated that the first Zoom meeting for the Planning Board is scheduled for 11/23/20.

Comments & Concerns

Mr. Richard stated that the annual Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th through April 1st. Ms. Kerry Schmidt stated that she would like to have a discussion regarding the Senior Volunteer Program FY2021 for Senior Abatements. Mr. Nason stated that we shall have this on the Agenda for the next BOS meeting for discussion.

Next Meeting Date: December 3, 2020 @ 6:00PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Dufresne – unanimous at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Clowes
Administrative Secretary

David Dufresne, Clerk