

Shelburne Selectboard - Special Meeting, July 2, 2019

Present: Chair Jerry Storey; members by telephone Vice Chair Jaime Heins, Mary Kehoe, Mike Ashooh; also Town Manager Lee Krohn and Finance Director Peter Frankenburg

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

Motion by Kehoe to approve the agenda; seconded by Heins and approved 4-0.

Frankenburg offered an overview and detailed information regarding Town Meeting estimates and current actuals for the key elements that create the tax rate: base budget and additional articles as approved by the voters, and the Grand List. Credit was given to Ted Nelson and BettyJean Bogue in the Assessing office for the remarkably accurate prior estimate of the Grand List, almost precisely on point.

Total tax rate includes the Town portion as related to the voter-approved budget, and school rates as set by the State, over which we have no control. It was noted that the total tax rate and per property calculations of amounts owed do not include prebates to which some property owners may be eligible.

Questions about the Veterans' exemption (\$10,000 per statute, plus an additional \$30,000 as voted locally in the past, for which the Town must still make the State whole on the school tax), the Beaver Creek special assessment, and other matters were answered. The total tax rate increase came in at 5.2%, almost exactly at the 5% maximum target as set by the Selectboard during the budget process.

After further discussion, motion by Kehoe to set the tax rates for fiscal year 2019-2020 as follows:

Town:	\$0.4416
Local agreement – Veterans' exemption:	\$0.0006
School – homestead:	\$1.5235
School – non-residential:	\$1.6767
Total tax rates (Town + School)	
Homestead:	\$1.9657
Non-residential:	\$2.1189
Beaver Creek special assessment:	\$45,824 total; \$1580.12 per property

Seconded by Heins and approved 4-0.

Motion by Heins to adjourn at 10:23 A.M.; seconded by Kehoe and approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn

For the Selectboard

Date