

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**November 29, 2010**  
**4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B Morgan Jr. Meeting Room, Town Hall. Members present were Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck; and Michael J. Donaroma. Also present was Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and recused herself from the next item. Mr. Donaroma stated that the Stiassnis on South Water St. have put a plan before the Board to remove the public parking spots in front of their house and install a sidewalk instead. The Board would like to schedule a public hearing because it would include removal of public parking downtown. They scheduled the hearing for the meeting December 20, 2010 at 4:00pm. Ms. Serpa then rejoined the meeting.

The Board then approved the following items:

A One Day Liquor License for the Firemen's Association for December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm.

A Yard Sale Permit for the Colonial Inn for December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly report. The town had received the actuarial study and current Moody's rating and everything has been given to the auditor that has been requested. She would also not be in on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Donaroma then gave a Library Building Committee update. They are scheduled to meet with the Historic District Committee and the Planning Board on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for informal reviews.

Ms. Dolby asked when the public hearings would be.

Mr. Donaroma replied that they wanted to see what the HDC and Planning Board thought first.

At 4:15pm Ms. Serpa opened the posted public hearing with the Board of Assessors to set the tax rate and valuation ratio. Present were the Board of Assessors: Mr. Alan Gowell, Mr. Laurence Mercier, and Mr. Edward Belisle. Also present was Ms. Joanne Resendes, Principle Assessor.

The Board of Assessors recommended an equalized valuation with a residential factor of one. Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board of Assessors projected that the tax rate would be approved at \$3.40 per \$1,000 of valuation which is up from the previous year which was \$3.09.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if this rise was a reflection in the decrease in assessments overall. If so, he wanted to know how much it went down.

Mr. Gowell replied that it varied by neighborhood. Overall the decrease was 2.8% town wide from \$6,748,000,000. to \$6,563,000,000.

Mr. Mercier pointed out that this would be the fourth year in a row that the rate would go up.

At 4:20 pm Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

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Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

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Arthur Smadbeck

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Michael J. Donaroma  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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