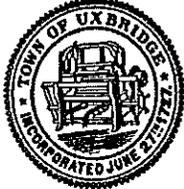


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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011 – 7:00PM

Present: Chair Bruce Desilets, Vice Chair Beth A. Pitman, Clerk Peter A. Petrillo, Selectman Cari Kay Robertson and Selectmen Jay Cahill. Also present, Town Manager Sean Hendricks and Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.

I. CALL TO ORDER (not to exceed 20 minutes)

- A. Announcements – The Blackstone Valley Angel of Hope Candelight Vigil is Tuesday, 12/6. The Vigil will begin at 7:00pm and will be held at the Blackstone Valley Angel of Hope at 121 E. Hartford Ave., Uxbridge. The First Holiday Night Parade is Saturday 12/3 from 3-8pm. The parade starts at 4:30pm.
- B. Citizen's Forum - Mr. Howard Fortner discussed warrant submission recommendations. Ms. Petrillo, Director of Council on Aging thanked the volunteers for painting the senior center. Ms. Deb Blackburn with the Peoples First Food Pantry discussed upcoming events. For additional information, please visit thepeoplesfirstfoodpantry@msn.com. Mr. Mark Stacy addressed concerns with the tax rate increase.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Discussion/Action/Vote

- A. Tax Classification Hearing - The Chair opened the public hearing. Mr. David Genereux, Finance Director and Joan Navarro, Assessor were present and discussed the Tax Classification Report and Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012 (attached to the minutes). The Chair closed the public hearing. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board of Selectmen vote to establish a single tax rate to be apportioned equally upon all residential, commercial, industrial and personal property classes for Fiscal Year 2012. Seconded by Mr. Petrillo, the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Pole Hearing – Pole P6-50 Williams Street, plan #11374353 – The Chair opened the public hearing. Following no public input, the Chair closed the public hearing. **MOTION: I, Mr. Petrillo, move that the Board approve the Petition for Joint or Identical Pole locations for P6-50 Williams Street, Plan No. 11374353, dated 10/13/2011. Seconded by Mr. Cahill, the motion carried unanimously.**
- C. New Application: Class II License, Kevin Powers, 4 Aces Auto Sales, 160 Ironstone Road – The Chair opened the public hearing. Mr. Kevin Powers, applicant, was present and discussed the application. The Chair closed the public hearing. **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill move that the Board**

approve the Class II License application for 4 Aces Auto Sales, 160 Ironstone Road. Seconded by Ms. Pitman, the motion carried unanimously.

- D. New Application: Storage of Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Solids or Flammable Gas, Kevin Powers, Triple A Enterprises, 160 Ironstone Road – The Chair opened the public hearing. Mr. Kevin Powers, applicant, was present and discussed the application. The Chair closed the public hearing. **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board approve the Storage of Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Solids and/or Flammable Gas for Triple A Enterprises, 160 Ironstone Road. Seconded by Ms. Pitman, the motion carried unanimously.**

III. MEETING MINUTES – Discussion/Action/Vote

11/14/11 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Ms. Pitman, move that the Board approve the 11/14/11 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Petrillo, the motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Desilets abstained).**

IV. OLD BUSINESS - Discussion/Action/Vote

- A. New High School Project/SBC Meeting Update - Mr. Desilets updated the Board.
- B. Holbrook Farm Estates – Murphy’s Way – request for winter maintenance services, discussion street acceptance – All residents provided a waiver of liability to the town. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Town provide winter maintenance services for Murphy’s Way. Seconded by Mr. Petrillo, the motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Zoning Bylaw Review Committee – The Board had general discussions.

V. NEW BUSINESS - Discussion/Action/Vote

- A. Uxbridge First Holiday Night Parade – Sat. 12/3 - Street Closures – Court Street and Elm Street and Detouring of traffic to Mendon St./Oak St./Granite St./Hartford Ave. West/Rivulet St./Brookside Drive/Hazel St., Cross Rd. to Douglas St. for southbound traffic – **MOTION: I, Ms. Pitman, move that the Board approve the First Holiday Night Recommendations of street closures and detours in the memorandum dated 11/1/11 from Peter Ostroskey, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Ms. Robertson, the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Town Manager Goals – The Board had general discussion. The Town Manager will review and provided feed back to the Board. The Board will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.
- C. Street Name Request – Spring Hill Drive – **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill move that the Board approve the Street Name Request of Spring Hill Drive. Seconded by Mr. Petrillo, the motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Street Name Request – Ryan Way – **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill move that the Board approve the Street Name Request of Ryan Way. Seconded by Mr. Petrillo, the motion carried unanimously.**

VI. MEMBER ISSUES

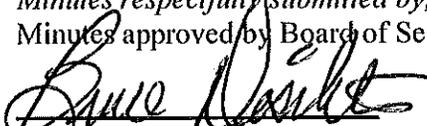
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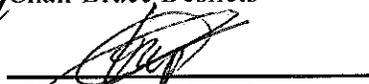
VII. TOWN MANAGER

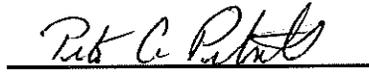
The Town Manager advised that the Town Loop Challenge was a success and thanked everyone for their participation. The Town Manager will be running in the Boston marathon on behalf of the American Liver Foundation. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT BOS MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011 – 7:00PM
At 8:35PM, MOTION: I, Mr. Petrillo, move to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Pitman, the motion carried unanimously.

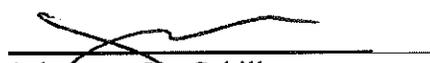
Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:


Chair Bruce Desilets


Vice Chair Beth A. Pitman

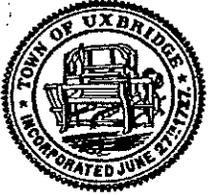

Clerk Peter A. Petrillo

Selectman Cari Kay Robertson


Selectman Jay Cahill

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Joan E. Navarro, MAA
Town Assessor

Tax Classification Report and Recommendations Fiscal Year 2012
November 28, 2011 @ 7:00pm

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Uxbridge:

The Assessors are pleased to present information and options for the Board of Selectmen to determine whether there shall be a single tax rate or split tax rate for various classes of property for Fiscal Year 2012.

Tax classification allows communities to have different rates for certain classes of property and allows the Board of Selectmen to make the decision whether or not to shift the tax burden from one class of property to another. State statute provides a maximum allowable portion of the tax levy (up to 150%) to be borne by the commercial, industrial, and personal property classes (CIP), and a minimum allowable portion to be borne by the residential class.

For Fiscal Year 2012 the total taxable value for the town of Uxbridge increased by \$2.74 million to \$1.509 billion. There was \$12,436,164 in *new growth* value which equates to \$170,624 in new tax dollars down from \$184,534 in Fiscal Year 2011.

Uxbridge's average single family home valuation remained nearly flat from \$291,388 in 2011 to \$291,064 in 2012, only a 0.11% decrease.

Should the Board of Selectmen decide to continue with a single tax rate for all classes of property the Fiscal Year 2012, it is anticipated that the tax rate will increase from \$13.72 to \$15.10 per \$1000 valuation. This is an increase of \$1.38 from Fiscal Year 2011.

77 percent of the increase; or \$1.06 of the \$1.38 is related to new debt service associated with the high school construction project. The remaining \$0.32 is due to the \$641,340 in budget increases that were allowable through Proposition 2 ½.

Approval of the tax rate as recommended will leave the Town with \$89,418.80 in excess levy capacity. It is anticipated that the average single family tax bill will increase from \$3,998 in 2011 to \$4,395 in FY2012, an increase of \$397 or 10%. Please be advised that the rate and the excess levy capacity quoted within this memorandum are subject to DOR examination and as such may be changed prior to the certification of the tax rate.

The vote required of the Board of Selectmen is not to approve the tax rate, but rather to decide how to apportion that tax rate. The Board of Selectmen has historically set a single tax rate, and with 86% of the tax base being residential, I would not recommend deviating from that practice.

The motion, for the consideration of the Board, follows:

“Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to establish a single tax rate to be apportioned equally upon all residential, commercial, industrial and personal property classes for Fiscal Year 2012”.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan E. Navarro, MAA
Assessor

Cc: David Genereux

Tracey Ante

From: Jay Cahill
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 11:41 AM
To: David Genereux
Cc: Bruce Desilets; Beth A. Pitman; Peter Petrillo; Cari Kay Robertson; Joan Navarro; Sean Hendricks; Tracey Ante
Subject: Re: FY 2012 Tax Rate Classification Hearing Document

David -

Thanks for putting this together. Makes it very clear.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Jay

On Nov 23, 2011, at 11:06 AM, David Genereux wrote:

Hi Jay (et al);

Attached is a spreadsheet which shows the transfer from the minimum shift of 1.10 to the maximum shift of 1.50. In WOR parlance, this means that you can shift the burden from residential to commercial from a minimum of 1% to a maximum of 5%. The chart below shows the difference of the shifts, as compared to the overall community rate of \$15.10

	1.10%	Diff: Tax Rate	Diff: Ave Tax Bill
Residential	14.85	-.25	-72
Comm./Ind.	16.61	1.51	876
	1.20%	Diff	Diff
Residential	14.60	-.50	-144
Comm./Ind.	18.12	3.02	1,751
	1.30%	Diff	Diff
Residential	14.36	-.74	-217
Comm./Ind.	19.63	4.53	2,626
	1.40%	Diff	Diff
Residential	14.11	-.99	-289
Comm./Ind.	21.14	6.04	3,501
	1.50%	Diff	Diff
Residential	13.86	-1.24	-361

Comm./Ind.	22.65	7.55	4,377
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As you can see, the incremental shift of each 1% of the rate translates into roughly a 25 cent decrease on the residential rate and a \$1.50 increase on the commercial/industrial rate. In dollar figures, roughly every percent shift leads to a \$72.00 reduction on the residential rate is an \$876.00 increase on the commercial/industrial rates. The shift is so dramatic because the Town is 85.88% residential.

From a percentage basis, to shift one percent of the overall tax levy of \$22,787,841 to 14.12% of the Town's tax base causes quite an increase to that sector (10%), while providing negligible relief (2%) to the residents. On the high end, commercial/industrial rates would rise by 50% while the residential drops 8%.

We do get several calls a month inquiring whether the Town employs a single or split rate. Having a split tax rate is viewed by many in the business community to indicate that the community is not "business friendly".

In my opinion, the overall percentage of commercial/industrial properties to the total number of taxable properties is too low to support a shift at this time.

Regards,

David A. Genereux

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From: Jay Cahill
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 3:50 PM
To: David Genereux
Cc: Bruce Desilets; Beth A. Pitman; Peter Petrillo; Cari Kay Robertson; Joan Navarro; Sean Hendricks; Tracey Ante
Subject: Re: FY 2012 Tax Rate Classification Hearing Document
Importance: High

David/Joan -

Thank you for preparing this information. In comparison, is there any information available on what the implementation of the Split-tax rate Option would look like? Also could you please provides some color as to why the single Rate is the recommended approach prior to the meeting on the 28th.

Regards -

Jay

On Nov 21, 2011, at 12:48 PM, David Genereux wrote:

Hi All,

Attached is the Tax Classification memorandum for FY 2012, to be discussed and voted upon at the hearing on Monday night.

Regards,

David A. Genereux

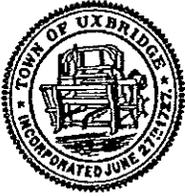
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Supt. George Zini, School Dept.

November 1, 2011

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: Peter Ostroskey, Chairman

RE: First Holiday Night Recommendations

At the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on October 6, 2011, the Public Safety Committee discussed the December 3 parade and events planned by the Uxbridge First Holiday Night Committee. The Committee did vote to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Court Street and the full length of Elm Street be closed as requested and we have endorsed the Town Common Request Form. That form has been forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office.

With regard to the parade the following actions were taken;

- The Committee supported the request to the Massachusetts Highway Department for closure of North Main Street from Douglas Street to Hartford Avenue between 4:00 and 6:00 pm on December 3, 2008;
- The Committee recommended the Board of Selectmen approve the detouring of traffic to Mendon St./Oak St./Granite St./Hartford Ave. East for northbound traffic, and Hartford Ave. West/Rivulet St./Brookside Drive/Hazel St., Cross Rd. to Douglas St. for southbound traffic;
- The above mentioned traffic plan requires close contact and coordination with the Uxbridge Police Department to maximize effectiveness of the road closing.

We respectfully request that the Board take appropriate action based on these recommendations at your convenience. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information on this matter.