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Regular meeting of the Board of Assessors at 5:30 PM

Sheila Scaduto and Suzanne Parker, Michael Motta and Karen Mello were present.

The Board was scheduled to meet for the Classification Hearing with the Board of Selectmen. That Hearing was scheduled for 6:00PM at the Senior Center.

They used the time to familiarize themselves with all the figures that would be presented to inform the Selectmen of the results of the Certification of Values and the likely tax rate depending on the burden of the shift from residential to commercial properties. Sheila Scaduto also distributed some materials she was considering using during the presentation.

At ten minutes before six, the Board left to reconvene with the Selectmen.

At 6:00 PM the hearing was called to order. Sheila made her presentation. The Selectmen were advised that it is they who determine the rate of shift and that drives the tax rates. There was discussion regarding lowering the rate of shift to offer some small level of relief to CIP taxpayers. There was mention that if some change was to occur, it would be a good time since the Town had been so conservative in their appropriations. The BOS was repeatedly told that they were selecting the CIP shift, NOT setting the tax rate and that once reviewed by the DOR, if values changed, the Ta Rate would change but the shift would remain the same.

At 6:30PM Chairman Paul Sadeck called for a motion. Lisa Pacheco made a motion to select 1.43 as the CIP shift. The motion was seconded by Lee Baumgartner and passed by unanimous vote. Karen presented a clean shift chart and asked the select board to circle and initial the voted choice. The Hearing closed immediately.

Having no other business the Board of Assessors adjourned their meeting at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.

