



Town of Rochester

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SELECT BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2023

Select Board Chair Greenwood Hartley III and Vice-Chair Paul Ciaburri are present.

The Select Board's Open Meeting is opened by Chair Greenwood Hartley III.

People on the Agenda:

Board of Assessors: Tax Rate Classification Hearing- Karen Trudeau, the Town's Principal Assessor is in attendance to present the proposed tax rate and give the Board a presentation on how the numbers are formulated. The Principal Assessor recommends that the Select Board vote to keep a single tax rate with a residential factor of one and a rate of \$11.87/thousand.

Motion: To keep a single tax rate with a residential factor of one and a rate of \$11.87 per thousand, with no exemptions, for Fiscal Year 2023. This motion is made by Select Board Member Morse, seconded by Member Ciaburri, and approved with a unanimous vote.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Town Administrator Cannon begins his report by informing the Board of Town Counsel's resignation, effective February 24th. Town Counsel Bailey is attending the meeting via Zoom and the Board thanks him for his over twenty years of service to the Town. A brief discussion follows of the potential of a private firm taking over Town Counsel services; a draft contract will be presented to the Board it's once ready for review and to be sign. It is also mentioned to find, and possibly update, the policy regarding access to Town Counsel; Blair volunteers to help with this task.

Motion: Select Board Member Hartley makes a motion to have Select Board Member Morse work on the policy as discussed. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

- After this, Town Administrator Cannon states that the Board of Health has sent a letter of opposition to DEP regarding new Title V requirements and he provides the Board with a draft letter to also send in opposition on behalf of the Board.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to send the letter with the amendments as discussed. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

- Next, Town Administrator Cannon gives the Board some updates regarding: the potential of hiring a temporary part-time Zoning Board of Appeals Administrative Assistant until the position is

filled, the upcoming expiration of the Facility Manager's contract, and a meeting scheduled for next Wednesday at Old Colony to discuss obtaining a feasibility study.

- After this, Town Administrator Cannon informs the Board that the Personnel Board has requested to attend the next meeting to give the Board an update on their progress; The Capital Planning Committee Chair has also requested the same for a future meeting.
- It is announced that budgets have been submitted and the Finance Committee will now start to meet regularly to review the budgets submitted prior to Town Meeting.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Cannon provides the Board with a draft meeting schedule to review.

Select Board Signatures:

Hardship Applications (2)- The Board received two ambulance invoice hardship applications; it is noted that both requests are over the income guidelines for eligibility.

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to deny hardship applications if they do not meet the minimum guidelines, without Board approval. This motion is then seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Old Business:

Select Board Member Hartley lets everyone know that the energy aggregation information has now been mailed out to qualified households; brochures are also available at the Town Hall, Library, Police Station, Annex, Council on Aging, and the Post Office.

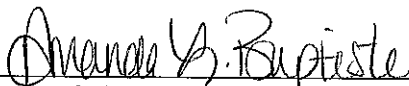
New Business:

Select Board Member Hartley informs everyone that himself and Town Administrator Cannon recently attended the Annual MMA Conference, which he plans to discuss in more detail at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion is seconded by Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor and the meeting is adjourned.



Bradford N. Morse, Clerk

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