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*Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, November 7, 2022*

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Dana Ketchen, Steve Russo, and (Via Zoom) Ed Perry along with Town Administrator Scott Butcher.


6:01pm Eddie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the ground rules for hybrid meetings.


2022 Tax Rate Review and Setting

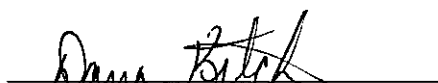
Scott said the unassigned fund balance is \$1,583,977 which is 6.77% retained. He said the recommended range is between 5% and 10%. **Eddie** said he would like to use 100k-150k to give a break to homeowners. He asked what we will be requesting from DRA for emergency funds. **Scott** said an estimated \$75k - \$80k. **Eddie** said between that and what we choose to use tonight he wants to make sure we don't dip below 5% retainage. **Brendan** said he would like to use some of the funds but feels we should be cautious and hold everything back this year. **Steve** said he agrees with using \$150k so we don't overtax the residents. **Ed** said he agrees with \$100k-\$150k. **Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to take \$100k (to include the \$807.78 Fireworks Donations) to offset taxes and set a tax rate of \$28.68.** **Dana** said she would be more inclined to vote for the \$150k, that would still keep us over 6% retained. **Ed** said \$150k would have more of an impact. **Brendan withdrew his motion and Eddie agreed. Dana moved, seconded by Steve, to use \$150k of the unassigned fund balance to offset the tax rate (to include the \$807.78 Fireworks Donations); Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.**


6:23 adjourned

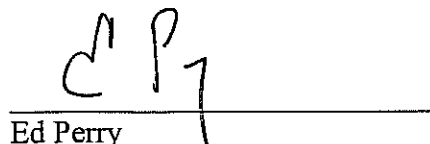
Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.


Eddie Arnold


Brendan Denehy


Dana Ketchen


Steve Russo


Ed Perry