

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2019

Town Hall

Chairman Stephen A. Matellian; Selectman Brett A. Simas; Selectman  
Maureen Dwinnell, Town Manager, Derek S. Brindisi; Executive  
Assistant, Sandra Hakala

Chairman Matellian reopened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. lead the pledge of allegiance and reviewed the agenda.

## MINUTES

**Motion #1:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to approve the Meeting minutes of October 15 and November 5, 2019.

Second: Selectman Dwinnell, Unanimous: Chairman Matellian.

## INVITED GUESTS

### Tax Classification Public Hearing

At 7:05pm Chairman Matellian opened the Tax Classification Hearing.

As part of the process to have the tax rate approved by the Department of Revenue, the Board held a joint meeting with the Board of Assessors to determine whether the Town should have a single tax rate for all types of or split the tax rate into a rate on residential properties and one for commercial and industrial. The Town has consistently had a single tax rate, because a separate (and higher) rate for businesses would put an undue burden on this very small part of the Town's tax base. The Assessor's provided a recapitulation sheets that outlined how the proposed tax rate was arrived at for the Board to consider. The BoA recommends a single tax rate.

Chairman Matellian closed the Tax Classification Hearing at 7:28pm.

**Motion #2:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to maintain the historical perspective and approve a single tax rate for all types of property.

Second: Selectman Dwinnell, Unanimous: Chairman Matellian.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Annual Renewal of Alcohol Licenses

Retail renewal applications remain a two-step process involving the licensees' obligations to renew their license and the Local Boards' responsibility to notify the ABCC about the licensees that it has renewed.

**Motion #3:** Motion made by Selectman Dwinnell to approve liquor license renewal on the following: Country Club Sooper, Colonial Liquor, Rose Garden, Liquor Plus, Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club, Red Rock Grill and 188 Main contingent upon all licensing requirements set forth are met.

Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chairman Matellian.

Review Street Sign Request

**Motion #4:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to approve the street sign “Trail Crossing” request submitted by the Friends of the Upton State Forest

Second: Selectman Dwinnell, Unanimous, Chairman Matellian.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

- 6 Main Street demolition came in slightly higher than expected due to the misnomer on hazardous materials. By doing a hazardous material at a cost of approximately \$1800 a saving o 10-15k can be potentially realized.
- The State will be opening bids on the TIP project on November 26.
- Russell Court will not be paved this year as it was discovered the right of way is 15 feet. Further analysis on approach is needed recommended by the DPW Director.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Taylor spoke of a grant opportunity for all residents through the Solarize Mass Plus Program.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

**Motion #5:** At 8:03pm Selectman Simas made motion to adjourn.

Second: Selectman Dwinnell, Unanimous: Chairman Matellian

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hakala  
Executive Assistant