

**Board of Selectman Meetings
307 Main Street
Gilbertville MA 01031
December 5, 2022
Zoom**

In Attendance: Julie Quink, Chair, H Robert Ruggles, Vice Chair, Kelly Kemp, Clerk, Nicole Parker, Town Administrator.

Meeting called to order 6:31 pm

Public hearing 6:30 pm

The Board of Selectmen will hold a classification hearing on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville on the issue of tax allocation among the property classes for the fiscal year 2023. Anyone wishing to be heard should appear at the time and date designated above.

The Board of Assessors recommend that the Board of Selectmen retain one tax rate for all classes of property. The board feels that the relatively small benefit to the residential taxpayer that could be achieved using two tax rate is not warranted and considering the dramatic increase in taxes to be paid by the commercial, industrial, personal property taxpayer. Hardwick is a largely residential community that simply does not have enough of a commercial industrial, personal property base to make classification worthwhile. The potential tax rates are as follows. Single tax rate 13.30, shift tax rates residential 12.69, commercial industrial property 19.95. Town of Hardwick has always had a single tax classification.

Close hearing at 6:36

(KK) Made a Motion to approve the single tax rate of \$13.30 as proposed.

HRR Seconded

All in favor

Roll call

KK(I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Approval of Minutes

August 16, 2022

KK Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectman for August 16, 2022 as amended.

HRR seconded

Roll call

KK(I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

August 29, 2022

(KK) Made a Motion to approve the August 29, 2022 minutes

HRR seconded

Roll call

KK(I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

This was a previously voted on letter to the gaming commission regarding town status but the date has been changed. The date of the letter is not January 7, 2023. Approval of letter to applicant regarding vote for Horse racing location.

(HRR) Motion was made to send letter to the applicant and the gaming commission and allow Nicole Parker to sign the letter on Board of Selectmen behalf and change date for the vote.

KK Seconded

Roll call

KK(I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Leicester contract for Board of Health services.

The Board was in receipt of a letter from Leicester health director Francis Daigle along with complaints from Town contractors and businesses. Board of Health Chair, Stanley Remiszweski would like to terminate the contract that was signed on July of 2021. The contract is a 3 year contract that can be extended another 3 years for regional health services with no cost to the town. The contract can be legally terminated by either party with a 30 day written notice. At this point Leicester does not want to terminate the contract. Questions arose where we would stand with inspections and other health functions without professional staff. The Board would like to propose a meeting with Hardwick Board of Health, Leicester Board of Health the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

Great Meadowbrook Farm discussion of chairwomen Quink General Law Chapter 268A section 223 B3 disclosure form.

Due to the fact that the horse race facility proponent joined the Quaboag Hill Chamber of Commerce and Chairperson Julie Quink is also on the chamber a disclosure form had to be acknowledge and submitted to the Town Clerk.

Water warrant

December billing had been presented for the board's approval. There has been no vote on rate increases yet. New meters have been ordered and will investigate rates and policies once we receive them.

(KK) made a Motion to approve the water warrant billing in the amount of \$7910.32 per the attachment of the users.

HRR seconded

Roll call

KK(I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Volunteers for committee

Letters of interest should be submitted to the town administrator with qualification or reasons for requesting particular committee or board. The town administrator will then bring it forth to The board of Selectmen who will consider the appointment.

Lisa Condit submitted a letter of interest to be appointed to the Master Planning Community Development Advisory Committee.

(KK) made a motion to appoint Lisa Condit to the master plan community development advisory committee for the term end June 30, 2023.

HRR seconded

Roll Call

KK(I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

(KK) made a motion to adjourn.

HRR seconded.

Roll call.

KK(I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Adjourned 8:27 pm