

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: November 1, 2017

Members Present: Mike McCallum and Janet Flinkstrom

Time: 7:10 p.m.

2) Selectmen approve minutes of October 18, 2017 as recorded.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mike McCallum Vote: Unan

3) Warrant #W18-09P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$74,012.45 subject to further review.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mike McCallum Vote: Unan

4) Warrant #W18-09 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$102,955.27 subject to further review.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mike McCallum Vote: Unan

Discussion Solar Access Agreement re: School:

5) Selectmen approve and Chairman signs on Solar Access Agreement for Ashby Elementary School dated November 1, 2017 between Town of Ashby & Solar Energy Development, LLC.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mike McCallum Vote: Unan

7:30 p.m. - Tax Classification Hearing: Also present: Harald Scheid and Josh Gendron, Regional Resource Group

6) Motion to open Tax Classification Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mike McCallum Vote: Unan

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Discussion of Tax Classifications ins and outs and benefits of one rate vs. two rates. Harald Scheid explained that Commercial/Industrial and Personal Property only make up 6% of the tax base and their tax rate would have to be raised by 19% to reduce the residential tax rate by 1%. Makes sense for Ashby to adopt one rate as in year's past.

Josh Gendron spoke of a 10% increase in values of residential properties sold in 2016 in Ashby due to an up market. Assessors come before the BOS before next year's tax bills are processed. New growth estimate is \$46,467. Proposed tax rate will be \$20.17 for FY 2018. Down from last year at \$20.83, but the values go up. Average increase will be \$319.66.

- 7) The Board votes in accordance with MGL Ch. 40, Sec. 56, as amended, the percentage of local tax levy which will be borne by each class of real and personal property, relative to setting the FY2018 tax rates and set the Residential Factor at 1.0, with a corresponding CIP shift of 1.0, pending approval of the Town's annual tax recap by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mike McCallum Vote: Unan

- 8) Motion to close Tax Classification Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mike McCallum Vote: Unan

- 9) Selectmen approve and sign the LA 5 MA DOR form for FY18.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mike McCallum Vote: Unan

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman: None

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Read by MM and available on the Ashby Website.

Public Comments (if any):

- 10) Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____