

**Selectmen's Meeting, Wednesday, July 6th, 2016 in the Cavendish Town Office
Meeting Room at 5:00 PM.**

Present: George Timko (Acting Chairman), Mike Ripley, Jill Flinn, Rich Svec (Town Manager), Bruce McEnaney (Assistant Town Manager), Jen Leak (Recording Secretary) and citizens as listed on the attached sheet.

1. Call the meeting to order

George Timko, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Review Correspondence

George Timko, Acting Chairman, directed the Select Board to review correspondence and sign orders at their convenience during the course of the meeting.

Rich said the Windsor County Sheriff Department contract had arrived since the last Select Board meeting. Mike Chamberlain had called recently asking for a copy of the signed contract. Rich said he gave Mike verbal approval for the contract over the phone, since the Select Board had discussed and approved the terms during the budget meetings in January. Rich asked the Select Board to sign the contract tonight so he could mail a hard copy to Mike. The Board signed the contract.

Rich said he had one additional item to add to the agenda. Diane McNamara was present and explained an adjustment was needed to the grand list due to a fire at Kevin and Kelli Garaffa's house. Because the house was a total loss, the listers changed the property value from \$143,200 to \$45,500. Diane explained that the listers are looking for approval from the Select Board under errors and omissions since the abstract grand list has been lodged with the Town Clerk.

Mike Ripley moved/Jill Flinn seconded a motion to adjust the property value of Parcel #1V20-059 from \$143,200 to \$45,500. All voted in favor.

Rich added that he used this adjusted value for calculating the FY 2016-17 tax rates.

3. Review the Cavendish tax rate calculation sheet for FY 2016-17 and the state established FY 17 Education Tax Rates. Set the Cavendish Tax Rates for FY 2016-17.

Rich reviewed the draft tax rate calculations with the Select Board. Rich noted that Fire District #1 property owners saw a greater increase in tax rate due to an increase in the fire district's budget.

Mike asked if these figures included the adjustments made during grievance to the Castle condominiums. Rich said they did. Diane noted that the condo owners have appealed to the Board of Civil Authority. Rich added that, while the grievance hearings resulted in an adjustment to all the condo values, the BOCA appeal will only review those who owners have requested the hearing.

George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to accept the final draft of the FY2016-17 tax rate calculations. All voted in favor.

4. Reminder that the regular monthly Cavendish Select Board meeting will take place on Monday, July 11th and the August meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15th.

Rich reminded the Board that the July meeting is scheduled as usual, but the August meeting is scheduled a week later.

George noted that a payment for the new truck was in this week's orders. He asked if all the recent truck purchases have included a maintenance agreement. Rich said they had. Bruce explained that, since modern trucks have computer components which are expensive to repair, he and Rich felt it was worthwhile to purchase these agreements even though the cost has gone up.

5. Adjourn

Mike Ripley moved/Jill Flinn seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:19 p.m. All voted in favor.

Minutes Approved: _____

Date: _____