

Vershire Selectboard Meeting for 9/8/20 - Approved

In attendance: Vernal Stone-Chair, Marc McKee, Gene Craft-Administrative Asst., & Town Clerk/Treas., Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y, Sarah Thrasher arrived at 7:50pm. Guest: Town Atty-Michael Tarrant

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:02 (via "zoom")

Craft reviewed the end of the fiscal years numbers with the Board. Atty Tarrant joined the meeting at 7:04pm and joined the Board in an executive session until 7:34pm. The resulting decision was to invite the townspeople to attend a Select Board meeting to discuss any concerns about 815 VCR.

Setting the tax rate for 20-21 was reviewed. The municipal rate was set at .8588 without the Veterans' exemption amount and .8632 with the Veterans' exemption added. The Homestead rate, including the State Educational rate, at \$2.9191 and the Non-residential rate at \$2.5982.

As to why the increase: the town has been using up the "cushion" amount from remaining town funds from previous budgets and, as McKee stated, we simply need to raise the funds. The road crew was in need of an additional member for many reasons: safety measures, to cover when a member is out sick or on leave, and increased workload.

Thrasher arrived and the Board updated her on the previous topics. Thrasher stated that the townspeople should be invited to attend the next meeting on 9/15 at 7pm to discuss 815 VCR.

Sending out the tax bills was reviewed. Thrasher moved that the due date for the first installment would be 10/15/20. Stone seconded and all were in favor.

The new shed addition at the town center building was discussed. McKee will donate the logs and lumber for construction, Mountain School students will do the joinery. The suggestion that the old shed is in serious disrepair, and might be used by VF&R as a training session, will be passed along to Chief Ward for determination.

Stone noted that the ditching on Durgin Hill Road was completed to state specifications.

The Board will sign the tax rate format individually when they can stop by the town office this week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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