



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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Louis J. Arcudi, III

### **Town Administrator**

Steven A. Sette

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Regular Minutes

December 1, 2016

Tax Classification Hearing

Present: Acting Chair Thomas Wesley, Selectman Louis Arcudi III, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Principal Assessor Teri Gonsalves, Board of Assessor members Edward Holland Jr. and Lisa Alberto. Selectman Robert Burns was absent.

The meeting was called to order in the Draper Room by acting Chair Wesley at 7:03 PM, followed by Chair Holland calling the Board of Assessors meeting to order at 7:04 PM, Roll was taken.

Chair Wesley referred to Principal Assessor Gonsalves for an explanation of the matters at hand that evening; to determine either a Single or Split Tax Rate and whether or not there would be a residential or commercial exemption applied.

Principal Assessor Gonsalves then gave an explanation of the single rate versus a split rate and the impact on both the residential and commercial properties and the corresponding tax rate to be set. Selectman Arcudi, commented on his earlier meeting with Assessor Gonsalves and is in agreement that a split rate is the appropriate way to go. There was agreement in that the goal is to keep the rate as fair as possible for all, but still will be a 4.12% increase.

The votes taken were as follows:

1. Selectman Arcudi motioned for the Town of Hopedale to have a split tax rate, Selectman Wesley second; no discussion. Vote 2-0 to support.
2. Selectman Arcudi motioned to have the rate with a rate shift of 1.5%, Wesley seconded; Vote 2-0 to support.
3. Selectman Arcudi motioned not to adopt a residential exemption, Wesley seconded; Vote 2-0 to not adopt.
4. Selectman Arcudi motioned not to adopt a small exemption for commercial property, Wesley seconded, Vote 2-0 not to adopt.
5. Selectman Arcudi motioned to allow Assessor Gonsalves to submit this paperwork via the DOR Gateway portal; Wesley seconded; Vote 2-0 to allow.

With no further business before them the board adjourned the hearing at 7:15 p.m. The Board of Assessor's made a similar motion.

Selectman Thomas Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Aye

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Robert P. Burns

  
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Thomas A. Wesley

  
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\* MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

\*\*RCV – Roll Call Vote