

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 10, 2009

At 6:30 p.m., Joseph M. Melican called the meeting to order with member Carol Lisbon present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator. David W. Heinlein was absent from the meeting this evening.

ATTENDANCE: Charles Long, Bill Baranick & Bonnie Akins, Board of Assessors; Karen MacTavish, Assistant Assessor

Press: None

Mr. Melican opened the annual public hearing to determine the percentages of the local tax levy for fiscal year 2010 for the Town of Dover. A notice of this hearing was published in the December 3, 2009 edition of the Dover-Sherborn Press. Charles Long, Bill Baranick & Bonnie Akins of the Board of Assessors were present along with Assistant Assessor Karen MacTavish, who spoke on their behalf. Mrs. MacTavish highlighted tax rate options and exemptions, including 1) single-rate versus different residential/commercial rates, 2) open space discount, 3) principal residence exemption, and 4) small commercial exemption. The Board of Assessors recommended continuing with a single tax rate for Dover as the most fair and equitable choice.

Mr. Melican moved for the Town to adopt a single tax rate for fiscal year 2010 with a residential factor of one, without any discounts or exemptions, and without open space being a classification, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Special License

Mr. Melican moved to approve a special license for the Grace Church for December 10, 2010 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Police Detail Write-Offs

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Police Chief Joseph Griffin explaining why an accompanying list of outstanding police detail bills from FY05 through FY08 are uncollectible, and requesting that they be written off by the Board.

Mr. Melican moved to write off \$4,414.50 in outstanding police details that remain unpaid, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Adjournment

At 6:42 p.m., Mrs. Lisbon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

DOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Joseph M. Melican, Clerk