December 5, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Present are, Jim Lehan, Jeff Palumbo, Kevin Kalkut, Betsy Fijol filling in for Executive Assistant Susan Jacobson, John Curran/Chief Assessor, Todd Lindmark/Finance Director & Kris Minshall.

Jim Lehan called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm in meeting room 124 of the Norfolk Town Hall and informed the audience that the meeting was being audio/video taped.

Fy19 Tax Rate Classification Hearing

Jim Lehan called the Fy19 Tax Rate Classification Hearing to order at 4:03 pm.

Mr. Curran explained the purpose of the hearing was to set the tax rate for the Town of Norfolk and would become effective on January 1, 2019. He said the tax rate is voted on at Town Meeting. The formula for setting the tax rate is to take the total town budget of $44,717,037, subtract State reimbursements of $4,733,578 and subtract local receipts of $7,173,91. This produces a tax levy of $32,809,540.

The tax levy of $32,809,540 is divided by the total assessed value of real estate and personal property of $1,793,851,215 times 1,000. This equals a tax rate of $18.29.

Jeff Palumbo moved to accept the FY tax rate of $18.29. It was seconded, by Kevin Kalkut and it was **so voted.** All were in favor

Kevin Kalkut moved to accept a single tax rate for the Town of Norfolk. Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion, and it was **so voted.** All were in favor

Letter of Support against FCC ruling to defund cable television

Jim Lehan explained that Norfolk Cable Television has asked the Board to provide a letter of support against the FCC ruling to defund cable television. Jim Lehan said that NCTV does a great job and fully supports them.

Kevin Kalkut moved to provide a letter of support against the FCC ruling to defund cable television. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted.** All were in favor.

Discussion on language of the Board of Selectmen Communication Policy

Kevin Kalkut had provided some draft language for a Board of Selectmen Communication Policy. Jim Lehan said the language needs more work and they identified a path to execute the intent of the policy more efficiently. The Board agreed to continue working on the policy.

At 4:25 pm, Kevin Kalkut moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Palumbo seconded, and it **was so voted.** All were in favor.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of December 5, 2018.

Kevin Kalkut, Clerk