

**CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
TOWN HALL
August 1, 2019**

APPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Chair Matthew Krasnow, Vice Chair Frank Tenney, Fritz Tegatz, Louise McCarren, Carrie Spear

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Town Administrator

OTHERS: Mary Mead, Scooter MacMillan

AGENDA ITEMS:

4:00 PM Setting of the FY20 Municipal Tax Rate and the Local Agreement Tax Rate

4:30 PM Disposition of old playground components from the Town Beach playground

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matthew Krasnow called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Setting of the FY20 Municipal Tax Rate and the Local Agreement Tax Rate

Mary Mead handed out a printout of the budget to review. Delinquent taxes are about \$100,000 Louise noted. Mary handed out a spreadsheet of delinquent taxes. Fund balances were discussed. Last year there was about \$30,000 extra, Mary said. The fund balance is being decreased each year. Matt asked about revenues that exceeded expenses. Some expenses were over-budgeted and the Town received more money from the State than anticipated. There was extra in Thompson's Point Rent. The beach exceeded their budgeted revenues as well.

Mary said the Town is in the same position this year as last year and are not set to give anything back to the taxpayers and there is not a deficit. It is a wash, Mary said. As for the delinquent taxes, there are multiple parcels delinquent but just two people own these. Mary said she will be announcing a tax sale in a couple weeks for anyone two years delinquent or more.

The Grand List has been set. It was a little bit higher than what was estimated, Mary said. The total Town Budget passed in April and it was split between general and highway. Mary said the Town doesn't have surplus to calculate as revenue. The Town doesn't have any extra grants at this time. This is straight out of what was voted on at Town Meeting, Mary said.

Matt said he is focused in on the Municipal Tax Rate. And that it is a total of an \$18 increase for a \$500,000 property.

MOTION by Carrie, seconded by Matt to set the FY20 Municipal Tax Rate at .2021 and the Local Agreement Tax Rate at .0005, for a Total FY20 Municipal Tax Rate of .2026, on the Town Clerk/Treasurer's recommendation. VOTE: 5 ayes; all in favor; motion carried.

Disposition of old playground components from the Town Beach playground

Matt said there were multiple of requests to repurpose the old playground items instead of putting them in the dumpster. Matt said he would love to see that slide to be reinstalled at one point since it is great condition. It is stainless steel. It is also mostly installed for children with cochlear implants because it doesn't generate static. The suggestion is to store it for a year. The other things could go on FPF for donations for the recreation scholarship fund.

Frank suggested having it taken away for now and Matt said he could ask Junior to take it all and store it. Frank asked if there was liability if sold. Fritz said the Town might need a disclaimer. Matt said he could ask the insurance company for specifics. Frank said the waste removal is part of the bid. Maybe if the contractor thought he had to remove it and it is part of the contract the contractor might have ideas for the items. Matt said shipping the new playground is a week and a half behind schedule so that buys a little time. Carrie asked about the Children's Center and if they would want the items. Louise said she agreed with Fritz, that people could come and get the items for free, first come first serve. Frank said by Grand Opening it should all be gone. There will be an update at Monday's meeting.

Frank said people are playing with the driftwood at the beach and it seems like a liability. It should be removed, he said. Fritz suggested a beach bonfire. Carrie said brush is growing up over the stairs. Frank asked about the crosswalk and beach sand. Louise said there are no longer any zebra mussels.

MOTION by Frank, seconded by Fritz, to go adjourn. VOTE: 5 ayes; all in favor; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Selectboard meeting was adjourned at 5p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Lynn Monty, Recording Secretary.