

**Special Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**August 1, 2013**  
**Harpswell Town Office**  
**Approved on August 8, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Selectmen Present:** Elinor Multer and Richard A. Daniel. Alison S. Hawkes absent.

**Staff Present:** Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator; Debora Turner, Assessing Agent; and Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer

**1. Set the 2013 Mil Rate:** Debbie Turner, Assessing Agent, reviewed the possible tax rates ranging from \$5.74 per thousand to \$5.80. Ms. Turner stated she believed the overlay could be lower than in past years and the tax rate could be maintained. Chairman Multer stated she was inclined to hold the tax rate at \$5.76 unless there are possible great increases to next year's rate. Deputy Administrator Sawyer noted for 2014 the school, county and potentially the local budget could experience increases, some significant, and there is expected to be significant decreases in revenue, which is a large part of this calculation outside of the overlay. Selectman Daniel stated he could agree to \$5.76 and while there may be an adjustment next year, building activity is picking up that should help with new value. Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer, expressed concerns of the potential for increase in costs next year, including Mitchell Field, and a decrease in revenues. Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Daniel to set the 2013 mil rate at \$5.78; motion passed 2-0.

**2. Adjournment:** The Chair adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer  
Deputy Town Administrator

Attachments: Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Forms  
[Attachments are available at the Town Clerk's Office or by email at [harpswell@town.harpswell.me.us](mailto:harpswell@town.harpswell.me.us)]