

**Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting**  
**August 7, 2019**  
**Harpswell Town Office, 3:30pm**  
**Approved August 15, 2019**

**Selectmen Present:** Chairman Kevin E. Johnson, David I. Chipman and Jane G. Covey

**Staff Present:** Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer; Debbie Turner, Assessor's Agent; Rosalind Knight, Town Clerk; and Fred Cantu, Code Enforcement Officer

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson at 3:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** The Board agreed to add Code Enforcement Officer Fred Cantu to the agenda following the mil rate item.

**Set the 2019 Mil Rate:** Assessor's Agent Debbie Turner reviewed a summary of proposed mil rates. The final matter was to consider the appropriate amount of overlay. The administrative staff recommended \$6.70 as the 2019 tax rate, providing an overlay of \$47,719 based on the figures provided. Selectman Chipman moved \$6.70 as the 2019 mil rate; it was seconded by Selectperson Covey and passed 3-0.

**Schedule Site Visits:** Code Enforcement Officer Fred Cantu indicated he had two situations involving land use violations that he planned to bring to the Board's attention at its August 15 meeting. He recommended the Board hold site visits prior to the meeting. Board members agreed to meet at the Town Office at 4:30pm on August 15 and proceed to Independence Lane for a 4:45pm site visit, then Orr's Island for a 5:15pm site visit.

The Board recessed from 3:40pm to 4:00pm.

**4pm Public Hearing Re: Consolidation of Polling Places to One for November 5, 2019**

Town Clerk Rosalind Knight presented a proposal to consolidate polling places for the November 5 vote and have one voting location at the Town Office. She explained that there was currently one state referendum question on the ballot. Given that there is one known article at this time, the Clerk recommended the Board consolidate only if there continues to be one question on the ballot. Should other State referendum questions or a municipal referendum question be added, then she would recommend having three polling sites. No one from the public attended the hearing. Selectperson Covey moved to authorize the Town Clerk to hold the November 5 election in one place [at the Town Office] unless there are multiple items on the ballot. The motion was seconded by Selectman Chipman and passed 3-0.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi K. Eiane, Town Administrator