

Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2023
Harpswell Town Office
Approved 8/31/2023

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

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

Staff Present: Terri Gaudet, Deputy Town Administrator/ Treasurer; Deb Turner, Assessors' Agent.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as written
2. **Set the 2023 Mil Rate:** Debbie Turner, Assessors' Agent reviewed three of the different options available to the Board of Assessors (\$6.08, \$6.10 and \$6.12) and the corresponding overlay amount. Treasurer Gaudet stated staff was recommending the mil rate be \$6.10 per thousand dollars of property value. The tax rate is based on the 2023 municipal budget, including Harpswell's 2023 County Tax and Harpswell's 2023 MSAD 75 assessment, 2023 revenues and property values. The Board discussed setting the rate at \$6.10, which would be a 3.4% increase over 2022 or \$0.20. Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectman Covey to set the 2023 Mil rate at \$6.10 with an overlay of \$118,555.27. Motion passed 3-0.
3. The Board briefly discussed planning for a centralized Fire Station as part of the 2024 budget process.
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronda Peek
Recording Secretary