

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2024
Harpswell Town Office**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Staff Present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Debbie Turner, Assessors' Agent.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as written
2. **Set the 2024 Mil Rate:** Debbie Turner, Assessors' Agent reviewed four of the different options available to the Board of Assessors (\$6.32, \$6.34, \$6.36 and \$6.38) and the corresponding overlay amount. Administrator Eiane reported that Treasurer Gaudet was recommending the mil rate be \$6.36 per thousand dollars of property value. The tax rate is based on the 2024 municipal budget, Harpswell's 2024 County Tax and Harpswell's 2024 MSAD 75 assessment, 2024 revenues and property values. The Board discussed setting the rate at \$6.36, which would be a 4.3% increase over 2023 or \$0.26. Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectman Covey to set the 2024 Mil rate at \$6.36 with an estimated overlay of \$129,538.21. Motion passed 3-0. Debbie Turner reported the Commitment forms would be ready for the Board on Monday August 5, 2024. Tax bills should be going out within two weeks.
3. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronda Peek

Recording Secretary