



**Select Board
Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00pm
Town Hall Meeting Room, Harvard, MA**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Alice von Loesecke in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Select Board members Lucy Wallace and Kara Minar were in attendance as well as Town Administrator Tim Bragan. Board members Stu Sklar and Rich Maiore were absent.

Tax Classification Hearing

Alice von Loesecke explained the hearing held at the last meeting was advertised incorrectly therefore the hearing is being conducted again.

On a Wallace/Minar motion, the board voted unanimously in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 40, Sec. 56, as amended, the percentage of local tax levy which will be borne by each class of real and personal property, relative to setting the Fiscal Year 2020 tax rates and set the Residential Factor at 1.0, with a corresponding CIP shift of 1.0, pending approval of the town's annual tax recap by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

The board members signed the LA5 form with the corrected date.

Materials for the Town Center Complete Streets Project

DPW Director Tim Kilhart and Jonathan Rockwell from TEC Products were present. Von Loesecke invited Congregational Church representative Paul Green, resident Ron Ostberg and Historical Commission Chair Pam Marston to participate in the discussion. She noted General Store owner Scott Hayward was invited but was unable to attend.

Von Loesecke explained the intent of the meeting is to decide on materials that will visually blend in with the historic town center. Rockwell answered questions and described materials available. Due to cost pavers were eliminated as an option. They discussed concrete versus asphalt, subbase, curbing, tinted concrete and crosswalk colors.

Resident Ostberg was most concerned for aesthetics and durability. He suggested consulting with the Tree Warden to avoid any damage to trees on the common.

Historical Commission Chair Pam Marston explained they can only advise but are unable to endorse. In general they desire maintaining the rural character with the least amount of change. She noted the commission is not against change and support progress.

Congregational Church Representative Paul Green said the church's focus is on practical, safe and aesthetically pleasing improvements. .

They spent time debating various options on how best to address the corner in front of the General Store such as planters, signs or maybe a small garden area; no decisions was not made at this time.

The Select Board members agreed with 4' sidewalks, thermoplastic crosswalks with a ladder design spaced as far apart as legally possible, sharrows (shared lane markings for bicycles and automobiles) in roadway and use of untinted concrete.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.