

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
November 30, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Roger Blanchette
Stephen Cushing, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Ray Pickles, Board of Assessors
Bradford Eames, Board of Assessors
Catherine Gibbs, Board of Assessors
Patricia DeCosta, Board of Assessors
Joan Hartnett Barry (Wanderer)
Jennifer Heshion (Sippican Week)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Town Administrator's office. Mr. Henry announced that the meeting would be audio recorded by Town of Marion staff. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting shall be attached to these minutes.

APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearing – Board of Assessors Classification Hearing

The public hearing was continued from November 15, 2011.

Mr. Pickles said the Board of Assessors recommends a single tax rate; he explained that 93% of the tax base is residential. Mr. Cushing asked what the remaining 7% consisted of and was told 4.67% commercial, 1.07% industrial, and 1.67% personal property. A spreadsheet comparing the impact of a single tax rate, a residential split tax rate, and a commercial split tax rate was reviewed and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to stay with a factor of one to set the rate for the fiscal year 2012. VOTE: 3-0-0

Mr. Henry noted that single family homes are the largest users of municipal services.

Mr. Cushing asked what the assessed value was of the average home in Marion and was told the median home value was approximately \$450,000. Mrs. DeCosta said average home values dropped approximately 1% and waterfront property values rose approximately 3%.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing at 4:10 p.m. to close the public hearing. VOTE: 3-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE

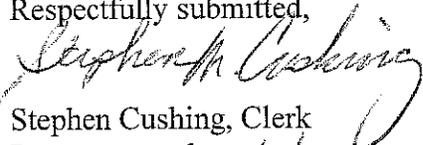
The following correspondence items were reviewed and briefly discussed.

Appeal of Base Flood Elevation for property at 112-114 Point Road and surrounding areas (11/15/11)

Notice from Town of Rochester of December 5 public hearing for Class III license

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette at 4:20 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE:
3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: 12/6/11

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING

Undated spreadsheet comparing impact of single tax rate, residential split tax rate, and commercial split tax rate
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