

**Savoy Select Board
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2021**

Public Hearing for Tax Rate Classification opened at 5:00

Members Present: Keith Kupiec, Melanie Glynn

Russ Clarke absent

Also Present: Brenda Smith, Irene Young, Julie Pavia, Al Mongeon, Justin Kaczowski, Val Reiner

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40, Section 56, the Select Board held a public hearing regarding the property tax classification to discuss the option of a single or split tax rate for the fiscal year 2022. A certification of the Vote from the Town Clerk is required.

On a motion made by Keith and seconded by Melanie, the Select Board voted by roll call 2-0 to approve a single tax rate in the Town of Savoy, in accordance with MGL chapter 40, Section 56, as amended. (Kupiec – yes, Glynn – yes).

Hearing closed at 5:03pm

Meeting was called to order by Keith at 5:04pm.

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: 9/28/21 and 10/5/21 minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Planning Board – no update
- Finance Committee – no update
- Grant Update
 - Pursuing companies for IT Assessment. Talked to BPRC for insight on what to look for.
 - By-laws Reviews – no movement at this time
 - MVP Grant – looking for state signed contract before moving forward.
 - Network Infrastructure – Agreed to pursue for follow on to IT Assessment Grant. Jennifer is completing with guidance.
- Town Park update
 - Door is repaired. Additional materials were needed. Gerry is completing the work. The Park budget is paying for the materials.
 - All is looking for an electrician to help with pulling the wire. Material list needs to be reviewed.
 - Porta Potty has been removed.
- Cares Act funds reconciliation – No assistance from state for reconciliation or closeout.
- Reviewed and unanimously agreed to sign the contract for Adams COA Intermunicipal agreement. Funds to come from Formula Grant first (\$12K) and then from funds appropriated.

- Reviewed job description and posting for Highway Superintendent. Bill left guidance book with contact information. Keith and Russ will provide direction to the employees in the meantime. All in favor of posting on MMA.
- Town needs a loader. Investigating renting/purchasing.
- Brought forward a license found within the WiValley folder for Hemp farm on Tilton Road provided by the state in 2019. Jennifer filed properly.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Val Reiner provided a document of the now 3 dog complaints. The latest involved a bite to Val's left arm and sizable scratch to her stomach. Whose dog caused this is unknown. Irene Young, the owner of the unleashed dogs, was addressed directly at the SB meeting with MGL pertaining dogs on public ways. They need to be under voice or leash control. Given the lack of ACO, it was suggested Val contact the State Police if there is another incident.
- Irene Young left messages on the answering machine regarding 523 Center Road and how she feels someone is living there. She had photos. We again stated the town is actually working this concern.
- The Select Board accepted Brenda Smith and Bill Droshen resignations from the Planning Board and Highway Department respectively.
- Approved the purchase of adding machines/print calculators for Town Hall employees who require them.
- Signed the Intellisano Christmas Tree business license, yellow copy. Application was previously signed.
- Discussed pole hearing for MLW from 2019. Pole resides on town right of way and would not be disclosed on property transfer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed

- Financial Warrants were signed in agreement.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm with all in favor.

Approved Date: _____

Keith Kupiec (chair) _____

Russell Clarke _____

Melanie Glynn _____