

*Minutes*  
*Williamsburg Board of Selectmen*  
*December 2, 2019*

The members of the Board of Selectmen met in special session on Monday, December 2, 2019, at the town office. The chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Present: Denise Banister (also Assessor) and David Mathers

Absent: William Sayre

Also present: Charlene Nardi (Town Administrator), Robin Rosewarne (Assessor), Eleanor Warnock (Administrative Assistant)

1. Tax classification – public hearing – The hearing opened at 12:30 p.m. Assessor Robin Rosewarne reported that the Assessors recommend taxing all classes of property at the same rate. Assessor Denise Banister explained that if there were a split tax rate, the residential tax rate would decrease by only \$.99 per \$1000 of assessed value and the commercial tax rate would increase by \$9.90 – a burden for commercial property for a minor saving for residential taxpayers. The hearing closed at 12:34 p.m. **Motion** was made and seconded (DM/DB) to accept the Assessors' recommendation that there be a single tax rate, all property in town to be taxed at the same rate. **So voted** (2-0).

2. Village Hill Road – Town Administrator Charlene Nardi reported hearing from Zoning Enforcement Officer Louis Hasbrouck that there was shooting at 74 Village Hill Road on Sunday, December 1, and that Police Corporal Michael Wayne spoke with owner Rob Hodgkins. An update on the related litigation is expected from the court in January.

3. Personnel – policy for closing the Town Office Building – The Board confirmed the current policy for snowy days: if an employee does not want to work because of the snow, the employee may take a personal/vacation day (not necessary if the state is shut down by order of the Governor); and the Town Administrator is authorized to use her judgment about closing the building and sending people home. If she is uncertain she can confer with the Chair. Charlene will communicate with the staff.

Adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Approved:

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Clerk