

Town of Milton
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
January 2, 2024

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Humphrey Williams (Chair), Claudine Burnham, Andy Rawson

Staff: Chris Jacobs- Town Administrator, Chief Richard Krauss- MPD

Public: Katherine Ayers – resident and school board member.

Humphrey Williams, Chair, opened the public session at 4:31PM.

1.) **Pledge of Allegiance:** because this is a workshop this item was passed over.

2.) **Elderly Exemption Warrant Article:**

Humphrey Williams stated that this is a workshop meeting to discuss the elderly exemption warrant article.

The newest calculations show that an additional 10% reduction in assessed property values results in approximately \$7,000 dollars less in taxes which equates to \$0.01 dollars on the tax rate.

At a 40% reduction in assessed property values results in approximately \$27,698 dollars less in taxes which equates to \$0.06 dollars on the tax rate.

Current impact is \$0.158 dollars at the current exemption levels.

If the allowed income brackets increase from \$30,000 thousand to \$40,000 thousand dollars and from \$40,000 thousand dollars to \$50,000 thousand dollars it is estimated, it would result in bringing about 12 more people into the allowed income brackets, a 25% increase over currently qualified individuals.

Katherine Ayers recited the elderly exemption for Farmington and Rochester, NH. She also stated that this was last done 14 years ago and since then no adjustments have been made.

Motion was made to increase the allowed income brackets from \$30,000 thousand to \$40,000 thousand dollars and from \$40,000 thousand dollars to \$50,000 thousand dollars and to increase the reduction in assessed property values to 40%. Andy Rawson – yes, Claudine Burnham – yes and Humphrey Williams -yes.

Humphrey Williams suggests that after the new property re-valuation has been completed the elderly exemptions be revisited and reconsidered.

C Jacobs pointed out it may have to be during the 2025 or 2026 town election.

Invasive Species Warrant Article.

The budget committee questioned the language of the invasive species warrant article and the word eradicate.

H Williams made the motion to eliminate the word eradicate from the article. Andy Rawson – yes, Claudine Burnham – yes and Humphrey Williams -yes.

Conservation Defense Capital Reserve Fund Warrant article.

The budget committee has questions about the fund. In general, the CRF was based on the removal of direct line funding in the annual budget, so a CRF was created.


Planners Contract.

The Town Planner, Bruce Woodruff, has accepted his contract.

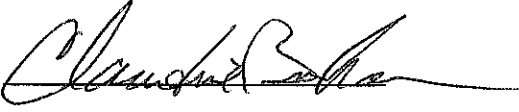
Adjournment:

Humphrey Williams motioned to adjourn the public meeting. Claudine Burnham seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed. The public meeting adjourned at 5:06PM.

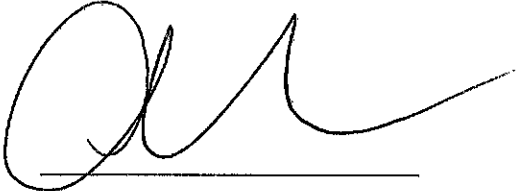
Given under our hands this 22nd day of January 2024.



Humphrey Williams – Chairman BOS



Claudine Burnham - Board Member



Andrew Rawson - Board Member

END OF MINUTES – January 2, 2024