

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, September 24, 2008
* Amended October 7, 2008

SELECTMEN: Joe Bruno, Vice Chairman; Mark Gendron; Dana Desjardins; and Lonnie Taylor

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Mike Reynolds

STAFF: Mike O'Donnell, Contract Assessor

OTHERS: None.

1. Call to order. Joe Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Consideration of the 2008-2009 Tax Rate – Mike O'Donnell Tax Assessor.
DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell explained the process and said that the least he would propose was a mil rate of 10.70 which would give an overlay amount of \$37,704. He said the overlay was used for covering any abatements issued for that year. He added that any overlay not used would revert to the undesignated surplus at the end of that fiscal year. The Selectmen discussed the current level of undesignated surplus and whether they should raise more taxes through the overlay to be able to bolster the undesignated surplus for the following years. They had concern about this year's budget taking another \$150,000 out of undesignated surplus to help lower the tax rate. Some of the Selectmen felt that funds should be put back in to undesignated surplus in case the town needed that money for an emergency.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to set the mil rate at 10.75. No second.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to set the mil rate at 10.80. No second.

RECESS: Joe Bruno called a recess at 7:18 pm to allow Mr. O'Donnell to accomplish some calculations.

REOPEN MEETING: Joe Bruno reopened the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Mil rate of 10.75 – overlay of \$86,789
Mil rate of 10.80 – overlay of \$135,877
Mil rate of 10.85 – overlay of \$184,963
Mil rate of 10.90 – overlay of \$234,050

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to set the mil rate at 10.85. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: 2 in favor (Bruno, Taylor) 2 opposed (Gendron, Desjardins)

MOTION: *Mark Gendron motioned to set the mil rate at 10.80. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Gendron, Desjardins, Taylor) 1 opposed (Bruno)

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the commitment papers.

3. Adjournment. Joe Bruno adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk