TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
General Session - 6:45 p.m.
Burlington High School, School Committee Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Board of Selectmen Present: Michael Runyan, Chairman; Christopher Hartling, Vice-Chairman; Robert Hogan; Daniel Grattan; Joseph Morandi
Also Present: John Petrin, Town Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance
The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

222 Public Hearing: Vote/Tax Classification
The public hearing opened with Brian Curtin, Town Treasurer, Paul Sagarino, Town Accountant, and Jim Doherty, Assistant Tax Assessor presenting real estate tax classification options for setting the residential and commercial property tax rates for 2016. Options were first presented at the BOS meeting of November 9, 2015.

Mr. Doherty outlined the values in the community indicating $3.2 million of new growth. Comparative data of surrounding towns demonstrating Burlington's sound financial condition were distributed as well as the town's historical tax data.

Mr. Curtin said that with the strong increase in value, the town will be under the levy limit.

Mr. Sagarino said each of the options presented are at a 4% tax levy increase, which is under the requested 4.5% budget guidelines.

T.A. Petrin discussed the shift from residential responsibility as compared to commercial. The commercial taxes cover certain services and fees for the community.

The members were satisfied with the information provided by staff and after discussion agreed that Option #C was the appropriate choice for both the commercial and residential side with a tax rate of 11.46 for the residential rate and 28.28 for the commercial rate.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

Motion Selectman Grattan moved to select Option #C as presented on the Classification Options for FY 2016 with a tax classification factor for 2016 with residential at 0.638121 and the CIP rate at 1.574701. Seconded by Selectman Hogan and approved. (5-0-0)
Approval: Disability Access Commission
Handicapped Parking Fines Operation Access (3)
Police Special Detail for Handicapped Parking

Sgt. Gerry McDonough and Disability Access Commission (DAC) member Maura Mazzocca were present seeking BOS approval for the use of handicapped parking funds for Operation Access (3), a program of special details by the Burlington Police Department to exclusively monitor HP parking spots. Sgt. McDonough said both the DAC and the Police Department are in full support of the program and described the prior two events. The special detail officers will administer tickets to violators in order to keep HP spaces available to those with valid placards and plates.

Ms. Mazzocca said the amount of $15,000 was recommended to increase the amount of dates. They anticipate starting on Black Friday, November 27, 2015 and continue through the end of the year. She said the Police Department has been extremely active in ticketing which is much appreciated.

Selectman Hogan said the long term goal is to keep people without a placard from parking in the HP spaces. Ms. Mazzocca added that fewer Burlington residents are now parking illegally.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the amount of $15,000 from the Handicapped Parking Fine fund for Operation Access (3) for the cost of special detail officers. Seconded by Selectman Hartling and approved. (5-0-0)

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement for EMD Millipore Corporation

A vote was taken to show support of the TIF agreement during the evening's Special Town Meeting.

Motion: Selectman Grattan moved that the Board of Selectmen support the passing of Article 1, Tax Increment Financing Agreement, EMD Millipore at the special Town Meeting.

Discussion: Chairman Runyan commented that the Tax Increment Financing Agreement and MOU for the Certified Project application for community projects were approved at the November 9, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Seconded by Selectman Hartling and approved. (5-0-0)

Adjourn to 7:30 Special Town Meeting
Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

Submitted by,
Betty McDonough
Recording Clerk
BURLINGTON, MA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Agenda
222 Public Hearing: Vote/Tax Classification - Tax classification booklet; comparison data on surrounding communities
223 Approval: Disability Access Commission - letter from DAC recommending Operation Access (3)