

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, JULY 31, 2017

Present:

Selectboard Members: Mike Dunham, Nat Kinney, Kyle Nuse, Eric Osgood (by phone)

Others: Brian Story, Rosemary Audibert

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Eric called the meeting to order at 5:00. Because he was participating by phone, he asked Kyle to serve as chair.

2. Additions, Changes to Agenda

Eric said he would like to add discussion on Tuesday Night Live.

3. Set Tax Rate

Rosemary said the grand list is \$214,225,600. That leads to a municipal tax rate of .739. School taxes add another .0064, resulting in a tax rate of .7457. Brian estimated .7433 in the town report.

Mike move to set a tax rate of .7457, Eric seconded and the motion was passed.

4. Tuesday Night Live Discussion

Eric said Roger Marcoux called him today. A couple of his deputies were approached by Cal Stanton at the last Tuesday Night Live. Deputies have been showing a presence at Tuesday Night Live and Cal wondered why they were there. Roger told Eric his understanding was that the selectboard was asking for sheriff's department presence in the town – walking patrols, etc. Eric agreed that was the wish of the selectboard. He told Roger the selectboard likes seeing the presence of deputies at events like Tuesday Night Live. He said he would reach out to Cal. He hasn't been able to speak to Cal, but he and Cal have left messages for each other. Cal wanted to know if there was an issue and Eric left him a message saying there was not, that the board just likes to see deputies having a presence at events such as Tuesday Night Live.

Mike asked if Cal resented the fact that they were there. Eric said no; he was just questioning why they were there and if there was a specific issue. Eric said he thinks having them there is a positive. Nat arrived at 5:04. Nat said the deputy presence is much more noticeable this year. It is natural that Cal would have questions. Eric suggested Greg Stefanski could recognize the deputies in a positive way during his shout-outs.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths