

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

**Members Present:** Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
Shana M. Shufelt, Vice Chair  
Brian T. Valcourt, Clerk

**Members Absent:** Craig J. Dutra  
R. Michael Sullivan

**Also Present:** Timothy J. King, Town Administrator

Chairman Ouellette opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. with a salute to the flag and publicly announced under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20(e) that the meeting was being recorded.

**Tax Classification Public Hearing: Required under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 56, regarding the percentage of local tax levy to be borne by each class of property for the Fiscal Year 2018:**

The Tax Classification Hearing was opened at 5:36 p.m. Present were Board of Assessors members, Steve Medeiros, Bob Grillo and Mike Castro. Mr. Medeiros reported that not a lot had changed since the previous year and that Westport was still a residential town. He continued by saying that was why the Assessors were recommending a single tax rate, which would be \$8.17 up from \$7.97. A 20 cent increase. Mr. Grillo mentioned that if the Selectmen preferred having 2 rates (residential & commercial), the Assessors would have needed to start the process the year before instituting them because it would involve a lot of work for their office. Mr. Medeiros noted that the tax levy was higher because of the new police station. On a motion by Selectman Valcourt, which was seconded by Selectman Shufelt, the Board voted unanimously to go with the single tax rate of \$8.17 as recommended by the Board of Assessors. The hearing was closed at 5:42 p.m.

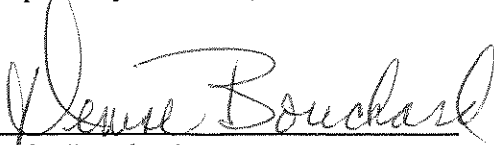
**Action Item:**


1). Selectman Valcourt made a motion to allow Boy Scout Troop 3 to do their annual holiday decorating in front of Town Hall as requested by Troop Leader Jodi Sullivan. The motion was seconded by Selectman Shufelt and was voted unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Selectman Shufelt, which was seconded by Selectman Valcourt, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Denise Bouchard  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

APPROVED:   
Brian T. Valcourt, Clerk