

Monkton Select Board Special Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2013 (approved Sept. 9, 2013)
Monkton Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chair J. Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.
2. Select Board (SB) Members Present: Anne Layn, John McNerney, John Phillips, Stephen Pilcher

SB Member Absent: Roger Parker, Jr.

Others Present: Town Treasurer Bill Joos

3. Announcements: None
4. Regular Business:
 - a. **Set 2013 Municipal Tax Rate**: B. Joos appeared and circulated a 6 Year Tax Rate Comparison, 2008-2013, and a draft Municipal Tax Rate worksheet. B. Joos explained how the figures appearing on the worksheet were calculated and answered numerous questions. The resulting municipal rate was a significant increase from 2012. The SB reviewed the prior year deficit and acknowledged its impact on the proposed 2013 rate. The SB discussed the impact of delinquent taxes. The Monkton Central School budget was also mentioned with reference to the overall tax rate. The SB considered options to mitigate the increase. After further discussion, and following a review of year-to-date expenses for the line item, the SB decided to reduce the funds available to support Article 9 as approved at the 2013 town meeting. The SB also agreed to transfer \$50,000 from the Town Stabilization Fund to reduce the tax rate increase. **With discussion concluded, S. Pilcher moved to establish a 2013 Municipal Tax Rate of .5238; J. McNerney seconded the motion. Voted and approved.**
5. New Business: None
6. Other Business: None
7. Adjournment: **S. Pilcher moved to adjourn at 7:11 PM; seconded by A. Layn. Voted and approved.**

Minutes submitted by Bill Joos

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