

**Board of Selectmen  
September 12, 2016  
Town Hall**

**Present:**

Mary Blanchard, Chairman  
Priscilla Gimas  
Mary Dowling  
Michael Suprenant  
Craig Moran

**Open Session**

Meeting opened at 6:30pm

**6:30 p.m. Public Hearing:** Board of Selectmen along with the Board of Assessors held a public hearing on allocating the local property tax levy among the classes of real property and personal property for FY 17. Ann Murphy, Principal Assessor presented the tax classification for FY 2017 with members of the Board of Assessors. The items to be voted on tonight include: Selection of the SIP factor, Open Space Discount, Residential Exemption and Commercial Exemption. They have recommended the Selectmen take the following actions: that the Selectmen vote to adopt a single tax rate for the Town, that the Selectmen vote not to adopt an Open Space Discount, that the Selectmen vote not to adopt a residential exemption, and the Selectmen vote not to adopt the Small Commercial Exemption.

The Public had no comments.

**Motion: To adopt the tax rate with a factor of 1.00. By: M. Suprenant**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Gimas.**  
**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion: To vote not to adopt the Open Space Discount. By: P. Gimas.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Moran.**  
**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion: To vote not to adopt the Residential Exemption. By: P. Gimas.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Moran.**  
**Vote: 4-1 (M. Suprenant opposed)**

**Motion: To vote not to adopt the small Commercial Exemption. By: M. Suprenant**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Moran.**  
**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion: To close the public hearing. By: P. Gimas.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Moran.**  
**Vote: 5-0**

**Request from the Rotary Club for a Proclamation**

The Selectmen offered the following Proclamation: Whereas the Rotary Clubs of Sturbridge, Massachusetts and Stourbridge, England have worked to promote the bond of friendship between the two clubs and Whereas the People of Sturbridge, Massachusetts and Stourbridge, England have

taken part in cultural exchanges in an attempt to further that bond of friendship and understanding and Whereas the People of Sturbridge, Massachusetts are proud of the sister city relationship which has developed and continues to grow between our towns and Whereas we welcome all opportunities to extend our gratitude the people of Stourbridge, England now therefore the Board of Selectmen and the town of Sturbridge, Massachusetts wishes to extend special greetings and wishes for good health, peace, and prosperity to the people of Stourbridge, England

**Motion: To sign the Proclamation. By: P. Gimas.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Moran.**

**Vote: 5-0**

**Request for Common Victualler license for Cedar Street Café**

Table 3 Restaurants have completed renovations of 420 Main Street. Hours will be Wednesday-Thursday 7am-2pm, Sundays 7am- noon. Seating capacity is 43. Entire site has been reworked.

**Motion: To approve the Common Vic license for Cedar Street Café. By: P. Gimas.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Suprenant.**

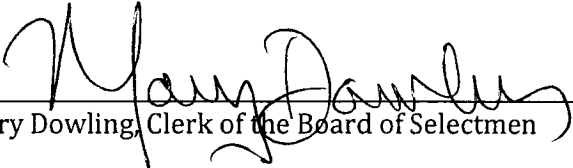
**Vote: 5-0**

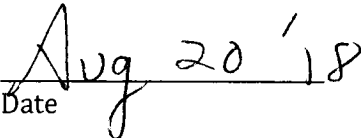
**Motion to adjourn by P. Gimas at 7:20 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Blanchard**

**Vote: 5-0**

Minutes Prepared By: Rebekah DeCoursey

  
Mary Dowling, Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

  
Date