

**HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 MEETING**

<b>Date Of Meeting:</b>	<b>Thursday, November 28, 2018</b>
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	<b>95 High School Road Extension Hyannis, MA 02601 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room</b>

A quorum being duly present, Chairman Cross called the November 28, 2018 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

**PRESENT:** Peter Cross, Victor Skende, Dennis Sullivan, Laura Cronin and Demetrius Atsalis

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Peter Burke, Treasurer Verna LaFleur, Barnstable Town Assessor Ed O'Neill and Reporting Secretary Colleen Murphy

**ABSENT:** None

**I. OPEN SESSION**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Commissioner Sullivan motioned to continue the open public meeting on Tax Classification for fiscal year 2019 (FY 2019) originally scheduled begun on November 8, 2018.

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

- Ed O'Neill stated the Town of Barnstable Property Valuations are:
  - o Town of Barnstable Residential property increased 5%
  - o Town of Barnstable Commercial property increased to 3.1%
  - o There is a 4.7% increase across all Town of Barnstable villages
- Ed O'Neill discussion on Town of Barnstable Property Valuation By Fire District:
  - o Hyannis Fire District Single Family medium assessed value is \$272,400
  - o Referencing the Hyannis Residential Value Assessment data sheet created on 05/21/2018 shows projected average property values FY19 in Hyannis based on 2017 sales
  - o January through October 2018 real estate sales healthy
    - Single family – 5%
    - Condo – 4.81%
    - Two Family – 1.22%
    - Three Family – 4.40%
  - o Referencing the Assessment/Classification Report as of January 1, 2018 Fiscal Year 2019 created by the Massachusetts Department Of Revenue, Division of Local Services, Bureau of Local Assessment report
    - Report shows appreciation across all of the properties in Hyannis District
  - o Referencing the Tax Recapitulation Fiscal 2019 created by the Massachusetts Department Of Revenue, Division of Local Services, Bureau of Local Assessment report

- The levy has historically been set at 1.35 (Residential Factor 0.8496) the Residential Tax Rate would thus be 3.08 and the Commercial Tax Rate will be 4.89
  - The Commonwealth sets the levy. FY18 levy was \$10,374,565 if the levy rate stays the same in FY19 as the FY18 levy, the proposed FY19 levy is \$12,386,979
- Commissioner Sullivan motioned to have the Hyannis Fire District adopt the 1.35 split Tax Classification rate for FY2019

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

- **Public Questions**

- Dave Webb asked where the estimated \$12,386,979 levy comes from
    - Ed O'Neill stated you take the Fiscal 2019 Town Budget, voted on in May 2018, which stated the amount to be raised was \$14.5 million then subtracted from the \$14.5 million the estimated receipts which equates to \$2.1 million and that gives you the \$12 million
  - Dave Webb asked if the Fire District would be able to adopt a residential exception
    - Chairman Cross and Commissioner Sullivan said no Barnstable district offers this as financially an exemption does not make sense as the levy does not change
    - Ed O'Neill said a residential exemption would raise the tax rate for owner occupied residencies but then a tax exception would be allowed so the levy will not change but the tax rate will go up
- Commissioner Sullivan motioned to close the public meeting on Tax Classification for Fiscal year 2019 (FY 2019)

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

- Commissioner Sullivan motioned that the Hyannis Fire District adopt the Residential Factor of 0.8496 for Tax Classification FY 2019

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

Vote on Adjournment:

Upon a motion fully made and seconded it was voted to adjourn  
Adjourned at 4:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen E. Murphy, Recording Secretary, Hyannis Fire District