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**TOWN OF LUDLOW
SELECT BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
July 7, 2011**

Board Members Present:

Howard Barton, Jr., Chairman, John Neal, Brett Sanderson, Bruce Schmidt, Doug Ficken

Staff Present:

Frank Heald, Ulla Cook, Ron Tarbell

Call to Order:

- a. Chairman, Howard Barton Jr. called the Special Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Set Town Tax Rate for FY 2012:

- a. Frank Heald said late yesterday they received the tax numbers from the State.
- b. Frank Heald said this year’s FY 2011 unaudited surplus is \$102,490; the voters allowed the Cemetery surplus to stay with the Cemetery in the amount of \$7,873; the Transfer Station scale is under capital and should be encumbered, leaving an unaudited amount of \$74,617. When this amount is added to the FY2010 surplus of \$421,769 we have an available surplus of \$496,386.
- c. Frank Heald said we could keep the local tax rate the same as last year. He added that we have no control over the education tax rates.
- d. Howard Barton, Jr. recommended using 2.5¢ which is roughly \$350,735 of the surplus which would set the local tax rate at \$00.2267.
- e. Frank Heald said it would leave \$150,000 left which is one-half of what is recommended. He said the auditors would like to see 10%.
- f. Bruce Schmidt said he agrees with Howard Barton’s suggestion of 2.5¢.
- g. Motion by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by John Neal to set the FY 2012 Tax Rate at \$00.2267 and using the surplus of \$350,735. All in favor and the motion passed.

Killington Sports Car Club Request:

- a. Frank Heald said he received a request from the Killington Sports Car Club after the June meeting requesting the access road be closed this coming weekend and again in August. Frank said the club has received a special use permit from the state.
- b. Howard Barton, Jr. said he did not see any problems with closing the road.

Open 2011 Summer Paving Bids:

Vendor	Price Per Ton
Fuller Sand & Gravel	\$66.00
Pike Industries	\$72.08
Wilk Paving	\$76.92
Springfield Paving	\$68.50
F.W. Whitcomb Construction	\$81.93
Lane Construction	\$79.50

- a. Frank Heald said Fuller Sand & Gravel has the lowest bid.
- b. Ron Tarbell said they have done a good job for the Town over the past three years with no problems.
- c. Motion by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Doug Ficken to award the 2011 Summer Paving Bid to Fuller Sand & Gravel at \$66.00 per ton. All in favor and the motion passed.

Adjourn:

- a. Motion by Doug Ficken to adjourn and seconded by Brett Sanderson. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Acting Clerk

Howard Barton Jr., Chairman

John Neal

Bruce Schmidt

Brett Sanderson

Douglas Ficken