

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Selectman's Conference Room  
Thursday, June 9, 2022  
6:30 pm**

**Present:** First Selectman Jay Swan, Selectman Chandler Paquette, Selectwoman Charlene Perkins Cutler

**Others Present:** Diane Miller, Dawn Adiletta, Joseph Adiletta

**Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

Swan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Consider Tax Abatements for Qualifying Farms**

Swan mentioned that this item could not be completed until after the budget and mill rate were set; in 2021 the total of the tax abatements was approximately \$10,336.30 based on a 25.5 mill rate. The 2022 total of tax abatements comes to \$11,928.29 based on the new mill rate of 20.85. Paquette stated that the dollar amounts are small, but this helps and shows support for the agricultural community. Perkins Cutler moved to accept the July 2022 Tax Abatements for Qualifying Farms.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Citizens Comments**

Dawn Adiletta asked if she could get a copy of the abatement list and was provided with one.

Diane Miller said her husband received a call from a resident farmer who saw the tax abatements listed on the agenda, that person was worried that changes might be made. Diane called to confirm there were no big changes. Swan said this is reviewed and approved each year based on the new mill rate.

Joseph Adiletta asked if there was ever an option, based on economic times, to not approve the abatement? Swan responded he didn't think so. Discussion ensued about property values increasing due to the recent revaluation. Swan reminded those present that the assessments include equipment, not just farmland, and the tax abatement ordinance shows support to farmers. Perkins Cutler stated this is all defined in the ordinance.

**4. Adjournment**

Swan moved to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal Adams  
HR/Office Manager