

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021
6:30 P.M.

MEETING PLACE: ROOM A - TOWN CAMPUS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Public Hearing of Monday, January 25, 2021 to order at 6:33 p.m. Present were First Selectman Banisch, Selectman Goldberg, Selectman Murphy, and Selectman Wilson. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comment:

1. Revisions to Code of Ordinances Section 20-5. - Property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters.

John Brady, member of the NMVFD thanked Board on behalf of the Fire Departments. He stated that the Ordinance was a long time coming. The purpose is to bring the abatement into line with what's allowable under the state and would reward some members that have given many years of service to the community.

Dave Cone, NMVFD Chief stated that he echoed the comments from John Brady and thanked the Board.

Brian Koczak, a member of the NMVFD stated that he is a career firefighter in another municipality and the Town of Madison is fortunate to have the staffing here done by volunteers. This is a great way to thank the volunteers for their services.

Paul Harris, President of the NMVFD stated that the departments work together to help the residents in town. In total, NMVFD contribute over 8,000 man hours per year and this Ordinance will help recognize that service to the town. He asked the Board for their support in passing the Ordinance change at their meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Puciato a volunteer member of NMVFD stated that this Ordinance change will help recruit new members to the department as well.

Chris Bernier, Deputy Chief of NMVFD thanked the Board for their help and echoed

Chuck Venter a recent addition to the NMVFD stated that he was amazed at the service and commitment of the Department.

Travis Gulick, member of the NMVFD echoed comments of the members who spoke before him.

There being no objections, First Selectwoman Lyons adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Town Services Coordinator / Risk Manager