

**TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM  
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS**

\*SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING\*

MARCH 31, 1982

Attending the meeting were Chairman John DeIprete, John King and Claire F. Lavin, Clerk, Executive Administrator, M. Clarke and Assessors George Eck, Tom Ball and Chairman Jack Maguire.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a statement that the purpose of the special emergency meeting was to discuss and agree on the question of establishing a classified tax rate. The meeting was necessary to meet the time requirements of the Department of Revenue for establishing a tax rate for fiscal year 1982.

Chairman Jack Maguire of the Board of Assessors presented a background breakdown of the proposed classification procedure in establishing the tax rate for fiscal year 1982. Included were 20 samples taken at random of residential and 20 similar random samples of commercial industrial properties. These samples included the value and actual taxes in the prior year and the projected valuation and taxes for a proposed classified procedure. It was proposed that the rate for the residential classification be established at approximately \$23.00 and the rate for the commercial industrial classification and personal property be established at approximately \$30.00. These rates were used in illustrations and the indication was that most residential properties would have a slightly lower tax bill compared with the prior year while commercial industrial properties would have a somewhat higher tax bill.

It was emphasized that the total tax levy would not exceed 2½% of total valuation as is required under the law. It was also stated that 121 cities and towns are scheduled for complete and final revaluation this year. To date, only 44 have been certified by the Department of Revenue. It was expected that Framingham would be number 45.

Selectman King stated that he would obviously like to see an even lower tax rate for the residential properties because of the situation many people face that would make it impossible for them to absorb a substantial tax increase while commercial and industrial properties have the opportunity to pass these costs along. He did state however, that apparently the assessors had proposed a reasonable compromise and he thanked them for the example breakdown which was submitted.

Selectman Lavin moved to accept the assessors' proposal. The motion was seconded by Selectman King and the vote was unanimous to approve their proposed classification procedures.

Upon questioning from the Selectmen, Chairman Maguire stated that he expected to have the tax rate approved by the State Department of Revenue on April 2nd which would allow them to mail the actual tax bills by April 9, 1982.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 P.M. by unanimous vote.

  
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