

**TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY
PUBLIC HEARING:
SPECIAL DISTRICT BUDGET AND 2014 TOWN BUDGET
WEDNESDAY, 11/6/2013, 7:00 PM**

SALLY P. CARLSON, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
RALPH WHITNEY, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
FRANK STOW, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
DICK SENA, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
DUNCAN MCNEILL, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Miller, Bookkeeper; Nancy Thomas, Town Clerk

Mrs. Carlson opened the hearing at 7:00 PM.

SPECIAL DISTRICT BUDGET

Mrs. Carlson said she had sent a letter to residents of the Loomis Bay Water; Sunrise Cove/BOCES Water; and Ashville Light #1; Special Districts advising them of the special district tax budget hearing because it was thought that a new procedure in NYS required this action. She said after the letters were sent and upon further investigation it was determined that because these tax amounts are based on assessment and each taxpayer has the opportunity to grieve that assessment, the letter was not necessary.

There were 4 members of the public present and the board spoke informally with them about these districts. There was discussion of the accessibility of the BPU water lines to Sunrise Cove/BOCES in relation to homes on Rt. 394.

2014 TOWN BUDGET

Mrs. Carlson reviewed the Summary of Town Budget 2014 with those present (copy included with minutes). The only change to that summary was the total taxable valuation which was reduced to \$268,798,530.00 perhaps due to a successful small claim on assessment. She noted a typographical error on page 5; *Actual 2013*; Total Public Safety; should be \$16,100 instead of \$1,000. Typographical error on page 8; *Preliminary*; DR5110.1 Personal Service; should be \$141,250 instead of \$14,150.

There was discussion of the large amount in the Highway Contractual A5132.4 even after the completion of the new building. **Mrs. Carlson** said the new building account has been eliminated, but they have put extra funds in for the salt shed that is needed. There was also discussion of the increase in NYS Retirement costs even with the recent rise in the stock market. It was discussed that the increase in DA9030.8 Social Security even though there was no wage increase was due to estimations for overtime based on final 2012 budgetary transfers.

Mrs. Carlson said the rate should be \$2.63 per \$1000.00 of assessed value.

Mrs. Thomas said the rate for 2013 was \$2.61/\$1000.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

*Nancy Thomas
Town Clerk*