

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
November 1, 2016**



**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Tom Gauthier; Selectmen Bob Jordan, Tom Dwyer, Mike Yergeau, and Susan McGeough; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge and Finance Director Lisa Fogg. Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard was excused.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gauthier called the public meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Town Administrator's office and the Epping Town Hall.

**SETTING TAX RATE**

Town Administrator Gregory Dodge brought forward DRA's (Department of Revenue Administration) recommended new tax rate of \$26.13 per thousand which represents a \$.19 increase over last year's rate of \$25.94. The Board was also presented with different options from buying the tax rate to zero or to decrease the rate. Finance Director Lisa Fogg was present to answer any questions. To buy down the rate to zero the Board would have to use \$135,000.00 of fund balance which currently has an approximate balance of \$1.4 million. The Board asked Ms. Fogg how much would be added to the fund balance at the end of this year. Lisa Fogg estimated that to be approximately \$200,000.00. The Board discussed the different options.

**Selectman Tom Dwyer made a motion to use \$135,000.00 from the fund balance to buy down the tax rate of zero. Seconded by Selectman Susan McGeough. Discussion: Selectman Yergeau said that by keeping the rate flat it could be used as a "talking point" when budgets are reviewed. All members felt that this was the right move and were pleased to be able to keep the rate flat. Chairman Gauthier called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.**

**TAX WARRANT**

Based on the Board's motion, Town Administrator Dodge presented the "Second Issue Tax Warrant" representing the buy down. The tax warrant was presented in the amount of \$8,819,288.30 (Eight Million, Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents).

**Selectman Bob Jordan made a motion to approve the second issue tax warrant in the amount of \$8,819,288.30. Seconded by Selectman Tom Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.**

**CITATIONS**

The Board discussed briefly a recent fire on Blake Rd. where a sixteen year old boy saved his six year old sister from their home which was on fire. The Board asked the Town Administrator to attempt to get the family into a meeting so the Board could present the boy a citation for his good deed. The Board also asked that Officer Ross and a State Trooper be awarded a citation for saving a man a few weeks ago after he suffered a heart attack outside of Walmart.

**ADJOURN**

**Selectman Tom Gauthier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Tom Dwyer. Motion carried 5-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gregory C. Dodge  
Town Administrator

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Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

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Bob Jordan, Vice-Chairman

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Thomas Dwyer, Selectman

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Michael Yergeau, Selectman

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Susan McGeough, Selectman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_