

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
October 24, 2019**



ATTENDANCE

Chairman Adam Munguia; Selectmen Joe Trombley, Mike Yergeau, Bob Jordan and Cody Belanger; Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Munguia called the public session to order at 6:45 pm at the Epping Town Hall.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

BUSINESS

TAX RATE

Finance Director Lisa Fogg clarified the DRA numbers that are used to set the tax rate. Chairman Munguia explained what is required by the state to keep money in the budget for emergencies. Discussion followed regarding having a member of the school board present to discuss the amount of money they gave back towards the budget. Even though they have never been a part of the tax rate discussion there were questions. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge explained that time is of the essence to set the tax rate for billing purposes. Chairman Munguia suggested approving the tax rate this year and invite the school board next year for clarification of their budget.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to use the \$480,000 fund balance to buy down the tax rate. Seconded by Chairman Munguia. Motion not acted on.

Conservation continued until 3 members of the school board arrived.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to take a 5 minute recess. Seconded by Selectman Trombley. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to reconvene the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Trombley. Motion carried 5-0.

School Board Members Ben Leavitt, Deb Brooks and Heather Clark arrived to explain what the School Board did with their Fund Balance. Mrs. Brooks reported giving \$320,682 from the schools fund balance to help offset the school portion of the town tax rate. All the numbers have been reported to the DRA as was the towns.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to use \$300,000 of the fund balance to buy down the tax rate. Seconded by Selectman Trombley. Motion carried 4-1. Selectman Belanger voted nay.

The numbers will need to be sent to DRA for approval. A meeting Monday at 6 PM will be scheduled to sign the tax warrant and approve the new tax rate.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge asked for clarification on what to do with the old bricks from the library project. Selectman Trombley said to put them on a pallet and store them as they might be used for the rebuilding of the front steps of the library.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Belanger

No Report

Selectman Yergeau

No Report

Selectman Trombley

No Report

Selectman Jordan

No Report

Selectman Munguia

No Report

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Jordan to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary**

Adam Munguia, Chairman

Mike Yergeau, Selectman

Cody Belanger, Selectman

Joe Trombley, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____ 10/28/19 _____