



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD

SELECT BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020
TOWN OFFICE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
233 ATLANTIC AVENUE
1:00 O'CLOCK PM

1. **Call to Order by the Chair**

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Sununu, Town Administrator Tully and Finance Director Cornwell.

2. **New Business**

2.1 Setting of the Tax Rate

Finance Director Cornwell stated in order to set the tax rate, the board needed to consider whether or not to use any of the undesignated fund balance, and they also needed to decide what the overlay amount should be.

Finance Director Cornwell stated the unaudited undesignated fund balance is currently \$1.683 million dollars, which is below the recommended amount of 8% of the total budget.

The board stated unanimously that they were not interested in using the undesignated fund balance to lower the tax rate.

The board discussed overlay amounts, with Finance Director Cornwell discussing current court cases and estimated abatements that will be forthcoming. He further stated abatements over the past several years averaged a total of \$45,000.

Town Administrator Tully apprised the board on information he had received that morning from the Department of Environmental Services and the need to hire a consultant regarding contamination.

Motion by Chair Maggiore to set the overlay amount at \$150,000. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Chair Maggiore announced the tax rate would be \$16.91.

Finance Director Cornwell noted that this tax rate does not include costs for the new library and will be figured into the next tax rate. He further noted the increase to the tax rate for the library project alone will add approximately eleven cents next year.

3. **Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board**

The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of the Town's affairs, which circumstances may require

Selectman Miller asked what the time frame was for the Route 111/151 intersection. Town Administrator Tully stated a temporary fix with the "T" intersection will be completed in the Spring of 2021, with a total completed fix included in the State of New Hampshire's 10-year plan.

4. **Adjournment**

Chair Maggiore adjourned the work session at 1:35PM.

Respectfully,
Janet L. Facella