

Town of Haverhill
Select Board Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday January 12, 2023, at 10:00 AM
James R. Morrill Building

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Fred Garofalo called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Select Board Attendance: Kevin Knapp (Present), Katie Williams (Present), Mike Graham (Present), Vice Chair Steve Robbins (Present), Chair Fred Garofalo (Present). A quorum was met.

Town Employees Present:

Town Manager (TM): Brigitte Codling

Assistant Town Manager (ATM): Jennifer Boucher

Members of the Public Present

In Person:

Vickie Wyman	Kristi Garofalo	Bob Long	Mark Johanson
Kevin Shelton	Doug Dutile	Barb Dutile	Mike Roberts
Steve Wheeler	Richard Clifford	David Lackie	Laurie Melanson
Kathy Ducharme	Joe Longacre	Margo Longacre	Darwin Clogston
David Robinson	Cinde Warmington	Donnie Spencer	Howard Hatch
Jim McKinnon	Jacob Cochran	Matthew Bjelobrk	Robert Roudebush
Alex Nuti-de Biasi	Janice Dube		

New Business: Meeting with Cinde Warmington regarding the Town, School, and District tax rate setting delay.

Discussion:

It was discussed that on December 27, 2022, the DRA had sent the Town a letter stating that they would not set the Town's tax rate until the Woodsville vs DRA appeal was resolved by the Supreme Court. The Town had asked the DRA to set the Town's tax rate, however, the Town was asking for Cinde Warmington Executive Councilor's assistance with compelling the DRA to set the Town, School, and all four district's tax rates. The Town, districts, and school administration expressed their frustration and explained the negative impacts to operations if the tax rate is not set, because tax bills can't go out, and tax revenue can't be collected to pay for operations. Cinde asked who her single point of contact should be for Haverhill and the Select Board stated that Cinde Warmington should communicate with Town Administration as the Town's single point of contact. Cinde stated she understood our plight and would do everything she could to compel the DRA to set the Town, School, and District's tax rates.

Adjourned at 11:38am

Minutes produced by Brigitte M. Codling, Town Manager