

**SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**August 16, 2022**

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Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager; Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Lilly Clark (Mt. Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Paul Binette (O'Donnell & Associates)

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**1. Pledge of Allegiance** – 3:00 pm - Tim led the pledge.

**2. Tax & Sewer Commitment** – Paul went over the BETE Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Form and the 2022 Tax Rate Model with the Selectboard. The Jay Solar Project has an assessed value of 3.5 million dollars this year. We can also expect increased revenue from NECEC valuation. The mill valuation remains flat for this year, no significant increase or decrease in value. Last year we were regrouping after the explosion of the digesters at the mill. We applied for Sudden and Severe Valuation loss. That affected revenue sharing and our education budget. Our education bill is down from 6.1 million last year to 4.48 million this year. Last year we had to pull 2.25 million from the undesignated fund to avoid our mil rate taking a large jump from 17.5 to possibly 24 or 25 mils. This was our second year of Sudden and Severe valuation and it has worked to help keep our mil rate steady.

Next year will be different because we are doing a revaluation of all the properties in town. Paul said that we will have boots on the ground in October or November doing field work going house to house. They will have assessors' stickers, photo ID tags, and will have a list of all vehicles with registrations posted at the town office and police department.

Shiloh mentioned the two tax programs that are available starting this year and that we are trying to get the word out to everyone who is eligible. One of the programs locks in your tax amount from one year to the next and this is a good time to apply since we are doing a revaluation next year and taxes will probably go up.

Paul is recommending that the tax rate remain the same as last year.

M/M/S Terry/Tom to set the mil rate the same as last year which is \$20.50 per \$1,000 of valuation. Vote 4-0-0. Selectboard signed the commitment form.

M/M/S Terry/Tom to approve the Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates. Vote 4-0-0.

M/M/S Gary/Tom to adjourn at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York