

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

Chairman Les Babb called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Present were Selectmen Les Babb, Ernie Day, and Melissa Florio, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded these minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

**Discussion:**

The preliminary tax rate was reviewed at \$10.20 overall, a \$0.65 decrease. Fund balance is currently \$1.3 million which is a healthy 16.16% retainage. Overlay is the only area for adjustment since the overall rate is already lower than last year, currently set at \$5,000. Increasing overlay to \$25,000 will increase the tax rate by \$0.03 to \$10.23. Question regarding whether requests for abatement under hardship will be on the rise with the current state of the economy. Les made a motion to increase the overlay to \$25,000. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Discussion regarding the purchase of a new sweeper. The Board agreed that the purchase could be made as an emergency expenditure this fall if one is available, with a withdrawal from the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Then an appropriation could be made at Town Meeting to replenish the Capital Reserve Fund from fund balance.

The Property Tax Levy was prepared for signatures. Les made a motion to sign. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

Being no further input, Les made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen N. White, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_\_:

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Leslie R. Babb

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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Melissa M. Florio