

TOWN OF WILTON  
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: October 21, 2015  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Place: Town Office  
Present: Chairman Richard E. Swanson, Selectmen William F. Condra and Kermit R. Williams.  
Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Swanson. Tonight's agenda is to set the tax rate for 2015.

Chairman Swanson's goal is to keep the tax rate flat.

Selectman Condra explained that the unexpended fund balance is what we use if we go over budget or have an emergency.

Selectman Williams is concerned that when doing a revaluation, it will change people's perception of the tax bill so the time to change is after a revaluation. He spoke of expenditures for CIP items, saying that we didn't allocate a lot of money in this area. He feels the Town needs an analysis of what we need to buy before putting a lot of money in there.

They discussed previous years' tax rates.

Selectman Williams questioned why the cost has gone up this year where we need to take much more money from fund balance to have a rate similar to last year. There was further discussion on this item. They tried to contact a School Board member to get school budget information, but the member was unavailable. Next, they contacted Treasurer Jerry Greene and continued their discussion. Chairman Swanson reiterated that he feels it is his duty to keep tax rate flat.

Jerry encouraged the Board not to make cuts on the back of the employees; there are other areas that can be cut without knocking employees down. He also reminded them that they are dealing with only 1/3 of the total town tax rate – 2/3 of the tax rate is for the schools.

Chairman Swanson is in favor of using enough fund balance to keep the level flat. Selectman Williams said to think of the long term future of the Town by not taking half of the Town's savings to keep the tax rate flat. After further discussion the Selectmen settled on an amount that would give a \$26.35 tax rate. Selectman Williams would still like to find where that additional money went that requires so much be taken from fund balance. He will call DRA and ask them to help track it down.

**Motion:** Chairman Swanson made a motion to reduce fund balance by \$1,100,000 and to maintain overlay of \$50,000 to arrive at a \$26.35 tax rate. The motion was seconded and a unanimous vote in the affirmative followed. Motion carries.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Chairman Swanson, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

*Pamela L. Atwood*

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Recording Secretary

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Richard E. Swanson, Chairman

*Wm F. Condra*

William F. Condra

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Kermit R. Williams

10-26-15

Date Signed