

**Town of New Fairfield
Board of Selectmen
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812**

**MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Saturday, June 29, 2024
8:30 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37**

<u>Board of Selectmen members present</u>	<u>Other Town Officials Present</u>
Melissa Lindsey, First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, Selectman Tom Perkins, Selectman	Shareen Landgon, Tax Collector Holly Smith, Town Clerk Thora Perkins, BOF Chairman Mark Beninson, BOF member Wes Marsh, BOF member Cheryl Reedy, BOF member Peggy Katkocin, BOF Alternate member Dominic Cipollone, BOE Chairman Amy Johnson, BOE member Kimberly LaTourette, BOE member Samantha Mannion, BOE member

Call To Order First Selectman Melissa Lindsey called the meeting to order at 8:41 pm. She announced that she is disappointed with the results of the failed budget referendum and the fact that the BOS is put in the position of having to set a Mil Rate.

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion and vote to set 2024/2025 Mil Rate

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set the Mil Rate at 36.62 for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Melissa Lindsey seconded the motion.

Vote: 1-2-0 (Motion denied- Pat Del Monaco in favor, Melissa Lindsey and Tom Perkins opposed)

There was a discussion among the member of the BOS regarding the financial needs of the town and the best way to compromise. Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that the motion that she proposed would restore the full \$750,000 back to the Education operating budget. First Selectman Melissa Lindsey spoke of the number of taxpayers struggling to pay taxes. Pat Del Monaco spoke of the results of the past four referendums and the need to listen to the majority of the voters that took the time to vote. It was noted that the BOS needs to present a budget that has the most reasonable expectation of passing. Selectman Tom Perkins spoke of the need to consider the needs of the Town as well as the needs of the schools.

Melissa Lindsey made a motion to set the Mil Rate at 36.52 for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Tom Perkins seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote on Billing date for 2024/2025 Tax Bills

Tax Collector Shareen Langdon spoke of the process for sending out tax bills and the corresponding due dates.

Melissa Lindsey made a motion to set the Tax Collection dates for August 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025. Tom Perkins seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco explained the process for the budget and noted that the BOS does not have the authority to set the budget. The purpose of them setting the Mil Rate at tonight's meeting is to allow the Town to send out tax bills. The BOF is still required to meet and set a revised budget that will go to referendum.

Adjournment

Melissa Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:08 pm. Tom Perkins seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

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by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield