Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – November 14, 2025
Town Hall
620 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey, NH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair W. William Hutwelker III, at 3pm. at Town Hall, 620 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey, NH. Other members present were Selectmen James Tempesta and Mark LaBelle. Also present was Town Administrator Lori Rautiola

Lori stated the following were changes made to the MS 434:

- Land Use Change Tax: increase to $20,000
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes: increase to $100,895
- Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes: increase to $65,000
- Motor Vehicle Permit Fees: increase to $1,700,000
- Building Permit Fees: increase to $60,000
- Highway Block Grant: increase to $197,174
- Income from Departments: increase to $55,000
- Garbage Refuse Charges: increase to $110,000
- Interest on Investments: increase to $35,000
- Revenue from miscellaneous sources no otherwise classified: decrease to $49,700

Lori stated that there is currently $2,818,947 in the Unassigned Fund Balance. $250,000 was appropriated at Town Meeting, leaving our available Unassigned Fund Balance at $2,568,947. She explained that the Board can use some of the funds to lower the tax rate. By using the undesignated fund balance, each $100,000 would lower the rate by $0.10.

Lori added the Finance Director, the Tax Collector and she concurred that after reviewing the revenues and overlay (currently at $50,000) they would recommend using $300,000 from fund balances to reduce the tax rate to $20.18, leaving the Unassigned Fund Balance at 9.16% which is within the range of 5%- 17% that the DRA recommends.

Chair Hutwelker had to leave the meeting.

LaBelle made a motion to direct the Town Administrator to set the 2025 overall tax rate at $20.18. Tempesta seconded the motion; it passed 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by LaBelle to adjourn the meeting; Tempesta seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0.

Adjournment occurred at 3:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Rautiola, Town Administrator
Approved on December 17, 2025