

Town of Pittsford SELECT BOARD MEETING – July 9, 2025 -DRAFT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Malay, David Mills, Mark Winslow, Dan Adams and Thomas Hooker.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Reed – Interim Town Manager

The Select Board was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chair Malay.

Chair Malay stated there was a need to add an executive for contracts for the selectboard only.

Motion by T. Hooker and seconded by D. Mills to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously 5– 0.

SELECTBOARD MEMBER REMARKS:

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None presented at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Tax Rate FY 2026:

A. Malay asked A. Reed to explain the tax rates for FY2026. A. Reed explained the worksheet at the top of the packet in front of the selectboard members, which was created by Pat. This included the homestead and non-homestead rates for the municipal rates including the village and excluding the village. The total municipal tax rate is \$0.6823 and the total municipal tax rate with village is \$0.7128. It was noted that the municipal tax rate went up less than \$.01 from FY2025 to FY2026.

The education tax rate is \$1.8048 for homestead tax rate and the non-homestead tax rate is \$1.9550. This is based off from the numbers given to the Town Clerk/Treasurer's office from the State of Vermont. The educational homestead tax rate went up approximately \$0.085 for FY2026 versus FY2025 and the non-residential education tax rate went up approximately \$0.0398 FY2026 versus FY2025.

The total tax rate for homestead residential is \$2.4871 and the homestead residential with village is \$2.5176. The total non-residential tax rate is \$2.6373 and the total non-residential tax rate with village is \$2.6678.

There was discussion on why our grand list does not seem to have had much growth this year. A. Reed stated it is due to the changes sent from the State of Vermont on solar, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. A. Reed recalls the Town lost about \$5 million in the grand list due to this. The information was included in a previous packet for the selectboards information. West Rutland was hit even harder. Lisa Wright is trying to get more information on this and is appealing the new appraised values for this to the State level for all of the towns she serves.

A. Reed wanted to point out to all that there is less than a penny difference between last year and this year for the municipal portion of the tax bill. The largest increases are coming from the education side. A. Reed took a class on the way the education tax rate is set and it took over an hour to show one town's calculations. There were problems in the formula that the class went over and things had to be corrected while the State was teaching the class. It is very hard for the general public to understand these equations.

A. Malay asked for a motion for municipal tax rate. M. Winslow moved to accept the municipal tax rates of \$0.6823 and municipal with village rate of \$0.7128. This was seconded by D. Adams. Motion passed 5-0.

A. Malay asked to move to the education rates. The homestead education tax rate is \$1.8048 and the non-homestead tax rate is \$1.9550. A. Malay made the motion to accept the education tax rates with a second from D. Adams. Motion failed 0-5. A. Malay stated this is symbolic only. The Town would still print the same tax bills.

Motion by T. Hooker and seconded by D. Mills to go into executive session. Motion passed 5-0.

Select Board exited executive session at 5:29pm with no action taken. Motion by M. Winslow and seconded by D. Mills to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

The next Select Board meeting will be held on July 16, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Reed
Interim Town Manager

Alicia Malay, Chair

David Mills, Vice Chair

Thomas Hooker, Selectman

Dan Adams, Selectman

Mark Winslow, Selectman