

# **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Albany, NH**

October 24, 2017 4:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** At 4:03 p.m., Chairman Hiland called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All present joined Chairman Hiland in the Pledge.

Chairman Hiland asked all present to remain standing to observe a moment of silence to remember a Past Selectman, Dan Sdankus, who recently and suddenly passed away on October 20.

**Attendance:**

Members present: Rick Hiland, Cathy Ryan and Joe Ferris

Town Administrator: Kathy Golding

Public: Steve Knox

**New Business: Setting of the tax rate**

The Board discussed the using the unreserved fund balance to offset the preliminary tax rate of \$17.81 per assessed thousand. Chairman Hiland made a motion to use \$100,000 of the unreserved fund balance to lower the tax rate to \$16.92 per assessed thousand, leaving the unreserved fund balance at 12.26% of the retained fund balance which is within the Department of Revenue's recommendation, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion. There was further discussion regarding how much of the unreserved fund balance to use. A vote was taken on the motion and all were in favor.

**Other Business:**

Chairman Hiland announced the passing of former Selectman, Dan Sdankus. His funeral service is Thursday morning in Massachusetts. Chairman Hiland feels the town should be represented and he recommends the Town Administrator be that person. Dan was a Selectman, a resident and a neighbor. The Board of Selectmen agreed that Kathy will attend the service. Chairman Hiland will cover the Selectmen's office hours on Thursday. Selectperson Ryan said she was fine with that and agreed the town should be represented. Dan was also a former member of the Planning Board and mediated an issue between two property owners on behalf of the town.

Steve Knox added that Dan also served as Deputy Health Officer, Health Officer and Supervisor of the Checklist. Steve suggested that the 2017 town report be dedicated in Dan's memory.

At 4:22 p.m., Selectman Ferris made a motion to adjourn, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Golding  
Town Administrator