



Town of Turner, Maine

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Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Monday, August 31, 2015 Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Youland. Also present were Selectmen Ralph Caldwell, Dennis Richardson and Angelo Terreri, and Town Manager Kurt Schaub.
2. Mr. Schaub discussed the adjustments made to the Revenue estimates, which include an anticipated refund from MSAD 52 at the end of the fiscal year. He and Selectmen Terreri and Youland attended the school board meeting on August 27 and heard that the district will be receiving additional state aid for education in the current year, roughly \$160,000 of which is attributable to the Town of Turner. Also reported to them was that, during their budget vote, an article was approved that allows the district to use additional, unanticipated state funds to offset other revenue curtailments that might occur over the course of the year. At year end, excess state funds would then be returned to the towns. State Representative Jeff Timberlake also attended the school board meeting and reported that the purpose of the additional aid, which was voted in the last hours of the legislative session, was to provide property tax relief. The Turner representatives made clear their position that the additional funds should be accessible in the present fiscal year to reduce taxes. That position in mind, it was agreed to anticipate that a portion of the additional funds will be returned to the towns at year end, and that Turner should anticipate, in the form of revenue, \$100,000 from MSAD 52. Mr. Schaub presented a tax rate calculation scenario that includes that revenue, and the use of \$325,000 from the fund balance to reduce the tax commitment. Those adjustments will allow for a tax rate of 15.9 mils, with an overlay of \$26,440. On a motion by Mr. Terreri, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, it was unanimously agreed to set Turner's fiscal 2016 tax rate at 15.9 mils.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub