TOWN OF CHESHIRE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen
Board of Assessors

MEETING MINUTES –SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person at 191 Church Street (Cheshire Community House) on Tuesday September 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Present: Shawn McGrath, Chair
Jason Levesque, Vice Chair
Ray Killeen, Member
Michelle Francesconi, Member
Ron DeAngelis, Member

Board of Assessors Present: Barbara Astorino, Chair
Kellie Lahey, Member
Fred Hobart, Member

Others Present: Jennifer Morse, Town Administrator; Robin Wadsworth, Assessors Administrator; Whitney Flynn; Tom Francesconi, Fire Chief

Summary of Votes:

- Vote to adopt a single tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026 5-0
- Vote to enter executive session and not return to regular meeting 5-0

Open Regular Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance
S. McGrath called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 p.m.

Tax Classification Hearing - Joint Meeting with Board of Assessors
R. Wadsworth inquired if the board had time to review the documents submitted. There were no questions regarding the information provided. R. Wadsworth shared that the estimated tax rate is $10.58 with an excess capacity number of $13,287.04.
A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by M. Francesconi to adopt a single tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis- Yes; R. Killeen-Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi- Yes; S. McGrath – Yes
Motion Carries - 5-0

R. Wadsworth stated that the Board of Assessors would be meeting and will sign and submit the tax rate this evening.

Public Comment
Chief Francesconi stopped in to show the board the new fire truck.

Upcoming Events/Agenda Items - None

Executive Session
S. McGrath declared that the board would enter executive session according to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a), Reason 3, Warner vs. Town of Cheshire as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on litigation position of the board.
A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by M. Francesconi to enter executive session at 6:23 p.m. according to MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a), Reason 3 and not to return to the regular meeting.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis- Yes; R. Killeen-Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi- Yes; S. McGrath – Yes
Motion Carries - 5-0

Respecfully Submitted;
Jennifer Morse
Town Administrator
September 24, 2025

Document List

1. Agenda - September 23, 2025
2. Tax Classification Documents

Approved: 9/30/25

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