

# TOWN OF DURHAM

## BOARD OF FINANCE

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### BOARD OF FINANCE

### SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

JUNE 26, 2006

### REVISED MINUTES

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The Board of Finance was in attendance at a Special Meeting of all Boards, Commissions, and Town Agencies held by the Board of Selectmen at the Durham Public Library on Monday, June 26, 2006. First Selectman Jim McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

**Members Present:** Jay Berardino, Elmer Clark, Rob DeSimone, Rosemarie Naples

**Others Present:** Approximately 35 people

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Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and/or representatives of the following 23 Boards, Commissions and Agencies provided a report:

Economic Development Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, Charter Revision Commission, Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Emergency Management, Fire Company Trustees, Fire Company, Public Safety Committee, Durham Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Water Commission, Town Clerk, Board of Finance, Tax Collector, Senior Citizens Board, Board of Education, Library Board of Trustees, Sanitarian/Health Department, Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals, Skating Pond Committee, Town Hall Building Committee, Durham Cemetery Company.

Elmer Clark provided a report on behalf of the Board of Finance. He provided a status report of the 2005 and 2006 Annual Town Reports and announced the new mil rate of 26.25 that was set by the Board of Finance on June 24<sup>th</sup> for FY 2006-2007.

Chet Raczka, Chairman of the Board of Education, invited the Board of Finance to send a representative to attend contract negotiation sessions with the Board of Education this fall.

Jay Berardino requested the First Selectman to immediately send a letter to all department heads, commission chairs and the Board of Education requesting them to hold the line on next year's budget requests, adding that there should be zero increases. He pointed out that Durham now has the unenviable distinction of having the highest tax burden of any town in the surrounding area naming Haddam, Madison, Killingworth and Middlefield as examples for comparison.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Tucker*

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Secretary to the Board of Finance