

TOWN OF PATTEN

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PATTEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

These minutes are not verbatim.

Location: Public Works Garage, 23 Katahdin Street, Patten, ME 04765

Date & Time: Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 5:30pm

Called to order by Gregg Smallwood at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Select Board: Gregg Smallwood, Chair; Rae Bates, Vice-Chair; Janice Dancer, Teena Goode

Absent: Theresa Schmidt

Town Employees: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Billie Doody, Town Clerk; Willow Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Public: MaryAlice Mowry

ADMINISTRATIVE

August 12 Select Board Meeting Minutes were added to the agenda.

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the minutes for August 12. Seconded by R. Bates, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

Select Mil Rate for 2025 Tax Bills

Patten's mil rate was 24.76 last year. The municipal budget for 2025 is \$31,000 less than the budget for 2024, but the school budget for RSU 89 and county tax bill increased significantly, leading to an increase in Patten's mil rate. The Select Board can choose any mil rate between

25.83 and 30.71 but will have to use Tree Growth Reimbursement, Renewable Energy Reimbursement, interest income, or a combination of the three to keep the mil rate as low as possible.

Motion made by G. Smallwood to use Patten’s Tree Growth and Renewable Energy Reimbursements (\$260,000 total) for a 2025 mil rate of 27. Seconded by J. Dancer, this mil rate will provide the town with an overlay (financial cushion) of \$51,000. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

Billie informed the Board that Patten’s certified ratio is 92%, which means residents’ homestead and veteran’s exemptions are down. The certified ratio decreases when homes are sold for more than they are assessed for. Patten had a market-based adjustment in 2023 to bring the Town’s certified ratio to 100%, but will receive a full revaluation in 2027, which will bring everyone’s property values to what they should be. Patten’s Assessor, Brandon Saucier, recommends a market-based adjustment every three to four years.

ADJOURN

Motion made by G. Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 14

Approved by the Select Board on August 26, 2025



Gregg Smallwood, Chair



Janice Dancer



Rae Bates, Vice-Chair



Teena Goode