



Town of Windham

Town Offices
8 School Road
Windham, Maine

Cover Sheet

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I. Council Action Requested.

To set the tax rate for 2018-2019 at \$15.18 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

II. Basis for Council Action.

Council approval of this item is required because;

- a. Pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the Charter the approval of the budget at budgetary town meeting established " the amount of the levy for the purposes of the Town in corresponding fiscal year," and
- b. Pursuant to Article II, Section 3(l) of the Charter the Town Council has the authority to "[e]xercise all the legislative, financial, borrowing and other powers now or hereafter given by statute to inhabitants of towns acting in Town Meeting."

III. Issue Summary.

The budget approved at budgetary town meeting establishes the amount to be raised for town and school purposes. The amount of the levy also includes the Town's share of RSU expenses, county taxes, and an amount for overlay, which can only be set by the legislative body. Overlay is the amount in addition to the amount to be raised which accounts for rounding of tax amounts and to cover the amount of reasonably anticipated abatements of value during the coming year. The amount proposed for 2018-2019 is higher than usual because of the recent revaluation and the increased likelihood of abatements after tax commitment.

According to the analysis in the assessor's memo, the overall tax increase for the median single family home will be 4.5% at the \$15.18 mil rate. The increase in the town portion of the tax levy (different than municipal appropriation) is \$177,955, or 1.8%. Because the town portion only accounts for about one-third of the total, the town increase accounts for around 0.6% of the overall 4.5% increase.