

Town of Orange Selectboard
Special Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2026

Present:

Carmella Tucker, Steve Simpson, John McNeil, Diane Hallenbeck, and Kristin Paya (via telephone)

Call to Order

Steve Simpson called the special meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the corrected municipal tax rate.

John McNeil explained that the school district initially provided the Town with an incorrect tax rate. After the corrected rate was received, NEMRC updated the tax rate in the system, requiring all tax bills to be reprinted.

There was discussion regarding nonprofit line items being included in the budget. It was clarified that these amounts are included in NEMRC for accounting purposes only and are pass-through items that do not affect the Town's bottom line.

The corrected tax rates are as follows:

- Veterans Rate: 0.0071
- Municipal Rate: 0.8602

The rates include approved errors and omissions adjustments.

Motion: Carmella Tucker moved to approve the corrected tax rates as presented. Steve Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Partial Tax Payments

The Board discussed how to handle tax payments received before the corrected bills are mailed. It was agreed that:

- Taxpayers who have already paid their bill in full will receive a refund for any overpayment.
- Partial payments will be credited toward the second installment.

Motion: Carmella Tucker moved to refund overpayments to taxpayers who paid in full and apply any partial payment differences as a credit toward the second installment. Steve Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Reprinting Tax Bills

NEMRC will prepare a letter explaining the reason for the corrected tax bills. The Board agreed that the letter should be included with each reissued tax bill.

The Board discussed the additional costs incurred by the Town, including:

- Postage
- Envelopes
- Staff time

- Printing paper

Diane Hallenbeck will calculate the Town's expenses related to the reprinting and bill the school district for those costs.

Motion: Carmella Tucker moved to authorize Diane Hallenbeck to bill the school district for the Town's costs associated with reissuing the tax bills once the final amounts are determined.

Steve Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: Steve Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting. Carmella Tucker seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Hallenbeck