

**To:** Salem Town Council  
**From:** Joseph Devine, Town Manager  
**Date:** November 4, 2024  
**Re:** Town Manager's Report

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# MEMORANDUM

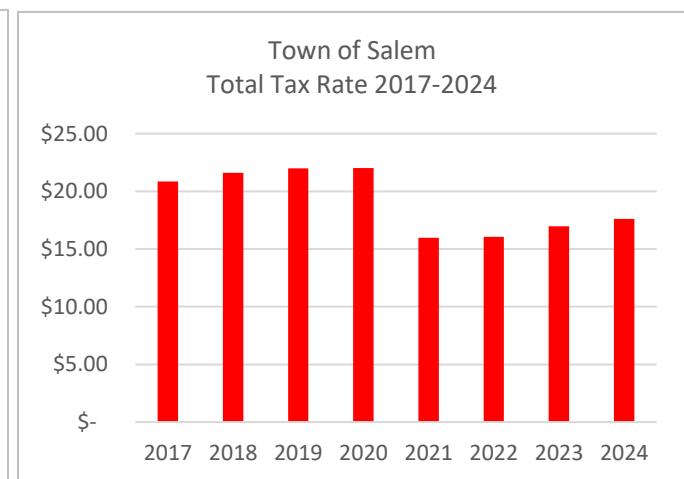
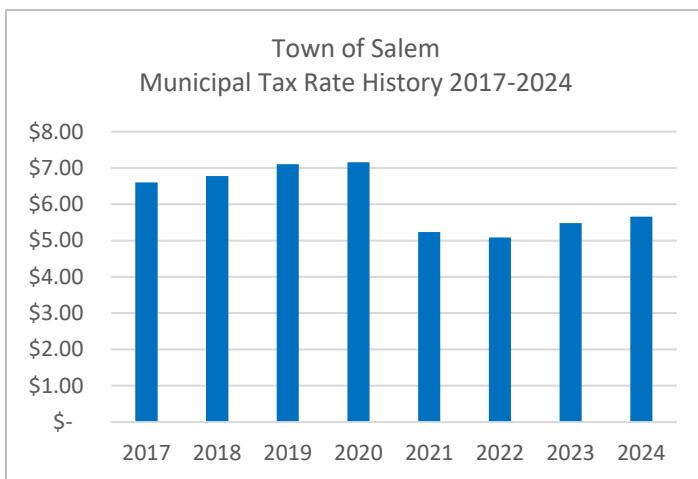
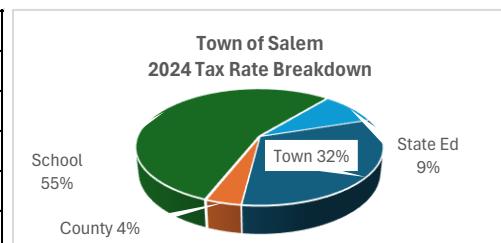


## News and Noteworthy:

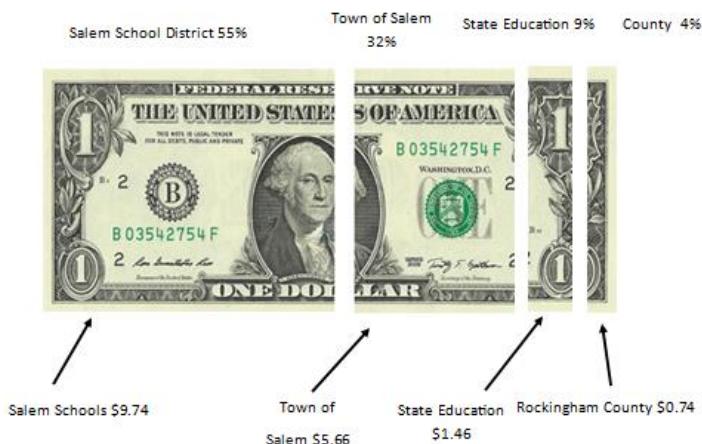
### 2024 Tax Rate

The 2024 Tax Rate has been set at \$17.60 up from \$16.96 (\$0.64 or 3.70%). The Town portion is up 18 cents to \$5.66 from \$5.48 (3.2%). Tax bills are mailed in early November with a December 6<sup>th</sup> due date.

Year	Total	Town	County	School	State Ed
2023	\$ 16.96	\$ 5.48	\$ 0.73	\$ 9.24	\$ 1.51
2024	\$ 17.60	\$ 5.66	\$ 0.74	\$ 9.74	\$ 1.46
% of the Whole		32%	4%	55%	9%
\$ Difference	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.50	\$ (0.05)
% Difference	3.70%	3.23%	1.36%	5.26%	-3.36%



## Town of Salem



**2024 Tax Rate—\$17.60**

## Halloween Trunk or Treat Event:

This year's event was a fantastic success! With beautiful weather, we welcomed over 2,000 attendees and had 40 vendors handing out candy. A big thank you to the community for coming out and to the vendors who made it all possible!

**Fallfest:** Join Salem, NH Recreation and the Town of Salem Recreation Advisory Committee for the first-ever Fall Fest at Hedgehog Park on November 16th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This free event is open to the public and promises to be a fun-filled day for all ages. Enjoy the beauty of the fall season while taking part in various activities and entertainment at Hedgehog Park. Don't miss out on this exciting community event.



**Sweets with the Joe's:** Join Town Council Chair Joe Sweeney and Town Manager Joe Devine for "Sweets with the Joes" at the Kelly Library on November 7th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This informal gathering provides a great opportunity for residents to enjoy some treats, connect with local leadership, and discuss any questions or ideas about the community. All are welcome to attend!



## Updates:

### Cyanobacteria Warning for Arlington Mill Pond

Arlington Mill Pond remains under a Cyanobacteria Warning. Though the cell counts were below the health warning threshold, we will sample one more week to make sure the bloom has passed after a windy week and the draw down of the lake. The draw down has left lake material on shorelines. A sample of this was evaluated today and the material was primarily harmless green filamentous algae, but there could be places where cyanobacteria are now on the shoreline. Please keep pets out of this material.

All cell counts were a mix of the cyanobacteria Microcystis, Woronichinia and Dolichospermum.

- Shore Drive - 16,500 cells/mL
- Glen Road - 14,000 cells/mL
- Griffin Beach - 7,600 cells/mL
- Cove Road - 167 cells/mL
- North Main Street - no cyanobacteria

## New Hampshire General Election:

The 2024 New Hampshire General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024.

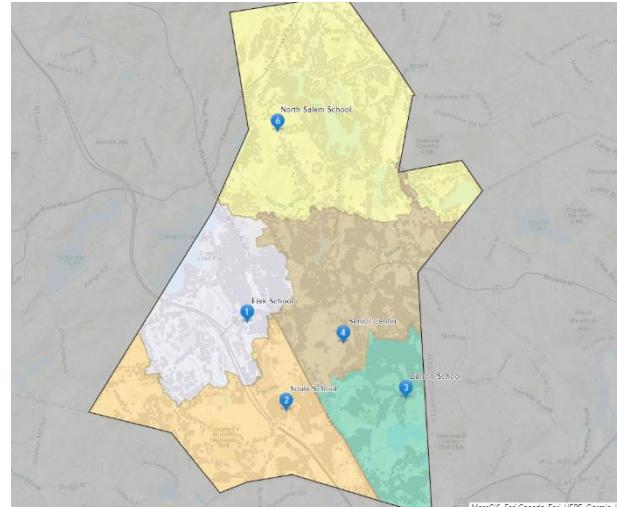
The election includes races for federal, state and county races. The ballot also has one New Hampshire constitutional question.

### Polling Places

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

- Fisk School
- Soule School
- Barron School
- Ingram Senior Center
- North Salem School

Please be aware of the following:



- Voter Identification: To ensure the smoothest possible experience, please make sure that if you have a government issued ID card, you have it out and ready when approaching the polling check in. If you do not have one, then please ask an election official as to how to proceed with voting.
- Check in at ANY LINE: Thanks to our new electronic poll book, you may check in at any table, regardless of your last name.
- You will receive a Voter Check-In Slip at the check in table. This Check-in Slip must be presented and turned in at the ballot table to receive your ballot. Check-in slips must be collected and filed along with other election records.
- You can register to vote on election day at your designated polling location.

We encourage all voters to plan ahead, allow extra time for parking, and follow the directions of traffic officers and Election Staff. Let's make this election a success by ensuring everyone can get to the polls without unnecessary delays.

### DPW Building Renovation:



The DPW Building Renovation is well underway with the work continuing at the main building and the cold storage building. The foundation and slab are complete with framing expected to begin the first week of November for the northerly wing and/or new office space. Cold storage has been insulated including closing the front and installation of new overhead doors.



## Utility Undergrounding Project:



The Utility Undergrounding Project for the Main Street/Pleasant Street Corridor was 95% complete with the only actions of paving left to be done before winter. The intersection design is 90% complete and is scheduled to be advertised next summer. The Town is still awaiting a response from Liberty Utilities and the PUC regarding relocation of electrical lines.

## Millville Lake Drawdown

The drawdown of Millville Lake for the dam project has started and the contractor has mobilized to the site. Work is expected to go through winter with completion by spring of 2025. Municipal Services has held two public meetings with the Millville Lake Protective association including this past October 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Items Signed on Behalf of the Town Council Since Last Update:

- Payment Check Register (10-22-24) - \$347,173.11
- Payment Check Register (10-29-24) - \$197,639.06
- Payment Check Register (VOID) (10-29-24) - \$381.67
- Payment Check Register (10-31-24) - \$2,584,144.50
- Payroll Register No. 43 (10-21-24) - \$337,445.34
- Payroll Register No. 44 (10-28-24) - \$356,952.52