

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21, 2022

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fedler, Haff, Hicks, Rozell, Wilson-zoom

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: O'Brien, Fisher

SUPERVISORS: Hall-zoom, Henke, Ferguson-zoom, Shaw, Nolan, Campbell, Hogan, Clary-zoom

Debra Prehoda, Clerk of the Board

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

Melissa Fitch, County Administrator

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Accept Minutes – May 24, 2022
- 3) Department Requests/Reports
  - A. County Clerk
    1. Grant Budget Amendment
    2. DMV Update
  - B. Real Property – Full Value Tax Rates & Graph
  - C. Buildings & Grounds – Updates
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Chairwoman Fedler called the meeting to order at 10:14 A.M. in the Supervisors classroom Room B214 and via zoom.

A motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022 meeting was moved by Mr. Rozell, seconded by Messrs. Hicks and Wilson, and adopted.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS:**

**REAL PROPERTY** – Laura Chadwick, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Full Value Tax Rates & Graph – Handout attached. With the revaluation being complete, next year will have more towns at 100%.
- The State is looking at updating the levels for the aged exemption. They are also talking about legislation requiring all towns to send out an additional notice to any residential properties within the town that could be eligible for an aged exemption. The Director stated the County does that currently on the back of the school bill and on the back of the town and county bill. The State is looking for something actually mailed to landowners on or about sixty days prior to taxable status date. This will be an impact on town expenses.
- Grievance Day ran pretty smoothly in most towns.
- Waiting for an update on the solar worksheet that calculates values that had gone to court.
- Property tax credit checks are being sent out by the State. These checks were based on what the STAR savings were last year, what their tax amount was and what their income is so three different factors. This is new and one-time only.

**COUNTY CLERK** – Stephanie Lemery, County Clerk, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Grant Budget Amendment – Requesting a budget amendment to move \$102.50 from contractual to equipment to purchase a scanner. Funds in the grant have to be spent and moving these funds allows her to purchase a scanner. A motion to amend budget transferring \$102.50 from A.1410.4625.01 Grant Others to A.1410.2625.99 Grant Equipment to purchase a scanner was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Messrs. Rozell and Wilson, and adopted. Plans to contact other Supervisors when the next grant is available. The goal is to eventually get the towns, villages, and County all on board with computerized records and then be able to share those records.

- DMV Update – Starting remote DMV services on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> . They are planning to provide remote services on Wednesdays and one Tuesday a month.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Matt Jones, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Parks – Lauderdale is running like normal but Huletts is really short lifeguards. Huletts Park was in a similar situation two years ago and Buildings and Grounds shorten up the swim time and some of the summer Buildings and Grounds staff went up and opened the park and did maintenance so the park was open but no swimming. He would like to get the Park Manager certified to give the lifeguarding course and also possibly close a park for a day or two and conduct a lifeguard training course.
- Joint Washington County/Fort Ann Highway Barn – Engineering bid was award to LaBella and plan to meet next week.
- Middle Falls Highway Barn Update – A public hearing is scheduled in the town of Easton for approval of the lot line adjustment next Tuesday and then it is between the owner and County Attorney to work on finalizing the sale of the property for the Middle Falls barn. Mr. Haff suggested looking at foreclosure properties when looking to replace a highway barn.
- Public Defender's Space – Last month mentioned possibly moving most of the Public Defender's office to an office building at 346 Main Street in Hudson Falls that is for rent and would give them the space they need and do not have at the Municipal Center. He has spoken with the realtor who suggested \$1.40 per square foot and would like to offer to rent 2400 square foot office space for \$2,400 per month and then the County would be doing the renovations on the carpet and anything else that needs to be done to relocate the staff estimating those costs at \$50,000 which over a ten-year contract would pay for itself. It is basically the dollar will be a square foot and the forty cents would pay for the renovations. This funding is all provided for in an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) contract covering the monthly rent and renovations. Right now, the Public Defender has a three year ILS contract and the Superintendent is proposing a ten-year lease agreement with a three-year guarantee so if the funding ends the lease could be terminated. The Superintendent will work with the County Attorney on drafting a contract with more details: \$2,400 per month, estimating \$50,000 investment in building and ten-year contract with a three-year guarantee. This move would just involve the lawyers and the Public Defender and administrative staff, four employees, would stay here in the Municipal Center. Committee consensus was to go forward with lease negotiations for space for Public Defenders and bring back to committee for approval. Mr. Shaw asked if there is possible funding in that program to help offset the cost of building and expanding on this campus. There is currently a three-year contract and would need to approach ILS with a different plan in the future for a different use of the funding. Mr. Haff is against foreclosures on residential properties but perhaps there is a commercial property suitable that the County might want to keep and you do not have the construction cost and move the Public Defenders out of the landlord situation.
- Facility Master Plan – The workgroup has met twice.
- Olive Street property is full of stuff. The Superintendent stated something has to happen with the property. They need to figure out what in the building should be kept and get rid of the rest. The building should be demolished.

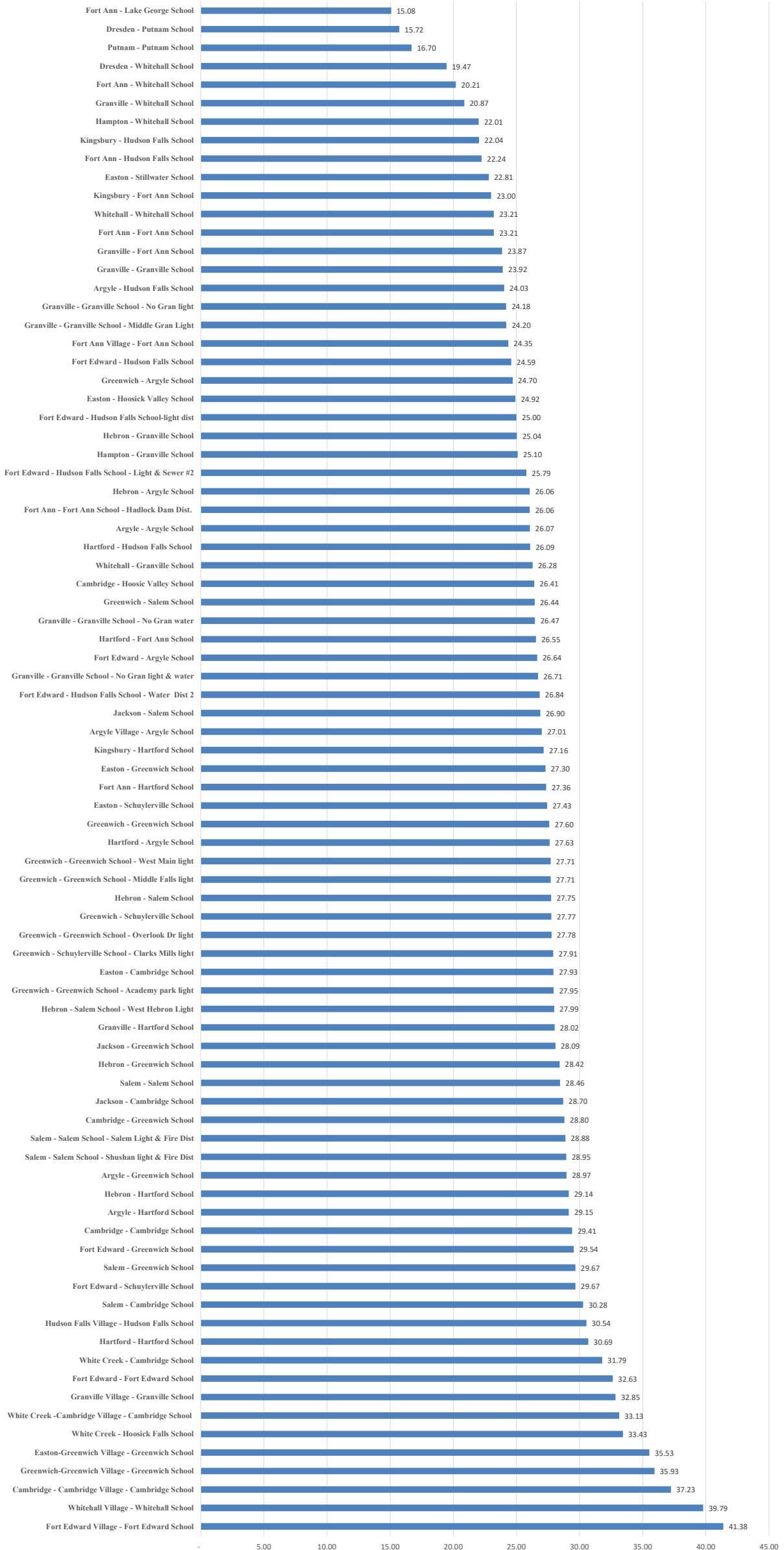
#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- Convenient site in Whitehall is closing for good in two weeks; former transfer station. ACE Carting owns.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 A.M.

*Debra Prehoda, Clerk, Washington County Board of Supervisors*

# Full Value Tax Rate Using 2021 Final Assessment Roll



## Full Value County/Town and Village Tax Rates - Washington County

Using 2021 Assessment Roll

TOWNS	School District	2021 School Tax rate	2022 County Tax rate	2022 Town Tax rate	2022 Village Tax rate	TOTAL Tax rates	2021 Equalization rate	2022 Full Value Tax rate	2021 Full Value Tax rate	
Argyle (TOV)	Argyle	14.43	6.66	4.98		26.07	100.00	26.07	26.34	
	Greenwich	17.33	6.66	4.98		28.97	100.00	28.97	28.94	
	Hartford	17.51	6.66	4.98		29.15	100.00	29.15	29.43	
	Hudson Falls	12.39	6.66	4.98		24.03	100.00	24.03	24.68	
Argyle Village	Argyle	14.43	6.66	3.71	2.21	27.01	100.00	27.01	26.63	
Cambridge (TOV)	Cambridge	17.94	7.04	4.43		29.41	100.00	29.41	29.25	
	Greenwich	17.33	7.04	4.43		28.80	100.00	28.80	29.23	
	Hoosick Valley	14.94	7.04	4.43		26.41	100.00	26.41	27.01	
Cambridge Village *1	Cambridge	17.94	7.04	2.70	9.56	37.23	100.00	37.23	49.20	
			*1 Village tax rate equalized w/ 65 equal rate							
Dresden	Putnam	15.73	15.18	6.52		37.43	42.00	15.72	15.63	
	Whitehall	24.66	15.18	6.52		46.36	42.00	19.47	19.59	
			Fredericks Point Sewer Dist. parcels pay \$845.93/yr. +\$1fee additional							
			Hulets Landing Sewer Dist. parcels pay \$0.00/ yr. additional							
Easton (TOV) *2	Cambridge	830.97	305.06	156.84		1,292.87	2.16	27.93	27.86	
*2	Greenwich	802.19	305.06	156.84		1,264.10	2.16	27.30	27.84	
*2	Hoosick Valley	691.75	305.06	156.84		1,153.65	2.16	24.92	25.63	
*2	Schuylerville	808.22	305.06	156.84		1,270.12	2.16	27.43	28.95	
*2	Stillwater	593.90	305.06	156.84		1,055.80	2.16	22.81	22.96	
Village of Greenwich	Greenwich	802.19	305.06	36.13	501.56	1,644.94	2.16	35.53	35.91	
			*2 Using average fire dist. tax rate 17.96 per/th							
Fort Ann (TOV) *3	Fort Ann	14.06	6.59	3.78		24.43	95.00	23.21	23.61	
*3	Hartford	18.43	6.59	3.78		28.80	95.00	27.36	27.82	
*3	Hudson Falls	13.05	6.59	3.78		23.42	95.00	22.24	22.99	
	Lake George	6.57	6.59	2.71		15.87	95.00	15.08	15.42	
*3	Whitehall	10.90	6.59	3.78		21.27	95.00	20.21	20.52	
Hadlock Pond Dam Dist.	Fort Ann	14.06	6.59	6.78		27.43	95.00	26.06	27.09	
Fort Ann Village	Fort Ann	14.06	6.59	1.69	3.29	25.63	95.00	24.35	24.69	
			*3 Used average fire dist. tax rate 1.43 per/th							
Fort Edward (TOV)	Argyle	19.77	9.10	7.63		36.50	73.00	26.64	27.04	
	Fort Edward	27.97	9.10	7.63		44.70	73.00	32.63	33.91	
	Greenwich	23.74	9.10	7.63		40.47	73.00	29.54	30.05	
	Hudson Falls	16.96	9.10	7.63		33.69	73.00	24.59	25.40	
	Schuylerville	23.91	9.10	7.63		40.64	73.00	29.67	31.16	
Fort Edward Light Dist.	Hudson Falls	16.96	9.10	8.19		34.25	73.00	25.00	25.75	
F.E. Light & Sewer #2	Hudson Falls	16.96	9.10	9.27		35.33	73.00	25.79	26.56	
Water Dist. #2	Hudson Falls	16.96	9.10	10.71		36.77	73.00	26.84	27.74	
Village of Fort Edward	Fort Edward	27.97	9.10	4.70	14.92	56.69	73.00	41.38	43.08	
Granville (TOV) *4	Fort Ann	13.36	6.70	3.81		23.87	100.00	23.87	24.44	
*4	Granville	13.41	6.70	3.81		23.92	100.00	23.92	26.38	
*4	Hartford	17.51	6.70	3.81		28.02	100.00	28.02	28.64	
*4	Whitehall	10.36	6.70	3.81		20.87	100.00	20.87	21.35	
Middle Granville Light	Granville	13.41	6.70	4.09		24.20	100.00	24.20	26.70	
No.Granville Light	Granville	13.41	6.70	4.07		24.18	100.00	24.18	26.67	
No.Granville Light & Water	Granville	13.41	6.70	6.60		26.71	100.00	26.71	29.41	
No.Granville Water	Granville	13.41	6.70	6.36		26.47	100.00	26.47	29.15	
Village of Granville	Granville	13.41	6.70	1.94	10.80	32.85	100.00	32.85	35.72	
			*4 Used average fire dist tax rate .84 per/th							

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Greenwich (TOV)	Argyle	14.43	6.80	3.47		24.70	100.00	24.70	24.95
	Greenwich	17.33	6.80	3.47		27.60	100.00	27.60	27.97
	Salem	16.17	6.80	3.47		26.44	100.00	26.44	26.49
	Schuylerville	17.46	6.80	3.47		27.73	100.00	27.73	29.08
Route 29-40 Co LT	Greenwich	17.33	6.80	3.64		27.77	100.00	27.77	N/A
Middle Falls Light Dist.	Greenwich	17.33	6.80	3.58		27.71	100.00	27.71	28.10
Clarks Mills Light Dist.	Schuylerville	17.46	6.80	3.65		27.91	100.00	27.91	29.29
West Main Light Dist.	Greenwich	17.33	6.80	3.58		27.71	100.00	27.71	28.11
Academy Park Light Dist.	Greenwich	17.33	6.80	3.82		27.95	100.00	27.95	28.20
Overlook Drive Light Dist.	Greenwich	17.33	6.80	3.65		27.78	100.00	27.78	28.36
Village of Greenwich	Greenwich	17.33	6.80	0.91	10.887000	35.93	100.00	35.93	36.31
Used average fire dist. rate .80 per/th									
Hampton	Granville	13.41	6.56	5.13		25.10	100.00	25.10	27.14
	Whitehall	10.32	6.56	5.13		22.01	100.00	22.01	22.12
Used average fire dist. rate .59 per/th									
Hartford	Argyle	14.43	6.96	6.24		27.63	100.00	27.63	28.12
	Fort Ann	13.35	6.96	6.24		26.55	100.00	26.55	27.13
	Hartford	17.49	6.96	6.24		30.69	100.00	30.69	31.33
	Hudson Falls	12.89	6.96	6.24		26.09	100.00	26.09	26.51
Hebron	Argyle	14.43	7.14	4.49		26.06	100.00	26.06	26.33
	Granville	13.41	7.14	4.49		25.04	100.00	25.04	27.27
	Greenwich	16.79	7.14	4.49		28.42	100.00	28.42	29.89
	Hartford	17.51	7.14	4.49		29.14	100.00	29.14	29.54
West Hebron Light Dist.	Salem	16.12	7.14	4.49		27.75	100.00	27.75	27.86
Jackson	Cambridge	49.83	18.70	11.20		79.73	36.00	28.70	28.63
	Greenwich	48.13	18.70	11.20		78.03	36.00	28.09	28.62
	Salem	44.82	18.70	11.20		74.72	36.00	26.90	27.13
Used average fire dist. rate 1.50 per/th									
Kingsbury (TOV)	Fort Ann	13.35	6.64	3.01		23.00	100.00	23.00	23.63
	Hartford	17.51	6.64	3.01		27.16	100.00	27.16	27.81
	Hudson Falls	12.39	6.64	3.01		22.04	100.00	22.04	23.00
Hudson Falls Village	Hudson Falls	12.39	6.64	3.01	8.50	30.54	100.00	30.54	29.95
Putnam	Putnam	6.68	6.42	3.81		16.91	98.73	16.70	16.69
Salem	Cambridge	30.92	11.75	9.53		52.20	58.00	30.28	28.96
	Greenwich	29.87	11.75	9.53		51.15	58.00	29.67	28.94
	Salem	27.80	11.75	9.53		49.08	58.00	28.46	27.45
Salem Light & Fire Dist	Salem	27.80	11.75	10.24		49.79	58.00	28.88	27.92
Shushan Light & fire Dist.	Salem	27.80	11.75	10.36		49.91	58.00	28.95	27.85
Used average fire dist. rate 1.72 per/th									
Salem Water District (WD481) unit charge 177.00/unit									
White Creek (TOV)	Cambridge	26.72	10.34	10.38		47.44	67.00	31.79	31.25
	Hoosick Falls	29.17	10.34	10.38		49.89	67.00	33.43	33.50
Village of Cambridge *5	Cambridge	26.72	10.34	2.54	9.85	49.45	67.00	33.13	35.66
*5 Village tax rate equalized w/ 67 equal rate & 65 equal rate									
Whitehall (TOV)	Granville	13.41	7.04	5.83		26.28	100.00	26.28	28.57
	Whitehall	10.34	7.04	5.83		23.21	100.00	23.21	23.54
Village of Whitehall		10.34	7.04	3.36	19.05	39.79	100.00	39.79	40.10

If using this chart to calculate your total tax amount you should allow for any applicable exemptions, IE: STAR, Veterans, Aged, etc.