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The Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce that the tax rate for 2009-2010 will be \$13.00 per thousand. This is a decrease of \$.85 from last year's rate.

The Selectmen would like to commend all town departments for working with the Board, as well as former Chairperson Judith Churchard, to trim costs and reduce their budgets this year before sending them to the Budget Committee for review.

The Selectmen would also like to credit SAD 60 for remarkably cutting their budget, reducing Lebanon's share of the cost by some \$18,000 per month.

Reducing costs and budgets during these uncertain times takes courage and ingenuity, and the Board would like to THANK those responsible for their hard work.


Reducing property taxes is never easy, but this year especially the Selectmen were pleased to be able to pass on some relief to taxpayers. These cuts are also necessary due to legislation reducing the excise tax which will be voted on in November on the State ballot. If this legislation is passed, the excise tax on motor vehicles will be cut in half, reducing income to the town by approximately \$400,000.00 per year. Unfortunately, the burden for this loss in revenue will fall on property taxes. The local impact on our town could be nearly \$.80 per thousand, just by the passage of this foolhardy excise tax bill. The only money saved by this Bill would be by wealthy drivers of expensive vehicles. The rest of us will pay one way or the other.

At least we can have a small amount of tax relief this coming year. Next year may be quite a challenge.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Prizzell, Chairman



Jason A. Cole, Selectman



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