

## Alfred holds the line on tax rate

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ALFRED — When Alfred residents open their property tax bills, they'll see the same figure they saw last year this time.

That is because the mil rate — the amount of tax charged per \$1,000 of property value — will remain at \$15.90 this fiscal year, the same as last year.

Selectmen set the tax commitment on Thursday morning.

Selectmen's Assistant Joyce Wood said there were no changes in property assessments — other than for new homes or improvements and additions to existing homes.

"We were careful," said Selectman Tony Palminteri. "We cut some money from original requests from all departments. We cut budgets slightly across the board, the valuation from the state went up, and we used some surplus — though we are continuing to build that fund. We're trying to be careful with the people's money."

Palminteri said even though the tax rate will remain the same, the town will still be able to make some improvements. Alfred will pave three miles of road this year — bringing the total to 10 miles of newly paved roads over the past three years.

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