

## **Lower Tax Bill Despite Growing Operating Budget**

That is what our Londonderry neighbors will receive from their new 2015 tax rate. While those of us in Windham will also see a decrease in our tax rate, it is offset by higher valuations resulting in a net increase. Yes, more out of our pocket.

How was Londonderry able to realize an actual decrease in property taxes while increasing their operating budget? How were they able to add four new firefighters, a new police officer and two new ambulances without adding to the residential property tax bill?

They can thank an influx of new commercial revenue and development in town.\*

The charter of the Windham Economic Development Committee (WEDC)

<http://www.windhamnewhampshire.com/updated/edc.htm> is to attract new businesses that will broaden Windham's tax base while improving the quality of community life consistent with Windham's Master Plan and our town motto: Old Values, New Horizons. Its members are appointed by the Windham Board of Selectman.

Reference\*

<http://www.windham-nh.com/content/economic-development-lowers-tax-rate-neighboring-town>