

BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 10, 2012

MINUTES

The Board of Finance held a Special Meeting on May 10, 2012 at the Bolton Notch Municipal Center. Members present were Chairman Bob Munroe, Jim Roscoe, Jim Bruner, John Toomey, Judy Wilson and Barry Stearns. Also present were Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Financial Director Jerry McCall, and members of the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen and Bolton residents.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Munroe at 7:27 P.M. Chairman Munroe announced that this meeting would take the place of the May 17, 2012 Regular Meeting.

2. CONSIDER AND ACT ON MEETING PROCEDURE RESOLUTION

This issue was brought before the Town Attorney who provided the following Resolution for the Board to consider:

At any meeting of the members of the Board of Finance, members may participate in such meeting by telephonic or other electronic means, provided that the telephonic or other electronic system utilized enables all members participating to simultaneously hear each other and any other proceedings during such meeting. A member participating in a meeting by this method is deemed to be present in person at the meeting and therefore may vote and participate as if present in person.

A motion was made by Jim Roscoe, seconded by Judy Wilson to adopt the resolution as presented. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Munroe called for a vote. There were 3 ayes (Jim Bruner, Judy Wilson and Bob Munroe) and 3 nays (John Toomey, Barry Stearns and Jim Roscoe). The motion did not pass and discussion will continue at the next meeting in June.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Board of Education member John Hambrook confirmed that there have been no changes to the Board of Education budget.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Roscoe, seconded by Barry Stearns to approve the 4/19/12 Regular Meeting Minutes, the 4/26/12 Public Hearing Minutes and the 4/26/12 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Munroe acknowledged receipt of CCM FY2013 Adopted Midterm Budget Impact on Bolton, indicating no impact on revenues to the town.

6. ELECTED OFFICIAL AND TOWN STAFF REPORTS

a) Tax Collection Summary

Jerry McCall circulated an updated Tax Collection Summary as of April 30, 2012.

b) Town Budget Update

Joyce Stille passed out a list of budget transfers approved by the Board of Selectmen.

c) Board of Education Budget Update

Nothing new at this time.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Shared Services

Nothing new on this issue.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Consider and Act upon Tax Suspense List

A motion was made by Jim Roscoe, seconded by Jim Bruner to approve the Tax Suspense List for FY 2011-2012. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Consider and Act Upon FY 2012-2013 Budget for Referendum

After a brief recap of the outcome of the first referendum, a motion was made by Barry Stearns, seconded by Jim Roscoe to cut \$35,000 from the Board of Education budget. Motion passed with one nay (John Toomey).

A motion was made by Jim Roscoe, seconded by Bob Munroe to further cut \$60,000 from the Board of Education budget. After a short discussion, Chairman Munroe called for a vote. With 4 ayes (Bob Munroe, Jim Roscoe, Barry Stearns and Judy Wilson) and 2 nays (John Toomey and Jim Bruner), the motion passed.

After further discussion and input from some residents, a motion was made by Barry Stearns, seconded by Judy Wilson to move \$32,000 out of the Unassigned Fund Balance and put it in the Surplus Fund. Chairman Munroe called for a vote. With 3 ayes (Barry Stearns, Judy Wilson and Bob Munroe) and 3 nays (John Toomey, Jim Bruner and Jim Roscoe), the motion did not pass.

A motion was made by Jim Roscoe, seconded by Barry Stearns to reduce the Town Budget by \$10,000 and increase the Contingency Fund by \$10,000. After a brief discussion, Chairman Munroe called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Adopt Referendum Question

A motion was made by Jim Roscoe, seconded by Barry Stearns to adopt the following referendum question:

“Shall the Annual Budget for the Town of Bolton Connecticut for the fiscal year 2012-2013 as recommended by the Board of Finance, in the amount of \$19,214,944 be adopted?”

Motion passed with one nay by Jim Bruner.

9. ONGOING BUSINESS

Status report on High School Project

Nothing new at this time.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Barry Stearns, seconded by John Toomey to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Sheridan
Board Clerk

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.