

BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2013

MINUTES

The Board of Finance (BOF) held its Regular Meeting on May 23, 2013 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members present were Chairman Bob Munroe, Jim Roscoe, John Toomey, Jim Bruner, Judy Wilson, Barry Stearns and Kelly Regan. Also present were First Selectman Robert Morra, Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Finance Director Brenda Douglas, Superintendent of Schools Kristin Heckt, Board of Education (BOE) chair Karen Bergin and Bolton residents.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Munroe at 7:17 P.M.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rob Galle, Castlerock Lane commended all boards involved in the budget process. He urged the importance of keeping cuts to the BOE minimal to avoid declining enrollment to the high school.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Stearns to suspend the approval of the minutes to the next regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5. ELECTED OFFICIAL AND TOWN STAFF REPORTS

a) Tax Collection Summary

Brenda Douglas circulated an updated Tax Collection Summary as of April 30, 2013. To date the town has collected 98.29% (of 100%) of current year taxes.

b) Town Budget Update

Joyce Stille submitted a Budget Summary dated as of April 30, 2013, along with a list of 16 budget transfers. Ms. Stille explained that the large balance in the Police Protection is due to the town receiving the invoice for resident state troopers during the month of June.

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Monthly Update

Ms. Bergin reported that the BOE will increase the return of funds from \$30,000 (previously reported) to \$50,000. For next fiscal year, Ms. Bergin also stated that the BOE is reporting that there is a \$106,000 savings due to two bargaining units (Teachers and Administrators) opening up negotiations and switching to a Health Savings Account Plan. One bargaining unit declined the change in insurance and two (2) bargaining units are in negotiations currently.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

Shared Services

Nothing new to report.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Consider & Act on FY14 Budget**

Each board member expressed their opinions on how much to cut from the next proposed budget. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Mr. Stearns, seconded by Mr. Munroe to decrease the budget by \$75,000 (\$52,500 from the BOE and \$22,500 from the Town). The motion passed 4-3 (Ayes - Stearns, Toomey, Munroe and Roscoe; Nays - Wilson, Regan and Bruner).

A motion was made by Mr. Stearns, seconded by Mr. Roscoe to set the question for the Town of Bolton budget referendum for FY 2013-2014 as follows:

“Shall the Annual Budget for the Town of Bolton for the fiscal year 2013-2014 as recommended by the Board of Finance, in the amount of \$19,430,083 be adopted?”

The motion passed unanimously.

This budget would result in a proposed mill rate of 30.96, a tax increase of 3.9%, a spending increase of \$255,139 or 1.33%.

b) **Consider & Act on Suspense List for FY 2013**

A motion was made by Mr. Roscoe, seconded by Mr. Stearns to approve the Suspense List for FY2013 (\$4,942.61 in property taxes and \$3,649.13 in Motor Vehicle Taxes). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Stearns to add to the agenda:

c) **Commend Teachers and Administrators Unions**

A motion was made by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Stearns to move that the BOF applaud the efforts of the teachers and administrator unions to help the town in their efforts to contain health care cost. Motion unanimously passed.

9. **ONGOING BUSINESS**

Status Report on High School Project

Ms. Stille reported that there are no new updates since the last meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made Mr. Stearns, seconded by Mr. Bruner to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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