

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on March 6, 2014 with members of the Board of Education and Board of Finance at the Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Lessard, Robert Neil and Gwen Marrion; Board of Education members Karen Bergin, Allison Romkey, Matt Giuffre, Richard Hayes, Kate Galle, Ron Rousseau and Julie Begin; Board of Finance members Jim Bruner, Barry Stearns, Morris Silverstein and Bob DePietro; Finance Director Brenda Douglas; Superintendent Kristin Heckt; Peter Phelon; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille. Board of Finance Chair Robert Munroe participated via teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON BUDGET

Mr. Morra reviewed the 2013 Grand List and effect of revaluation. Overall decrease was 10.74%. The mill rate would increase to 34.68 or 12.02% to fund the FY14 budget of \$19,430,571 based on the new Grand List. This will impact the budget deliberations and the required Capital Reserve amount will decrease. The outreach efforts to Columbia students by the Board of Education and Town were discussed. In addition, the positive impact on the high school grant reimbursement rate of additional Choice students at the high school was shared.

3. DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS

The following draft capital projects for a referendum in fall of 2015 and subsequent bond issuance were reviewed:

- * Bolton High School Final Financing – ineligible items will need to be financed
- * Recreation/ Athletic Fields – includes two ball fields with alternate use as soccer field at Herrick Park and at Bolton High School includes a track, renovated and two additional tennis courts, renovated soccer field and an additional soccer field
- * Fire Truck – replacement of an engine tanker (3,000 gallon)
- * School Projects – Roof Bolton Center School with solar at Bolton Center School and Bolton High School; sidewalk and parking lot repaving at Bolton Center School
- * Bolton Center Projects – Town Hall addition, Bolton Heritage Farm barn renovation, house renovation, Stagecoach Tavern renovation and related community septic/other work
- * Notch Road Municipal Center – demolition North and Central sections
- * Town Garage Addition – possibly funded by another source

The group discussed different debt scenarios. Projects will be combined for a single question at referendum.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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