

**BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 27, 2014**

Minutes & Motions

The Board of Finance (BOF) held a Special Meeting on May 27, 2014 at the Bolton Notch Road Municipal Center. Members present were Chairman Bob Munroe, James Bruner, Kelly Regan, Judy Wilson, Barry Stearns, Robert DePietro, and Morris Silverstein.

Also present were Finance Director Brenda Douglas, Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, First Selectman Robert Morra, Selectman Robert Neil, Selectman Robert Lessard, Superintendent of Schools Kristen Heckt, Board of Education (BOE) Chair Karen Bergin, Thomas Manning, Christopher Davey and others.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Munroe at 7:16 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Several residents spoke and offered varying opinions as to how to fashion the spending level for the next referendum.

3. Consider and Act upon for 2014-2015 Budget for Referendum:

- a. Approve Budget for Referendum:

B. Munroe said comments heard tonight range from minimal cuts to substantial cuts in the budget.

B. Munroe suggested reducing the budget by a quarter of a percent down to 2.24 percent. This would indicate a cut of \$40,000.00 between the BOE and the Town Proper budgets.

Discussion followed on the proposed quarter of a percent cut in the budget increase. J. Stille said, with the Assessor's less appeals and corrections approved at the last BOF meeting, the starting budget increase is 2.43 not 2.51 percent.

B. Douglas said, with a \$40,000.00 reduction, the mill rate would be 35.34 and the budget increase would be 2.13 percent.

B. Stearns MOVED to reduce the expenditures by \$40,000.00 with a reduction of \$25,000.00 in the BOE budget and a reduction of \$15,000.00 in the Town proper budget. J. Wilson SECONDED. Discussion followed. MOTION CARRIED 4:3:0 with J. Bruner, K. Regan and M. Silverstein opposed.

- b. Set Referendum Question:

J. Wilson MOVED to set the referendum question as follows: "Shall the Annual Budget for the town of Bolton Connecticut for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as recommended by the Board of Finance in the amount of \$19,723,320.00 be adopted?" B. Stearns SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:2:0 with M. Silverstein and J. Bruner opposed.

4. Act on next meeting date: B. Stearns MOVED to schedule a special meeting for June 3, 2014 at 8:15 p.m. at Bolton Town Hall. J. Bruner SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

5. Adjournment: J. Wilson MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:24 p.m. B. Stearns SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda H. McDonald, Recording Secretary

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