

## Special Town Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2012

Electors and others qualified to vote at town meeting in the Town of Bolton met at the Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road, Bolton CT, on January 9, 2012. Present were First Selectman Robert Morra; Selectmen Raymond Walker, Robert Neil, and Robert Lessard; School Superintendent Paul Smith; Board of Education Chairman Karen Bergin; Board of Education members John Hambrook, Joseph Muro, Ron Rousseau, Matthew Giuffre, Trace Maulucci, and Richard Hayes; Board of Finance Chairman Robert Munroe; and Board of Finance members John Toomey and Barry Stearns, as well as about 60 Bolton residents.

Town Meeting Moderator Catherine Peterson called the meeting to order at 7 PM. She read the call of the meeting, the return of notice, and the resolution to be voted upon.

**Resolved:** That pursuant to the Bolton Town Charter Chapter 9, Section 9.3(A)10, the Professional Agreement between the Bolton Board of Education and the Bolton Education Association (teachers' contract) for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 be approved.

A motion was made to this effect by Karen Bergin, seconded by Barry Stearns.

Discussion: Mr. Munroe stated that he had been an advisor to the administration during the contract negotiations. The Board of Education did a good job from a financial and professional perspective. Although the contract did go to mediation, arbitration was avoided and an agreement reached. He believes that the increases negotiated would involve an extra \$150,000 the first year and less than that the second year, the lower amount due to savings coming from the teachers' paying more for their health insurance. It is his opinion that the town can afford this. He stressed that he was not speaking for the Board of Finance, but as a member of that board, and believes that this contract is appropriate for the times, and recommends that it be approved.

There was no further discussion, so Ms. Peterson called for the vote to be taken.

Voted yes, unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Morra, seconded by Mr. Steele, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. DePold  
Town Clerk