

TOWN OF BOLTON
BOARD OF FINANCE HEARING MINUTES
April 28, 2011
BOLTON CENTER SCHOOL ALL PURPOSE ROOM

Present at the hearing were Chair Bob Munroe, Jim Roscoe, Jim Bruner, John Toomey, Ed Steele and Joe Fleming. Also in attendance was Finance Director Jerry McCall and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

Call To Order – Mr. Munroe called the public hearing to order at 7:10 PM. He spoke at the start of the hearing to thank both the Town and Board of Ed for presenting the budgets as they did.

Bob Morra, First Selectman, spoke to say that he felt proposed cuts to the town are minimal. He said they'd considered the impact on the Town of Bolton when making the budget and said they worked to maintain the present staffing levels with no decrease. They did have an increase in healthcare costs and a minimal increase for staff salaries.

Karen Bergin, Chair of the Board of Education, spoke to say that theirs is a recovery budget which has a negative impact on instructional items and texts.

Residents spoke to voice their questions and concerns about specific budget items and about increases and decreases in spending. Several requested that the Board consider not cutting so much from the Board of Education side of the budget.

Mr. Morra spoke to specific concerns brought up by residents, as did Ms. Bergin.

Mr. Morra also noted that the increases for the town are rising fuel costs, unemployment costs, employee fringe benefits, refuse and recycling and also liability and other insurances.

Mr. Munroe closed the public hearing at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett B Martin, Board Clerk

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