

**BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**APRIL 29, 2010**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

The Board of Finance held a public hearing on the town's proposed budget for 2010-2011 on Thursday, April 29, 2010 in the All-Purpose Room at the Bolton Center School. Members present were Chairman Robert Munroe, Joe Fleming, Ed Steele, James Roscoe, John Toomey, Kelly Regan and James Bruner. Also present were Financial Officer Jerry McCall, several residents (Kate Galle, Ron Rousseau, Dave Treadwell, Adam Teller, Marty Jorges, Thomas Manning and Jan Harvey) and Board of Education and Board of Selectman members. Also present was Christian Mysliwec, staff reporter for the Reminder.

Chairman Munroe called the hearing to order at 7:04 P.M. Mr. Munroe thanked everyone for coming and spoke about the budget process, explaining that adjustments were requested of the Board of Education and Board of Selectman to reflect the newest information on the excess cost reimbursement percentage and insurance costs. The Board of Finance then requested that the Board of Education reduce their budget by \$80,000 and the Board of Selectman reduce their budget by \$39,000. This allowed the Board of Finance to present a proposed budget for 2010-2011 reflecting a 2.91% increase to the taxpayers.

Mr. Munroe called on the Chairman of the Board of Education, Karen Bergin, to speak on their proposed budget. Ms. Bergin explained where reductions were made and stated that if they make any more cuts to the budget, valuable services to the children would be compromised.

Mr. Munroe called on First Selectman Robert Morra to speak on the town's proposed budget. Mr. Morra explained that the proposed town budget carries a 2.12% increase and due to savings in health insurance and no increase in worker's compensation, Mr. Morra feels this budget is a workable one and the town is still able to provide needed and required services.

Mr. Morra also spoke about the trash system in town. He reiterated to all that people are recycling more, which reduces trash and saves the town money.

Chairman Munroe then introduced members of the Board of Finance and the Board Clerk, after which he opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Numerous residents spoke offering a range of opinions for consideration by the Board of Finance. These opinions ranged from support of the budget as proposed to recommendations for a 3% decrease in taxes to the taxpayers. With respect to the latter,

requests were made as to where further cuts could be made. It was pointed out that a budget with a 3% reduction in spending would require an additional \$500,000 in cuts.

Chairman Bob Munroe stated that he appreciated the input from all those present including board members, and announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 at the Notch Road Municipal Center.

Chairman Munroe closed the hearing at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Anderson  
Board Clerk

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