

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

Present at the meeting 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.

Mr. Munroe called the meeting to order at 8:38PM.

Consider and Act upon FY 11-12 Budget for Referendum : Mr. Roscoe moved, second by Mr. Bruner, to set the budget for \$18,707,525.00.

Vote: Mr. Munroe, Mr. Roscoe and Mr. Bruner voted for the motion, Mr. Steele, Mr. Toomey and Mr. Fleming voted against. Motion did not carry.

Mr. Steele moved to set the budget for \$18,757,525.00, with the extra \$50,000 going directly to the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Toomey.

Mr. Fleming said he'd like to give \$35000 to the Board of Ed and asked that the motion be amended.

Mr. Steele amended his motion to \$18,742,525.00, seconded by Mr. Toomey.

Vote: Mr. Steele, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Toomey voted for the motion. Mr. Bruner, Mr. Roscoe and Mr. Munroe voted against. Motion did not carry.

Mr. Roscoe moved to set the budget at \$18,732,525.00, with \$12,489 going to the Board of Ed. Mr. Munroe seconded the motion.

Vote: 1-5-0 with Mr. Roscoe voting in favor. Motion did not carry.

Mr. Fleming moved to give \$30000 to the Board of Ed and set the budget at \$18,737,525.00, seconded by Mr. Steele.

Vote: 4-2-0 with Mr. Bruner and Mr. Roscoe voting against. Motion carried.

Set Referendum Question : Mr. Roscoe moved to set the referendum question as follows, seconded by Mr. Toomey: "Shall the Annual Budget for the Town of Bolton for the fiscal year 2011-2012 as recommended by the Board of Finance, in the amount of \$18,737,525 be adopted?" Motion passed 5-1-0 with Mr. Bruner voting against.

Adjournment Mr. Steele moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM, seconded by Mr. Bruner. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett B Martin, Board Clerk

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