

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) held a joint meeting with members of the Boards of Education and Finance on November 22, 2011 at the Notch Road Municipal Center with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Robert Lessard, Leslie Shea and Ray Walker; Board of Finance members Judy Wilson, Barry Stearns, John Toomey, Kelly Regan, Jim Bruner, Bob Munroe and Jim Roscoe; Board of Education members Karen Bergin, Trace Maulucci, Richard Hayes, Ron Rousseau, John Hambrook, and Matt Giuffre (arrived at 7:40 p.m.); Finance Director Jerry McCall; Superintendent Paul Smith; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON BUDGET AND RELATED ITEMS

A. Revenues

B. Expenditures

Mr. McCall discussed revenues and expenditures. At this point in time, the Town has approximately \$77,000 surplus in fund balance. This dollar amount may change as a result of the audit and prior year's taxes paid in July or August of 2011.

Growth in the Grand List was discussed. Mr. Morra discussed growing commercial. The Board of Selectmen will be reviewing the water supply regulation with the Fire Department and Planning and Zoning Commission.

C. Capital Improvements and School Project

The Bolton High School Project is nearing completion. Mr. Munroe requested a debt schedule projection prior to beginning work on the FY13 budget.

For capital projects, Ms. Stille explained that the recent storms have proven the need for a generator for the Town Garage (which will also power the Buildings and Grounds garage) and the replacement of the chipper.

Mr. Smith discussed the need for improving technology infrastructure and making ADA improvements (old BOE space) at Bolton Center School.

D. Savings Opportunities/Shared Services

The group discussed snow removal and recent storms where Town crews and school crews helped each other.

3. DISCUSSION ON INSURANCE

The group reviewed the ongoing discussions with the Town of Columbia to jointly become self funded on health insurance.

4. DISCUSSION ON COLUMBIA CONTRACT

The group discussed the agreement between the Columbia and Bolton Board of Education's that provides opportunities for Columbia high school students to attend Bolton High School.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morra closed the meeting at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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