

**BLRWPCA
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026, AT 6:30 PM
MINUTES**

The BLRWPCA Board held its public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:30 P.M., with Robert Morra presiding.

The proposed budget includes a \$10,000 item for liability insurance, which the town has been carrying out in the past years, and should be in the Bolton Lakes budget. In the discussion, Robert Morra mentioned a conversation with the Bolton Town administrator, Jim Rupert, who recommended a 3% increase in the budget to cover additional costs.

No Public discussion was made, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**BLRWPCA
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026,
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

The BLRWPCA Board held its Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, starting at 6:35 P.M., with Robert Morra presiding, and in attendance were Jessica Webb, Richard Hayes, and Cheryl Udin. And for the Town of Vernon, in attendance were Dan Champagne, John Kleinhans, and Maurren Jones.

Other presents: Carl Preuss

Not Present: Jim Rupert.

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

2. Public Comment.

Carl Preuss, who lives in Bolton and owns a business near the Boston Turnpike, discussed ongoing odor issues from a manhole near his establishment. He mentioned a previous meeting with town officials and Evoqua about potential solutions, including a Bluetooth sensor and a charcoal filter system, with the latter having an estimated \$8,000 installation cost. While recent fixes have reduced the odor problems, Carl expressed frustration about the long-standing issue affecting his business and the nearby veterinary hospital.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. October 29, 2025- Regular Meeting.

Motion: Richard Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented in the packet.

2nd: Dan Champagne. Vote: Unanimous

4. Consider and Act on the FY27 budget as discussed in the public hearing.

Motion: The board approved a \$196,000 budget, which is a 3% increase as recommended by Jim Rupert. 1st: Richard Hayes 2nd: Dan Champagne. Vote: Unanimous

Next steps are to hold a regular meeting in April to formally approve the proposed 2027 budget of \$196,000.

5. Pending Business:

a. Discussion on the increase of sewage fees from Manchester.

A discussion about an email from Manchester regarding increased sewer treatment costs due to the buildup of rags and grit in their system, though concerns were raised about the accuracy of Manchester's assessment of the cause.

Next steps would be for the town of Bolton to contact Manchester Water and Sewer Department to schedule a meeting with their operations staff to discuss the recent billing increase and clarify responsibilities regarding rags and grit buildup.

b. Discuss and possibly act on odor-control improvements.

The board discussed a budget increase related to bioxide costs, with Hayes explaining that the \$7,200 additional cost was due to increased bioxide usage and better control systems. They reviewed a proposal for \$600 per month to address odor issues, though the board decided to first monitor the current system for 2-3 months before implementing additional solutions like charcoal filters. Carl confirmed that while he noticed a brief odor issue about a month ago, it was quickly rectified, and he hasn't noticed any recent problems.

The team discussed issues with bioxide crystallization during cold weather, which was causing pipeline problems. They are addressing this by insulating the shed and installing heat trace on the pipes. Town explained that the \$8,500 cost mentioned in the equipment section refers to the installation of a gravity-fed catch basin with a charcoal filter, though the current system has been running successfully for 30 days. The discussion also covered how gas emissions from the current system can break down concrete, potentially leading to structural problems if the bioxide were not in the system.

Motion: The board approved a contract for a \$7,200 odor control monitoring system, which will be monitored and alert both town hall staff and key personnel via phone.

1st: Richard Hayes 2nd: Dan Champagne. Vote: Unanimous

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Suellen Kamara*

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for corrections to these Minutes and any corrections hereto.