

**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.

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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.

BOLTON BUDGET WORKSHOP

BLRWPCA Debt

NO. 68

Code 4899	BLRWPCA Debt	Adopted Expenditures		Request for	Proposed by Selectmen	Value Change	% change From
		2024-2025	2025-2026				
Accounting Codes	Category						Prior Year
1005.048.4801.000000.58250.00000	Bolton Lake Regional WPCA Debt	190,000	190,000	190,000	196,000	6,000	3%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>196,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>3%</b>

Any Change (+/-) in a category please explain.

By: Jim Rupert

Signature(s):

Debt service payments associated with the Bolton Lakes loan will continue through its scheduled maturity date of 4/30/2035.

**Kamara, Suellen**

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**From:** Shannon Miles <smiles@manchesterct.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 12:34 PM  
**To:** rmorra6201@gmail.com; dchampagne@vernon-ct.gov; Dan Carrigan; Kasia Purciello  
**Cc:** Kamara, Suellen; Rupert, Jim; Steve Stephanou  
**Subject:** BLRWPCA Meeting  
**Attachments:** Flow\_History\_Graph.pdf; BOB P CALIBRATION REPORT\_4-15-26.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

EXTERNAL EMAIL - This email was sent by a person from outside your organization.

Bob & Dan,

Thank you again for meeting with us today and thank you for sharing information with me about your system. I learned a lot about the collection system upstream of the meter. I feel confident that we will have great coordination and communication between the Towns from now on. I attached the graph I gave out during the meeting incase Jim wants a copy.

Here is a summary of the discussion, please let me know if I missed anything:

- An issue occurred around 1/19/25 and from that point on the flow meter reading was off the chart high
- On 2/21/25 the Manchester sewer maintenance team were sent to inspect the flume and noted that grit, blue rags, and 2" rocks needed to be removed. Maintenance was completed and the meter was checked.
- Since this was out of the ordinary, we began inspecting and cleaning on a weekly basis. No other significant build-up was observed. Manchester did tell the crew to take pictures and immediately report any rags, rocks, or obstructions from now on.
- 2 of the WPCA bills were adjusted (because the anomaly occurred across the end of one billing cycle and beginning of the next) so neither included the erroneous flow readings.
- We had New England Instrument double check it last week and he found no issues. Bob's calibration report is attached
- BLRWPCA repaired their communications to the flow meter so flows or any anomalies can be seen by all parties

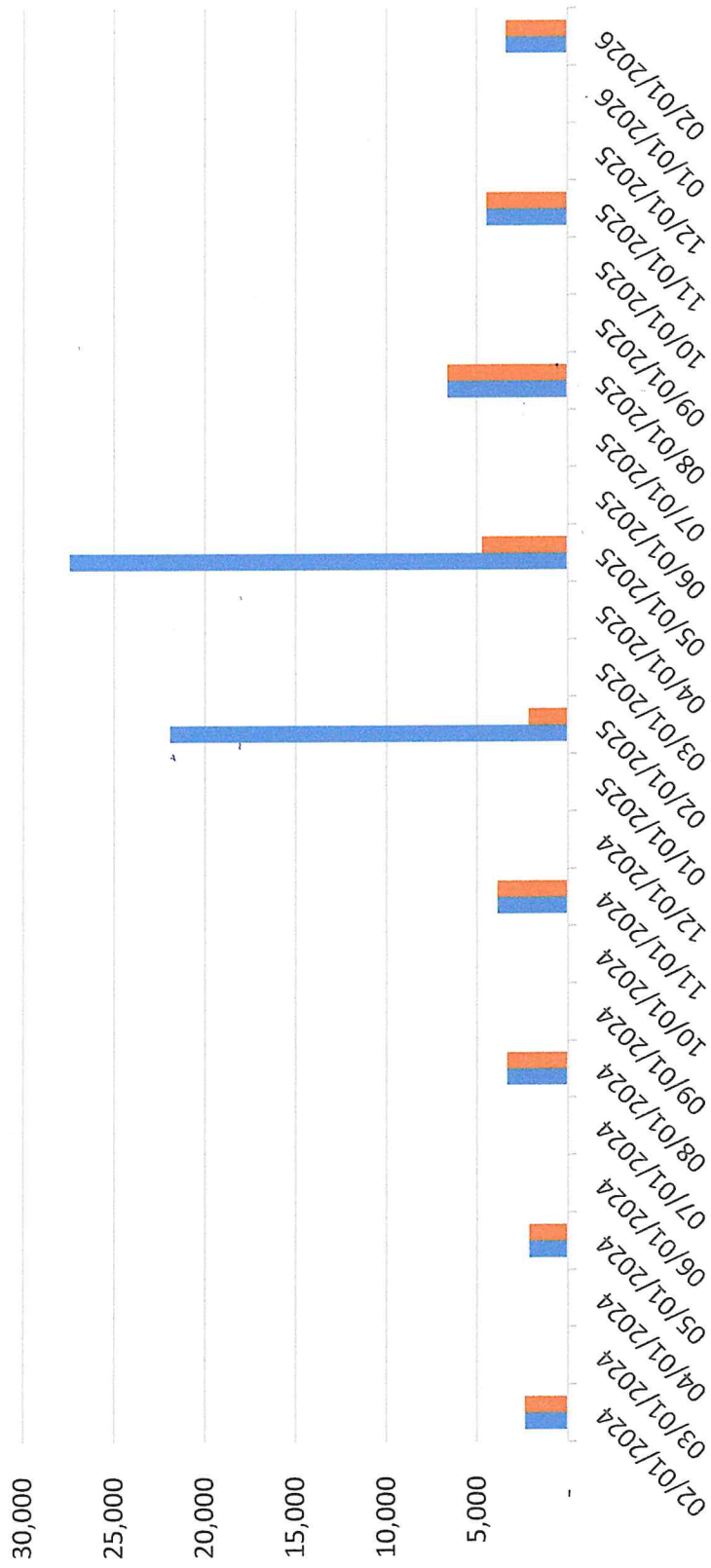
Action Items:

- A contact list will be created so we can have quick communication between representatives
- Manchester will continue checking the pit on a weekly basis
- BLRWPCA will provide a clearer map of the collection system (and let me know the name of the grinder pumps you like)

Thanks again for meeting in person and I hope you all enjoy the rest of the day.

Sincerely,

# BLRWPCA Flow Meter CCF & Billed CCF



	02/06/2024	05/06/2024	08/06/2024	11/06/2024	02/05/2025	05/05/2025	08/05/2025	11/05/2025	02/05/2026
Flow Meter CCF/Qtr	2,364	2,112	3,347	3,871	21,919	27,468	6,616	4,446	3,393
CCF Actually Billed	2,364	2,113	3,347	3,870	2,166	4,722	6,616	4,446	3,392

■ Flow Meter CCF/Qtr    ■ CCF Actually Billed

NEW ENGLAND INSTRUMENT  
SERVICE ASSOCIATES, INC.  
42 GERARD STREET  
MANCHESTER, CT 06040  
860-646-7392

CALIBRATION REPORT

CALIBRATION FOR:

MANCHESTER SEWER

SIEMENS HYDRORANGER  
36-INCH L X 4-INCH  
W CUTTHROAT FLUME

LOCATION: BOLTON

DATE: 4/15/2026

• AS FOUND TEST:

2.0"	25	GPM
1.3"	11	GPM

COMMENT:

CHECKED HEAD  
NO ERROR FOUND

CALIBRATED BY:

*Robert A. Parrott*  
ROBERT A. PARROTT

**Kamara, Suellen**

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**From:** Gagnat, Todd A - Xylem <todd.gagnat@xylem.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 11:54 AM  
**To:** Kamara, Suellen  
**Cc:** Ford, Brian - Xylem; Hoesch, Gavin DR - Xylem  
**Subject:** RE: Sewer Smells - Bolton

EXTERNAL EMAIL - This email was sent by a person from outside your organization.

The VaporLink h2s monitor will be installed this week I believe. The actual new charges wont start until MAY 1<sup>st</sup> so you'll essentially get this month free when h2s sensor gets set up.

The Bioxide system is not dosing which I saw the alarm on link2site, the guys will check it out.

Todd Gagnat  
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Northeast Region Customers, please submit chemical orders to [neordersus@xylem.com](mailto:neordersus@xylem.com)

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**To:** Gagnat, Todd A - Xylem <todd.gagnat@xylem.com>  
**Subject:** Sewer Smells - Bolton

Hello Todd,

I have received a call from the vet in Bolton, and they said the sewer smell came back. It's not like before, but the smells are still there.

Also, about the start of the contract, were you able to change it? Have you installed the vapor link yet? Please let me know.

Best Regards,  
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