

**Bolton Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2018 - 7:15pm
Town Hall**

Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Robert Munroe, Vice Chair Robert Flowers, Emily Bradley, and Richard Tuthill

Members Excused: Robert Galle, Robert DePietro, and Matthew Maulucci

Others Present: Town Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Finance Director Jill Collins, First Selectman Sandra Pierog, and Superintendent Kristin Heckt

1) Call to Order: R. Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

2) Public Participation: None.

3) Correspondence: None.

4) Approval of Minutes

a) September 20, 2018: R. Tuthill made a motion to approve the September 20, 2018 minutes with the following changes:

- under item 5b change “E-Chip Light” to “E-Chip Lite”
- under item 7a change “audition report” to “audit report”

E. Bradley seconded the motion. Vote 3:0:1, with R. Munroe, E. Bradley, and R. Tuthill in favor. R. Flowers abstained.

5) Elected Official and Town Staff Reports:

a) Board of Education Update

The Board of Education’s budget is currently 16% expended. 54 Columbia students were enrolled as of October 1, 2018. The school is still waiting on finalization of Choice students numbers. The estimate provided by the BOE is close to the expected final number. Special education continues to be ever changing. The Chinese class is going well. Students seem to be engaged and the program is already gathering support. The school is still waiting on some bills from the extended school year to come in.

Columbia has a new superintendent. The superintendent will be visiting Bolton high school. It appears that Columbia will be taking a vote on high school choices during their December meeting.

b) Revenue Summary

Tax collection is on target for current year. Prior year tax collection is going extremely well. Next year the pool for prior year tax collection will be smaller. A one quarter payment of ECS is expected to come in this month. One third of the DOT transportation money was received. Interest revenue is hard to project. It appears that the second payment of town aid road should not be an issue this year.

c) Town Update

The town expenditure report through September 30th shows that we are in about the same place as previous years. The month that the expenditure is recorded in depends on when the town actually receives the bills.

Sand and salt are full. There are no concerns at this point with issues of quantity or availability. The electricity and gasoline contracts are being reviewed. E-Chip Lite meetings are continuing. Hopefully more information will be available at the three board meeting.

There is a potential unemployment claim pending. The cistern was recently filled and is ready to run. The new service truck for the fire department is at the fire department. The fire department will train with the truck before it begins responding. The plow truck is in its final stages of work and will hopefully come back before the first snowfall. The generator at the fire department is being worked on.

The town and the school have been on natural gas for a full heating season. The town saved money, but the cost for the school was higher than expected. John should have more information.

R. Munroe suggested amending the resolution to read: "Whereas the Town of Bolton embarked on the single most expensive building project in its history and whereas the project took several years to complete from concept to bonding to construction to completion and whereas the final audit is now complete and whereas the Board of Finance wishes to recognize the professional efforts of the members of staff, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Education involved in this town project, it is resolved that the efforts of Joyce Stille, Jill Collins, Selectman Sandra Pierog, Representative Greene, Scott Bosco and the members of the public building commission deserve additional recognition as this resolution so bestows."

R. Tuthill made a motion to endorse the amended resolution. E. Bradley seconded the motion. Vote, 4:0:0 with R. Munroe, R. Tuthill, E. Bradley, and R. Flowers in favor.

6) Ongoing Business

a) Shared Services: Nothing to report.

b) Three Board Meeting, November 1, 2018

There will be a three board meeting on November 1, 2018. The agenda is not available yet. The town charter states the topics for discussion.

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Rupert

Recording Secretary

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