

**BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 – 7:15 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBSITE PLATFORM &
TOWN OF BOLTON, 222 BOLTON CENTER RD, BOLTON
MINUTES**

Board of Finance Members Present: Robert Munroe, Charles Danna Jr., Mather Clarke, Kristen Gourley, and Ross Lally.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: First Selectman Pam Sawyer and Interim Town Administrator Jim Rupert

Board of Education Members Present: Superintendent Kristin Heckt

Absent: Emily Bradley and Alex Rivera

- 1) **Call to Order:** R. Munroe called this meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

- 2) **Public Participation:** R. Munroe called for public participation, but there were no comments.

- 3) **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting:**

K. Gourley MOVED to approve all corrections from past minutes, any amendments, and the minutes approved today. C. Danna SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

 - b) **May 5, 2022 Special Meeting:**

K. Gourley MOVED to approve all corrections from past minutes, any amendments, and the minutes approved today. C. Danna SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

 - c) **May 19, 2022 Regular Meeting:**

K. Gourley MOVED to approve all corrections from past minutes, any amendments, and the minutes approved today. C. Danna SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

 - d) **May 25, 2022 Special Meeting:**

In section 3a, “K. Gourley feels that the ~~cut~~ **larger amount** needs to be on the town side...” and “...because the school is what ~~most~~ **a lot of** people move to Bolton for.” R. Munroe MOVED to approve the May 25, 2022, June 8, 2022, and June 22, 2022 minutes as amended. K. Gourley SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

e) June 8, 2022 Special Meeting:

In section 2, “...because ~~even a no vote is a non-vote~~ **non-vote is a no vote.**” R. Munroe MOVED to approve the May 25, 2022, June 8, 2022, and June 22, 2022 special meeting minutes as amended. K. Gourley SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

f) June 22, 2022 Regular Meeting:

In section 4c, “...saying everyone should be ~~cognoscente~~ **cognizant** about how much they have unexpended...” R. Munroe MOVED to approve the May 25, 2022, June 8, 2022, and June 22, 2022 special meeting minutes as amended. K. Gourley SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

g) July 13, 2022 Special Meeting:

K. Gourley MOVED to approve all corrections from past minutes, any amendments, and the minutes approved today. C. Danna SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

4) Elected Official and Town Staff Reports:

a) Tax Collection Summary:

J. Rupert began by going over the Tax Collectors reports stating that the percentage collected for FY 23 budget is 96.82%. R. Munroe asks about June 30, 2021 and how it is 100.33% collected, and June 30, 2022 is 100.39% collected, saying it was roughly \$70,000 more than we anticipated. J. Rupert explains it is due to the higher values on automobiles and significant amount of back taxes collected.

b) Town Update:

J. Rupert says we have expended just under 6% of the budget for this year. He explains that with us being a quarter way through the year and having a November election date, having it be 23.95% of their budget we need to be careful not to go over budget. J. Rupert then discussed transfers, stating the most significant transfer being Refuse Removal.

- c) BOE Update:** R. Lally MOVED to approve to move item 4c to item 3. C. Danna SECONDED. By roll call vote, PASSES 6:0:0.

K. Heckt stated that there were no transfers made in July and August. She notified the Board that there are still many staffing changes happening and many changes happening with special education. R. Munroe asked if there were still hybrid happenings. K. Heckt stated that they weren't permitted to allow the students to video call into class while at home sick or for any other reason, it had to be the old fashioned way with packets sent home to work on. R. Munroe asked K. Heckt if she believes we are at an advantage for being in person. She responded by noting that a couple of years back when they were doing remote schooling and then hybrid, she feels like there was a slight learning loss. R. Lally asked about benefits and insurance costs with the changes in staffing.

5) New Business:

- a) Discussion and possible action: Appointment of new BOF member:**

R. Munroe announces to the Board that the Bolton Democratic Town Committee made the decision to appoint Amanda Gordon to fill the vacancy on the BOF. K. Gourley MOVED to approve Amanda Gordon as the new BOF member. R. Lally SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 6:0:0.

- b) Discussion and possible action: Election of officer:**

R. Munroe announces that E. Bradley resigned from the BOF. The Bolton Republican Town Committee would like to have R. Lally appointed as the new officer. C. Danna MOVED to approve R. Lally as the new officer for the BOF. R. Munroe SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 6:0:0.

c) List of BOE and Town reductions: R. Lally MOVED to approve to move item 5c to item 3. C. Danna SECONDED. By roll call vote, PASSES 6:0:0.

K. Heckt reports that they anticipate their unaudited return to be \$425,770. The reasons being less legal costs, staffing, health insurance savings due to staffing, inability to receive needed goods, and special education not playing out.

J. Rupert reports the town reductions are at \$64,000. The cuts were as follows: Recreation cut by \$18,500, Fire Commission by \$5,000, Library payroll by \$5,000, Senior/Social Services by \$14,080, electricity by \$10,000, tree trimming \$10,000, and Service and refuse by \$1420.

6) Adjournment: R. Munroe adjourned this meeting at 8:28 P.M.

Next Meetings:

Regular Meeting - October 20, 2022

Regular Meeting - November 17, 2022

Regular Meeting - December 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Ashleigh N. Johnson, Board Clerk

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PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.