

**BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 24, 2023  
HYBRID MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBSITE PLATFORM &  
TOWN OF BOLTON, 222 BOLTON CENTER RD, BOLTON  
MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Members Present:** Ross Lally – Chairman, Charlie Danna Jr., Amanda Gordon, Ashley Phelan, Kristen Gourley, and Mather Clarke.

**Board of Education Members Present:** Susan Pike

**Staff Present:** Jill Collins – Chief Financial Officer, Kristin Heckt – Superintendent, and James Rupert – Town administrator.

**Absent:** Robert Munroe – Vice Chair

**1) Call to Order:** R. Lally called this meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**2) Public Participation:** R. Lally thanked everyone who voted yesterday stating we had 1,135 votes – 579 voted yes and 556 voted no. K. Heckt thanked BOF for their hard work and gave thanks to P. Sawyer, J. Collins, and J. Rupert for their hard work as well. S. Pike agreed with K. Heckt stating she can't recall passing a budget in 1 referendum since being in Bolton. R. Lally stated it has happened 2 times before but wasn't recently. A. Gordon wanted to acknowledge that tonight is Gill Pierog's memorial and to thank Sandra Pierog for her time with the election. She also stated the Pierog family is in the BOF's thoughts and prayers. K. Gourley thanks the registrars and everyone working at the polls, stating it's a huge service. J. Rupert agreed with K. Heckt stating that he thought it was amazing the amount of voters we had. R. Lally said R. Munroe passed on his thanks to BOS and BOE and everyone who came out to vote.

**3) Ongoing Business:**

**a) Discussion on FY2023/2024 Revenues & Expenditures:**

No discussion.

**b) Consider and possibly act on: Ballot Question:**

No discussion.

#### **4) New Business:**

##### **a) Consider and possibly act on: Setting the real estate and personal property mill rate for FY2024:**

K. Gourley MOVED to set the real estate and personal property mill rate at 43.82 mills.  
C. Danna SECONDED.

A. Gordon asked when the mill rate needed to be set and if its possible to wait until hearing back from Chelsea Groton about the interest rates. A. Phelan said it would be difficult to forecast. A. Gordon explained she just wanted the mill rate as low as possible seeing that almost half of the people that voted, voted no and are not happy with this increase. K. Gourley said as much as she hates this mill rate increase, it will go down next year with revaluation and if we have extra money to get on track it will save money in the end. R. Lally clarified if you reevaluate and property values are higher, the mill rate will go down, but the amount of money to come out of people's pockets may not change. J. Rupert said you could possibly wait a couple more weeks but the Tax Collector would probably prefer to get the bills out as soon as possible. C. Danna said in his observations of the Tax Collector's work, it is very time consuming to get the bills printed and stuff the envelopes and that any delays could possibly cost us more funds in order to have them printed and stuffed by a company to get the bills out in a timely manner.

By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 6:0:0.

##### **b) Consider and possibly act on: Setting the motor vehicle mill rate for FY2024:**

A. Gordon MOVED to set the motor vehicle mill rate at the state call of 32.46 mills. M. Clarke SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 6:0:0.

##### **c) Consider and possibly act on: Additional meeting date:**

J. Collins said we will need another meeting for transfers. A. Gordon asked if we ever put out an RFP for an auditor. J. Collins said we haven't and need to select one by June 1<sup>st</sup>, but its unlikely to happen by then. A. Gordon asked if we would be reviewing this at

the June meeting. J. Collins said yes. She also said the room in Town Hall is reserved for June 7<sup>th</sup> from when we thought we may have extra referendums if we wanted to do the meeting then. Everyone agreed. They stated the regular meeting for the BOF is on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**5) Adjournment:** R. Lally adjourned this meeting at 7:48 PM.

**Next Meetings:**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Special Meeting**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Regular Meeting**

Respectfully submitted by Ashleigh N. Johnson, Board Clerk

*Ashleigh N. Johnson*

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