

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
8:23 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024  
\*TOWN HALL/ZOOM\***

**Finance Commission Members Present at Town Hall and Via Zoom:** Chair Ross Lally, Member Robert Morra, Member Amanda Gordon, Member Rhea Klein, Member Ashley Phelan, Member Robert Munroe, Member Chris Connelly.

**Staff Present Via Zoom:** Town Administrator James Rupert, Board of Education Kristen Heckt

Absent was Finance Director Jill Collins

**Staff Present Via Zoom:** Board Clerk Mary Johnston

**Others Present Via Zoom:** None

**1. Call to Order**

R. Lally called the meeting to order.

**2. Correspondence**

Email from resident Scott Michaud was received.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**3a. April 3, 2024 Finance Subcommittee Special Meeting**

A. Phelan MOVED to approve the April 3, 2024 Finance Subcommittee Special Meeting Minutes. A. Gordon SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

**3b. April 18, 2024 Regular Meeting**

R. Morra MOVED to approve the April 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. R. Munroe SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

**3c. April 22, 2024 Special Meeting**

A. Gordon MOVED to table the April 22, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. A. Phelan SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

**4. Ongoing Business**

**4a. Discussion on FY 2024/2025 Revenues & Expenditures**

**4b. Budget calendar**

**4c. Consider and possibly act on Assignment of Capital Reserve Project**

R. Morra moved to act on Assignment of Capital Reserve Project. A. Gordon SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

## **5. New Business**

### **5a. Discussion on Bid for Auditor**

#### **5b. Consider and possibly act on awarding contract of Auditor**

R. Munroe MOVED to approve the new contract with Town Auditor Steve Hopkins for the Town portion and also the Bolton Lakes project with the condition that either the Finance Commission Chair Ross Lally or the Selectmen can have a brief conversation with Mr. Hopkins and indicate staff's desire to start the audit earlier. A. GORDON seconded. A. Phelan requested that the motion include the Auditor be available at a meeting for a read out. R. Munroe AMENDED his motion to include the request by the Board Chair for the Selectmen to have the Auditor be available for a zoom meeting at one of the next meetings to go over the remaining issues. A. Phelan SECONDED the amended motion. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

#### **5c. Consider and possible action on revised revenues for FY2024**

No action was taken as the Committee considered this item at the last meeting.

#### **5d. Consider and possible action on Expenditures for FY2025**

No action was taken as the Committee considered this item at the last meeting.

#### **5e. Consider and possibly act on ballot question**

R. Lally entertained a motion to approve the ballot question that reads as "At it's April 30, 2024 Special Meeting, the Finance Committee of the Town of Bolton, Connecticut, voted the following 'Shall the Annual Budget for the Town of Bolton, Connecticut, for the Fiscal Year 2025 as recommended by the Finance Committee in the amount of \$26,233,099 be adopted'?"

A. Gordon MOVED to approve the Ballot question as read. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

**6. Adjournment:** A. Gordon MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston

*Mary J. Johnston*

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS UNDER SEPARATE COVER.