TOWN OF BOLTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
7:15 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025
TOWN HALL/ZOOM

Finance Committee Members Present at Town Hall/Zoom: Chair Ross Lally, Member Amanda Gordon, Member Rhea Klein, Member Tyler Egner, Member Ashley Phelan, Member Robert Morra. Absent was Member Chris Connelly.

Staff Present Via Town Hall/Zoom: Town Administrator Jim Rupert, Selectmen Rodney Fournier, Board of Education Superintendent Kristin Heckt, Incoming Board of Education Superintendent David Caruso, Board Clerk Mary Johnston. Absent was Chief Financial Officer Jill Collins.

Others Present Via Town Hall/Zoom: Ashley Paggioli, Bruce Dixon, Megan Flick, Andrew Broneill, James DeMorro, Deputy Chief Perreira

1. Call to Order
R. Lally called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

R. Lally advised the Committee he will not vote on agenda items due to a conflict of interest.

2. Public Participation:
None.

3. Ongoing Business
3a. Discussion on FY2025/FY2026 Revenues & Expenditures
R. Lally reported the June 24, 2025, Referendum did not pass, and the Committee will need to discuss further cuts to the FY25/26 budget. The Committee held a lengthy discussion on which budget items can be removed from the budget ask for the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education. During the discussion, the following cuts were suggested: $110,000 (Highway Truck Replacement); $70,000 (Utility Truck/Plow); and $47,000 (Town Hall Vehicle). K. Heckt said an additional $250,000 in givebacks is available from the Board of Education budget. Total changes equal $512,000 for Board of Selectmen and Board of Education. A. Gordon said the new estimated mil rate, based on these proposed cuts, is between 32.06 and 31.97. The Committee discussed setting the temporary mil rate and preparing for the next referendum.

R. Morra MOVED to make a reduction from the Capital Budget for a total of $227.00. A. Gordon SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

A. Gordon MOVED to recognize unofficial revenue from the Board of Selectmen in the amount of $35,000 and from the Board of Education in the amount of $250,000 to reduce the Mil Rate for next year. A. Phelan SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

3b. Consider and possibly act on: Ballot Question
A. Gordon MOVED to approve the ballot question **"Shall the Annual Budget for the Town of Bolton, Connecticut, for the fiscal year 2026 as recommended by the Finance Committee in the amount of $26,371,982 be adopted?** R. Morra SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

3c. Discussion should the budget not pass again
No discussion this evening. This will be discussed in July if the next referendum does not pass.

3d. Additional meetings
A. Gordon MOVED to approve additional Special Meeting dates of the Finance Committee on July 2, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. and July 16, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Hall both virtual and in person. R. Morra SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

4. New Business
4a. Consider and possibly act on Temporary mil rate
No action was taken after consideration. The Committee will discuss at the July 2, 2025, Special Meeting.

4b. Consider and possibly act on mil rate
No action was taken.

5. Adjournment
R. Morra MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M. A. Gordon SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston
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PLESE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR CORRECTIONS TO THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.

SEE ATTACHMENTS UNDER SEPARATE COVER.