

**TOWN OF BOLTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
7:16 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026
TOWN HALL/ZOOM**

Finance Committee Members Present Via Town Hall/ Zoom: Chair Ross Lally, Member Tyler Egner, Member David Cowles, Member Rodney Fournier, Member Melissa Wielandt, Member Benjamin Davies, Member Denay Johnston

Staff Present Via Zoom/In Person: Board of Education Superintendent David Caruso, Interim Finance Director Stephanie Smigala, Town Administrator Jim Rupert, Andrew Broneill

Others Present Via Zoom/In Person: Katie Desrosiers, James Perkins, Jim Loersch, Jen Carvalho, Mary MacFarland

1. Call to Order

R. Lally called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

2. Public Participation

K. Desrosiers asked where she can find the most current Budget presentation on the Town's website. R. Lally directed her to the information on the website.

3. Ongoing Business

3a. Discussion on FY2025/2026 Revenues & Expenditures

3b. Discussion on FY2026/2027 Revenues & Expenditures

3c. Discussion and possible action to amend prior motion from 4/9/2026 regarding the \$30,000 budgetary allocation

D. Johnston MOVED to amend the prior motion from 4/9/2026 regarding the budgetary allocation. D. Cowles SECONDED the motion.

Yeas: Fournier, Egner, Wielandt, Cowles, Davies, Johnston

Nays: None

Abstain: Lally

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3d. Consider and possible action on Expenditures for FY2027

R. Fournier MOVED to accept the expenditures for FY2027 in the amount of \$26,896,962.08 with the mil rate of 34.31 an estimated increase of 6.22% from last year. B. Davies SECONDED the motion.

Yeas: Fournier, Egner, Wielandt, Cowles, Davies, Johnston

Nays: None

Abstain: Lally

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3e. Communication

3f. Budget calendar

4. New Business

4a. Consider and possible action on the ballot question

D. Johnston MOVED to approve the following ballot question “Shall the Annual Budget for the Town of Bolton, Connecticut for the fiscal year 2027 as recommended by the Finance Committee in the amount of \$26,896,962.08 be adopted?”. M. Wielandt SECONDED the motion.

Yeas: Fournier, Egner, Wielandt, Cowles, Davies, Johnston

Nays: None

Abstained: Lally

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5. Adjournment: D. Johnston MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. M. Wielandt SECONDED the motion.

Yeas: Fournier, Egner, Wielandt, Cowles, Davies, Johnston

Nays: None

Abstained: Lally

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Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston

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