



Town of Bolton

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
1:00 P.M. – VIRTUAL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Selectmen held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 1st with First Selectman Sandra Pierog presiding. Also in attendance were Selectmen: Robert Morra, Michael Eremita, Robert DePietro, Kim Miller, Interim Administrative Officer James Rupert, Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Kathy McCavanagh.

1. Call to Order.

S. Pierog called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Approval of revised resolution and ballot question regarding Fire Truck.

Pierog stated this was a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to approve the attorney's changes on the fire truck and to approve the ballot question for the referendum.

B. Morra's motion the other night said we accepted whatever changes the attorney had to our original motion. The attorney would like us to vote in this motion today instead.

The question for the ballot is:

Shall the Town of Bolton appropriate \$810,000 for the acquisition of an engine tanker fire truck for the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department and authorize the issue of \$630,000 bonds and notes to finance in part the appropriation?

Motion to accept the question.

By: B. Morra Second: M. Eremita

Discussion:

M. Eremita would like to put in something that reference the replacement of the vehicle that is 29 years old?

S. Pierog responded not it this piece but when we get to the next piece we'll be able to do this. The attorney wants this to be succinct and just talk about the purchase.

Vote for: R. Morra, M. Eremita, K. Miller, S. Pierog.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Passed Unanimously.

Per S. Pierog the attorney has changed the resolution. It takes the resolution we had the other night and added some federal tax regulations, general statute regulations and the last paragraph says

For the resolve that in their discretion the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare concise explanatory text regarding said resolution and the Board of Selectmen is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding such resolution such texts and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with section 9-369B of the Connecticut General Statute.

This gives the BOS and the Town Clerk and the BOS can authorize the Fire Department to prepare something as well.

Attorney also said according to her interpretation of the Charter we need to take this proposal to the Board of Finance for approval and then to a Town meeting for approval. All the BOF will do is allow us to take it to the town meeting. The

Town Meeting will then authorize it to take it to referendum where the taxpayers/voters will make the final decision.

M. Eremita thinks that's a long way around when we could have just gone to Town Meeting to begin with and why don't we just go to Town Meeting and be done with it?

S. Pierog agrees; but if we just take it to Town Meeting without going to the BOF then we have to bond it and we'll be back at square one and we can't just go the BOF before we go to Town Meeting because we're borrowing and it has to go to referendum. It has to follow these steps:

1. BOS
2. BOF
3. Town Meeting
4. Referendum

Motion: To authorize the resolution appropriating \$810,000 for the acquisition of an engine tanker fire truck for the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department and authorizing the issue of \$630,000 bonds and notes to finance in part the appropriation.

By: B. Morra Seconded: K. Miller

Discussion: None.

Vote for: R. DePietro, B. Morra, M. Eremita, K. Miller, S. Pierog.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Passed Unanimously.

3. Adjournment.

S. Pierog adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCavanagh

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