

**TOWN OF BOLTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MOTIONS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022, 7:00 P.M. HYBRID FORMAT**

		Present	Absent
First Selectman	Pam Sawyer	X	
Selectman	Adam Teller	X	
Selectman	Robert DePietro - remote	X	
Selectman	Mike Eremita - remote	X	
Selectman Deputy First Selectman	Robert Morra	X	
Interim Administrative Officer	Jim Rupert	X	

Call to Order:

By: Sawyer

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Hybrid

Motion: I move the Board of Selectmen approve the request of a memorial bench with Clark's name be placed at an appropriate location.

By: Morra

Seconded:

Voting:

For: Morra, Eremita, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: None

Motion: I move the Board of Selectmen move to agenda item 6.B. at this time.

By: Morra

Seconded: Teller

Voting:

For: Morra, Eremita, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: None

Approval of Minutes:

A. June 7, 2022 – Special Meeting w/BHF

B. June 7, 2022 – Regular Meeting

C. June 21, 2022 – Special Meeting A/P

D. June 24, 2022 – Special Meeting

E. June 30, 2022 – Special Meeting A/P

F. July 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting

G. July 19, 2022 – Special Meeting

H. July 27, 2022 - Special Meeting A/P

Motion: I move the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes from the dates listed above with the following corrections:

- June 21, 2022 – Special Meeting, item 6 – the reference to “curly pond leaf weed” be changed to “curly pond weed”.
- June 24, 2022 – Special Meeting, item 5., second paragraph, first sentence – change “company” to “town employment”.
- June 24, 2022 – Special Meeting, item 5 – add “Vote: For: Sawyer, Teller, Eremita, Morra”.
- July 12, 2022 - Regular Meeting, item 2 – “Beuadoin” to be changed to “Beaudoin”.

By: Morra

Seconded: DePietro

Voting:

For: Morra, Eremita, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: None

Appointments and Resignations

Resignation – D. Bokshan (Library Page)

Motion: I move the Board of Selectmen accept the letter of resignation from D. Boksahn with thanks

By: Morra

Seconded: Teller

Voting:

For: Morra, Eremita, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: None

Reports & Updates:

Consider and Act on A/P Report

Motion: I move the Board of Selectmen accept the A/P report.

By: Morra

Seconded: DePietro

Voting:

For: Morra, Eremita, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: None

Ongoing Business:

Review Cannabis Ordinance with changes made

Motion: I move the Board of Selectmen table this subject until such a time it is more relevant.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Morra

Voting:

For: Morra, Eremita, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: None

New Business:

Consider and Act on Non-Union Pay Raises

Consider and Possibly Act On 401K Raises

Motion: I move the Bolton Board of Selectmen accept the non-union hourly pay and pension raises as presented and have Rupert come back with additional research on the hourly rate for the Senior Van Driver position.

By: Morra

Seconded: DePietro

Discussion: Eremita: How many van drivers do we have? Rupert: Three and one that fills in once in awhile.

Voting:

For: Morra, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: Eremita (on the portion pertaining to the fire department)

Motion: I move the Bolton Board of Selectmen accept the non-union salary pay and pension raises as presented; the Interim Town Administrator will be retroactive to January 2022.

By: Morra

Seconded: DePietro

Voting:

For: Morra, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: Eremita (on the portion pertaining to the fire department)

Motion: I move the Bolton Board of Selectmen approve the salary increase at 2.25% for the BOS and the Assessor.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Discussion: Teller: Feels it is not appropriate to vote on your own salary. Morra and Eremita mentioned other boards have given themselves raises.

Voting:

For: Morra, Sawyer, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: Teller, DePietro

Motion: I move the Bolton Board of Selectmen approve the increases in salary or stipends for fire department personnel.

By: Morra

Seconded: Teller

Discussion: When was the 5-year plan voted on, who voted on it, and what did it say?

Eremita: The Fire Chief brought it up during budget discussions in 2018 or 2019. The higher raises going to the lower officers to encourage people to volunteer. The BOS and the chief thought it was an appropriate plan to phase in over five years.

Morra: Originally the BOS looked at significant increases at the beginning. The BOS felt then it would have to be worked in over time. So this five year plan was decided on. This is the fifth year of the plan.

Sawyer: What is the department strength right now?for captain and lts. Eremita: We are one officer short right now. There are 39 people on the roster with 17 or18 active fire fighters.

Others are support and EMS personnel. This is a means to try to entice some of the town's younger people to join the department.

Voting:

For: Morra, Sawyer, Teller, DePietro

Against: None

Abstain: Eremita

Consider and Act on Next Real Estate/Personal Property Tax Due Date (Request for October 1, 2022, with November 1, 2022, Delinquent Date)

Motion: I move the Bolton Board of Selectmen approve the next the Real Estate/Personal Property tax due date as October 1, 2022, with November 1, 2022, being the delinquent date.

By: Teller

Seconded: Morra

Discussion: Morra: Why wouldn't be sending these with the supplementals they do on January? Rupert: This was the request from the Tax Collector; it will be easier for her with these dates because everybody will get a tax bill in Janaury for items other than on a motor vehicle. The January tax bills will only be for changes.

Voting:

By: Eremita

Seconded: Morra

Voting:

For: Morra, DePietro, Sawyer, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne B. Filip

Yvonne B. Filip, Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary

Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for corrections to these motions and any corrections hereto.