

McCavanagh, Kathleen

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Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 1:28 PM
To: McCavanagh, Kathleen
Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Removal of Stop Sign

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Dear Members of Bolton Board of Selectmen:

Thank you for the opportunity to enter the following comments into Public Record. I apologize that I am unable to deliver them in person due to business travel.

As one of the members of the public that had advocated for the need for a traffic solution to the unsafe intersection at Hebron and Webster, I am dismayed at the proposed removal especially on the basis of anecdotal accounts of non-compliance and sound complaints.

The intersection is a hazard for vehicular traffic exiting left from Webster to Hebron. It is frequently overgrown and drivers on that stretch of Hebron have historically not abided by posted speed limits. Furthermore, the approaching northbound traffic does not have a clear view of the intersection.

Prior to the installation of the stop sign I felt the need to "gun" it to get through the intersection prior to oncoming traffic. This was due to several close calls over the 17 years that we have lived here.

While I am sympathetic to the concerns raised by my neighbors, I think prioritizing a perceived noise nuisance over safety is a mistake. We have several young drivers and school buses that make that turn and we must prioritize safety especially since there is little evidence that the desired effect will result.

I recommend that removal of the stop sign be a last resort only after an appropriate study of how to improve safety inclusive of proper maintenance of the site, feasibility of a speed bump or other technology that will achieve those aims.

In short the anecdotal perception of lack of compliance on the stop sign by a small percentage of the neighborhood and the resultant sound impacts cannot offset the safety of the larger population that uses that intersection daily.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Gallé
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Sent from my iPhone

FY2023 June 28, 2023										
	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Expense YTD	Balance	Encumbrance	Unexpended	% Expended	FY22	FY21	FY20
Administration	\$ 708,256.00	\$ 642,956.00	\$ 493,026.01	\$ 149,929.99	\$ 4,000.96	\$ 145,929.03	77.30%	82.11%	86.59%	75.82%
Board of Finance	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,398.99	\$ 1.01	\$ -	\$ 1.01	99.96%	96.82%	90.44%	54.23%
Financial Administration	\$ 237,546.00	\$ 237,546.00	\$ 221,928.48	\$ 15,617.52	\$ -	\$ 15,617.52	93.43%	93.84%	94.80%	85.36%
Auditing	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	98.28%	98.11%	98.11%	92.45%
Assessor	\$ 131,112.00	\$ 136,926.00	\$ 132,605.83	\$ 4,320.17	\$ 1,786.25	\$ 2,533.92	98.15%	90.13%	96.05%	87.37%
Tax Collector	\$ 91,208.00	\$ 91,208.00	\$ 82,896.10	\$ 8,311.90	\$ 3,602.18	\$ 4,709.72	94.84%	99.93%	93.26%	90.81%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,036,526.00	\$ 1,036,526.00	\$ 920,989.43	\$ 115,536.57	\$ -	\$ 115,536.57	88.85%	92.77%	84.98%	83.06%
Town Clerk	\$ 137,760.00	\$ 137,760.00	\$ 134,421.84	\$ 3,338.16	\$ 157.72	\$ 3,180.44	97.69%	97.50%	96.42%	90.10%
Land Use	\$ 342,653.00	\$ 313,839.00	\$ 279,961.82	\$ 33,877.18	\$ 11,424.63	\$ 22,452.55	92.85%	82.78%	93.00%	91.45%
Planning & Zoning	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 2,622.42	\$ 1,627.58	\$ -	\$ 1,627.58	61.70%	78.86%	31.41%	14.28%
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 1,094.32	\$ 545.68	\$ -	\$ 545.68	66.73%	46.97%	10.67%	36.20%
Property Insurance	\$ 145,400.00	\$ 145,400.00	\$ 108,494.75	\$ 36,905.25	\$ -	\$ 36,905.25	74.62%	72.79%	78.44%	79.16%
Probate	\$ 6,258.00	\$ 6,258.00	\$ 5,940.00	\$ 318.00	\$ -	\$ 318.00	94.92%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Inlands/Wetlands	\$ 2,235.00	\$ 2,035.00	\$ 679.35	\$ 1,355.65	\$ -	\$ 1,355.65	33.38%	47.67%	24.38%	32.03%
Elections	\$ 65,613.00	\$ 65,613.00	\$ 50,566.24	\$ 15,046.76	\$ 6,727.69	\$ 8,319.07	87.32%	81.65%	82.27%	100.00%
Police	\$ 331,050.00	\$ 331,050.00	\$ 1,281.72	\$ 329,768.28	\$ -	\$ 329,768.28	0.39%	10.01%	85.56%	1.21%
Fire Commission	\$ 241,385.00	\$ 241,385.00	\$ 170,833.26	\$ 70,551.74	\$ 62,064.52	\$ 8,487.22	96.48%	97.03%	98.70%	89.72%
Animal Control	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	96.77%	0.00%	100.00%	85.71%
Fire Marshal	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 17,906.57	\$ 14,093.43	\$ 574.39	\$ 13,519.04	57.75%	69.63%	39.64%	16.40%
Emergency Management	\$ 14,693.00	\$ 14,693.00	\$ 10,143.33	\$ 4,549.67	\$ -	\$ 4,549.67	69.04%	77.92%	82.89%	0.00%
Highways and Streets	\$ 1,002,817.00	\$ 1,002,817.00	\$ 827,528.56	\$ 175,288.44	\$ 116,535.18	\$ 58,753.26	94.14%	93.13%	89.22%	81.36%
Public Building Commission	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 336.50	\$ 3,763.50	\$ -	\$ 3,763.50	8.21%	21.48%	0.00%	0.00%
Parks/Town Building Ops	\$ 803,646.00	\$ 803,646.00	\$ 674,125.52	\$ 129,520.48	\$ 35,507.06	\$ 94,013.42	88.30%	87.62%	83.77%	78.76%
Public Health Admin	\$ 28,878.00	\$ 28,878.00	\$ 28,014.58	\$ 863.42	\$ -	\$ 863.42	97.01%	99.89%	93.54%	83.08%
Seniors / Social Services	\$ 159,498.00	\$ 159,498.00	\$ 140,822.39	\$ 18,675.61	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 17,075.61	89.29%	94.24%	79.17%	82.59%
Library	\$ 295,408.00	\$ 295,408.00	\$ 290,867.71	\$ 4,540.29	\$ 815.49	\$ 3,724.80	98.74%	95.45%	94.75%	85.68%
Conservation	\$ 2,105.00	\$ 2,105.00	\$ 1,694.88	\$ 410.12	\$ -	\$ 410.12	80.52%	81.30%	84.11%	76.92%
Waste Collection	\$ 572,454.00	\$ 600,754.00	\$ 572,024.90	\$ 28,729.10	\$ 300.00	\$ 28,429.10	95.27%	96.81%	97.24%	81.00%
Totals	\$ 6,432,791.00	\$ 6,372,791.00	\$ 3,074,760.8	\$ 1,168,085.50	\$ 245,096.07	\$ 922,989.43	85.65%	78.09%	78.19%	72.82%

**TAX COLLECTOR
5.31.23**

	ADOPTED	REVISED	COLLECTIONS YTD	REFUNDS	RETURNED PAYMENTS	TAX COLL. TRANSFERS	NET COLLECTION 5.31.23	PERCENTAGE
								COLLECTED FY 23 BUDGET
CURRENT YR. LEVY	\$ 15,953,417.00	\$ 16,175,000.00	\$ 16,257,099.80	\$ (51,626.62)	\$ (14,577.84)	\$ 1,771.72	\$ 16,192,667.06	100.11%
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$ 1,737,991.00	\$ 1,680,000.00	\$ 1,700,673.42	\$ (12,108.22)	\$ (5,120.34)	\$ (232.24)	\$ 1,683,212.62	100.19%
SUPP. MV LEVY	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	203,113.96	\$ (839.90)	\$ (595.34)	\$ 602.99	\$ 202,281.71	101.14%
SUB TOTAL	\$ 17,866,408.00	\$ 18,055,000.00	\$ 18,160,887.18	\$ (64,574.74)	\$ (20,293.52)	\$ 2,142.47	\$ 18,078,161.39	100.13%
PRIOR YEARS	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 107,598.68	\$ (3,252.75)	\$ -	\$ (2,703.25)	\$ 101,642.68	103.72%
INTEREST & FEES	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 77,585.73	\$ (23.43)	\$ (255.01)	\$ 560.78	\$ 77,868.07	106.67%
TOTAL	\$ 17,991,408.00	\$ 18,226,000.00	\$ 18,346,071.59	\$ (67,850.92)	\$ (20,548.53)	\$ -	\$ 18,257,672.14	100.17%

PREVIOUS YEAR CURRENT YR LEVY COLLECTED

7.31.2022	8.31.2022	9.30.2022	10.31.2022	11.30.2022	12.31.2022
86.13%	99.24%	99.63%	100.92%	101.10%	101.25%
1.31.2023	2.28.2023	3.30.2023	4.30.2023	5.31.2023	6.30.2023
101.23%	101.29%	101.38%	99.98%	100.11%	
7.31.2021	8.31.2021	9.30.2021	10.31.2021	11.30.2021	12.31.2021
19.07%	90.94%	98.67%	99.09%	99.52%	99.95%
1.31.2022	2.28.2022	3.30.2022	4.30.2022	5.31.2022	6.30.2022
100.98%	101.06%	101.12%	101.24%	100.18%	100.39%