

**BOLTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
6:00 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024
BOLTON TOWN HALL, 222 BOLTON CENTER ROAD
In-Person and Virtual (Hybrid Format)**

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Members Present In-Person: First Selectman Rodney Fournier, Deputy First Selectman Robert Morra, Mather Clarke, Gwen Marrion, Tim Sadler

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Amanda Gordon, Pamela Sawyer

Staff Present In-Person: Town Administrator James Rupert

Staff Present Via Zoom: Recording Secretary Linda H. McDonald

1. **Call to Order:** R. Fournier called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Discussion on Bids for the Demolition, Selective Demolition and Reconstruction as necessary for the Notch Road Municipal Center and a Greenhouse at the Bolton Center School:**

To open discussion, R. Morra said one of the unknowns for the two bidding companies and the board is projecting the costs of environmental remediation. He said the town could hire someone to test for hazardous materials and estimate the environmental remediation costs before awarding a contract for demolition. The Selectmen discussed different approaches for determining the remediation costs. If the remediation costs could be determined, the RFP could be reposted and possibly there would be more interest from companies to bid on the project. J. Rupert said eight companies came to the mandatory walk-through, but only two submitted a bid.

The town is under time constraints to have the ARPA funds committed to this project by the end of 2024, preferring to have the demolition work completed this summer while school is not in session. This would require getting an RFP out as soon as possible for the hazardous materials testing and remediation costs. R. Morra said the board could waive the bid process based on the time issue.

J. Rupert noted there is no remediation involved with the demolition of the greenhouse at the school. The language in the RFP allows the town to move ahead with all, part, or none of the project.

The consensus of the Selectmen was to bring the discussion to the board at the next meeting as to how to move forward with the environmental portion of the project to tear down portions of the Notch Road school.

3. **Consider and Possibly Act on awarding a Contract for the Demolition, Selective Demolition and Reconstruction as necessary for the Notch Road Municipal Center and a Greenhouse at the Bolton Center School:**

R. Morra MOVED that the Board of Selectmen cannot go forward with the bids as presented. M. Clarke SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

4. **Adjournment:** R. Morra MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. M. Clarke SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

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