

**TOWN OF BOLTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL & ZOOM
MINUTES**

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

Board of Selectman Absent: Amanda Gordon

Staff Present In-Person: Town Administrator Jim Rupert

Staff Present Via Zoom: Recording Secretary Kacie Cannon

Others Present via Zoom: James Loersch, Betty Caruso

1. Call to Order: R. Fournier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

3. Consider and Act on A/P

P. Sawyer MOVED to APPROVE the June 30, 2025 A/P Report as presented in the amount of \$229,000.63. T. Sadler SECONDED.

Discussion: G. Marrion inquired about the two charges from Gowans-Knight Co., Inc., noting that they appear to be for the same service and questioning the significant discrepancy in cost between them. She requested a detailed breakdown of the charges, including the cost of DOT testing, prior to approving the payments. G. Marrion also asked if all apparatus is tested annually. J. Rupert replied that he would find out the answers to those questions and will follow up with the Board.

P. Sawyer WITHDREW the MOTION.

P. Sawyer MOVED to APPROVE the June 30, 2025 A/P Report in the amount of \$229,000.63 minus \$21,222.78 until the charges could be reviewed for the Maintenance on Apparatus, Pumping and DOT Testing for the two items under Purchase Order 250158 from Gowans-Knight Co. at the next A/P meeting. T. Sadler SECONDED.

G. Marrion referenced the reimbursement request from Josh Sawtelle on Page 12 for EMT classes and asked if there are any assurances that employees who complete the course will remain employed with the Town for a specific length of time. J. Rupert stated that there are no such requirements and noted that many firefighters come to the Town with the certification already. He added that such a policy may create unnecessary obstacles. R. Morra suggested that the BOS ask the Fire Chief for data on employee turnover to determine if employees continue working with the Town after they receive their certification. R. Fournier noted that J. Sawtelle is a valuable employee who has received awards this year for his service.

G. Marrion inquired about numerous reimbursement requests from Matthew and Ashley Perreira. J. Rupert explained that the couple works with Amplify and the Local Prevention Council and provides supplies and giveaways for public events using monies from the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant.

G. Marrion referenced the charges from Stamford Wrecking Company on Page 16 and asked if the demolition project is still within the budget. J. Rupert replied that it is, and R. Morra added that the site is looking good.

MOTION CARRIED 6:0:1 (A. Gordon Absent).

4. Consider and Act on Budget Transfers

There were no Budget Transfers.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. June 24, 2025 – Special A/P Meeting

G. Marrion MOVED to APPROVE the June 24, 2025 Special A/P Meeting Minutes as written. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:2:1 (P. Sawyer and T. Sadler Abstained, A. Gordon Absent).

b. May 20, 2025 – A/P Meeting

T. Sadler MOVED to APPROVE the July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. G. Marrion SECONDED.

Discussion: G. Marrion requested that the first sentence under Item No. 4(a) New Business be corrected to read “collection of taxes” rather than “election of taxes.”

MOTION CARRIED 6:0:1 (A. Gordon Absent).

6. Adjourn

P. Sawyer MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:15 p.m. T. Sadler SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:1 (A. Gordon Absent).

Respectfully submitted by Kacie Cannon

Kacie Cannon

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.