

**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION  
REGARDING THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S SALARY  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

The public information session focused on a proposed salary increase for the First Selectman position in Bolton. The current salary of \$17,000 was discussed in comparison to the average salary of approximately \$73,650 for first selectmen in similarly sized towns.

Several board members, former town officials, and residents spoke in favor of increasing the salary, citing the significant time commitment, responsibilities, and workload associated with the role. Responsibilities discussed included serving on the Finance Committee and overseeing town operations. Supporters argued that higher compensation—potentially in the range of \$25,000 to \$35,000, with some suggesting figures as high as \$76,000—would make the position more competitive and help attract qualified candidates, including those who are not retired.

Others raised concerns about increasing the salary. These concerns included the town's limited budget, the potential precedent it could set for other unpaid or low-paid town positions, and the absence of formal qualifications required for the role. Questions were also raised about ensuring fair comparisons with other towns, noting differences in government structures and responsibilities. Some participants suggested that further analysis is needed to ensure accurate “apples-to-apples” comparisons.

There was also discussion about governance concerns, including whether it is appropriate for the Board of Selectmen to vote on its own compensation and whether a referendum might be a better method for deciding on a salary adjustment.

No final decision was made, and the board indicated that the discussion would continue at a 7:00 PM meeting, where members of the Board of Selectmen would share their opinions on the matter.

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# Town of Bolton

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Meeting: Public Session Meeting Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Print Name	Print Address
1. JOSEPH HAZZO	84 WOODS RD
2. Diane DeNunzio	2 WALL ST
3. Mary Terhune	40 School Rd
4. JEFF EDWARDS	29 South Road
5. THOMAS A MANNING	18 SCHOOL RD
6. Tom Cockett	121 Birch Mounton Rd
7. Tom & Rebecca Gerit	20 Meadow Rd
8. Bob Morra	15 Tinker Rd Rd
9. Pat Sawyer	95 South Rd
10. RANDALL BOBB	116 HEBRON RD
11. Jim Aldrich	35 Hanover Farms
12. MORRIS SILVERSTEIN	16 Mt SUNDEN DR
13. Tyler Egnor	10 French Rd
14. Daniel Buckson	12 Shady Lane
15. MIKE EREMIT	30 LORI RD
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