

**TOWN OF BOLTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING &
BUDGET WORKSHOP #2
Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:44 p.m.
Town Hall & Zoom Meeting
MEETING MINUTES**

	ROSTER	IN-PERSON	ZOOM	ABSENT
FIRST SELECTMAN:	Rodney Fournier	X		
SELECTMEN:	Bryce Aaronson	X		
	Mather Clarke	X		
	David Cowles	X		
	Robert DePietro			X
	Gwen Marrion	X		
	Tim Sadler	X		

STAFF:	James Rupert, Town Administrator
	Stephanie Crane, Director of Recreation
	Bruce Dixson, Fire Chief
	Matthew Perreira, Deputy Fire Chief
	Lori Bushnell, Tax Collector
	Andrea Vassallo, Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

First Selectman Rodney Fournier called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

1.0 Recreation:

Town Staff Representative: Stephanie Crane, Director of Recreation

Board of Selectman (BOS) & Recreation Department Budget Review & Discussion Summary

This department’s budget was appreciated as maintaining a net zero increase with a minimal increase due to the mandatory increase in minimum wage (state).

Budget Review Discussion Topic Areas:

- None.

Budget Adjustments:

- **Increase**
 - Minimal due to mandatory minimum wage increase (state).
- **Decrease**
 - None.
- **Maintain**
 - Majority of the proposed FY 26 budget.

Department Line Item Review & BOS/Council Questions

No inquiry from the BOS.

2.0 Fire Commission:

Town Staff Representative: Bruce Dixon, Fire Chief, and Matthew Perreira, Deputy Fire Chief

Board of Selectman (BOS) & Building & Fire Commission Budget Review & Discussion Summary

B. Dixon stated a 5% increase is requested for FY 26.

There was a total of five (5) transfers that occurred in FY 25 for approximately \$10,900.

Payroll is anticipated to increase by 3%.

Budget Review Discussion Topic Areas:

- None.

Budget Adjustments:

- **Increase**
 - Payroll – 3%.
 - Transfers – 2%.
- **Decrease**
 - None.
- **Maintain**
 - Majority of the proposed FY 26 budget.

Department Line Item Review & BOS/Council Questions

No inquiry from the BOS.

3.0 Tax:

Town Staff Representative: Lori Bushnell, Tax Collector

Board of Selectman (BOS) & Recreation Department Budget Review & Discussion Summary

Observational comment by the BOS that associated printing costs went down for the proposed budget. L. Bushnell stated that she was anticipating a second notice of collection last year but it was determined it was not necessary.

Budget Review Discussion Topic Areas:

- None.

Budget Adjustments:

- **Increase**
 - No significant inquiry.

- **Decrease**
 - \$4K printing costs – printing costs.
- **Maintain**
 - Majority of the proposed FY 26 budget.

4.0 Adjourn:

Consensus to adjourn at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Vassallo, Recording Clerk

Andrea Vassallo

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