

BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
6:00 PM, Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Minutes & Motions

Attendance: Members Chairman Robert Munroe, Morris Silverstein, Matthew Maulucci, Robert Flowers, Robert Gallé (by phone), Emily Bradley, and Robert DePietro were present. Also present were Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Finance Director Jill Collins, Selectmen Robert Morra and Michael Eremita, Superintendent Kristin Heckt, and BOE members Liz Krueger and Katherine Gallé.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Munroe called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Public Participation: K. Gallé thanked the BOF for working so hard and urged them to be judicious considering the small vote difference in the last referendum.

3. Review of Referendum Results: The budget did not pass, with 476 votes against and 457 votes for.

a) Action re: Mil rate for FY 17 (if necessary): No action taken as the budget did not pass.

b) Action re: FY 17 Proposed Budget Expenditures: The BOF discussed how to distribute reductions. R. Munroe noted the cost of each additional referendum was between \$2000 and \$2500. Though the vote margin was low, they needed a high chance of passing the budget. He suggested a tax increase under 2%. A 1.99% increase would mean a reduction around \$31,000. At this point the total reductions to the BOE budget were \$69,000 and the total reductions to the BOS budget were \$105,000.

R. Flowers moved to make a \$31,000 reduction, with \$21,000 from the BOS and \$10,000 from the BOE. E. Bradley seconded. Motion passed 4:3:0, with M. Maulucci, R. Flowers, E. Bradley, and R. Gallé in favor. Voting against the motion were M. Silverstein because he believed cuts should be deeper, R. Munroe because he believed the ratio of allocation should be reversed to be proportional to the budgets, and R. DePietro because he believed the reductions to be too much.

4. Discussion and Action re: FY 17 Proposed Budget Expenditures: E. Bradley moved that the question read, "Shall the Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 as recommended by the Board of Finance in the amount of \$20,775,118 be adopted?" R. Galle seconded. Vote 5:2:0, R. DePietro and M. Silverstein against, M. Silverstein because he thought cuts should be deeper.

8. Adjournment: M. Silverstein moved to adjourn. R. Flowers seconded. Adjournment was at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

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