

BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
7:15 PM, Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Minutes & Motions

Attendance: Members Chairman Robert Munroe, Morris Silverstein, Matthew Maulucci, Robert Flowers, Emily Bradley, and Robert DePietro were present. Robert Gallé was present by phone. Staff present were Finance Director Jill Collins, Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, First Selectman Robert Morra, and Selectmen Michael Eremita and Sandra Pierog. Also present were Superintendent Kristin Heckt and Board of Education Chair Liz Krueger. Christina Morra-Tiu also attended.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Robert Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

2. Public Participation: Christina Morra-Tiu said she respected the budget presented at the past referendum and thought it was a good proposal. Noting the small margin by which it failed, she asked the BOF to make as a small reduction as possible for the second referendum.

3. Action re: FY18 Proposed Budget Expenditures:

The BOF discussed the referendum results and how much to reduce the budget by for the next one. Voter turnout was 27.6%. The vote was 496 no to 424 yes. R. Munroe reported that the town had just succeeded in getting a lower rate for health insurance. J. Stille explained they got the rate to come down by 3.34%, which would be a savings of \$13,221 on the town side and \$28,348 on the BOE side. E. Bradley, M. Maulucci, R. Munroe, R. DePietro, and R. Flowers were in favor of a small reduction reflecting the savings. R. Gallé was concerned that people wanted a larger reduction in light of state finances. M. Silverstein thought the reductions should be more significant. R. DePietro moved to reduce the budget for the FY17-18 year by \$45,000, reflecting a reduction in health insurance premiums, with \$15,000 reduced from the BOS and \$30,000 from the BOE. R. Flowers seconded. Vote 6:1:0, M. Silverstein against as he thought the reductions should be greater.

4. Discussion and Action re: Ballot Question for Referendum:

R. Flowers moved to approve the following budget question: "Shall the Annual Budget for the Town of Bolton, Connecticut for the fiscal year 2017-2018 as recommended by the Board of Finance in the amount of \$21,339,355 be adopted?" E. Bradley seconded. Vote 6:1:0, M. Silverstein against as he thought the reductions should be greater.

5. Adjournment: M. Silverstein moved to adjourn. R. Munroe seconded. Vote 6:0:0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

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