

**Bolton Board of Finance  
Regular Meeting  
April 19, 2018 – 7:15 P.M.  
Town Hall**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Chairman Robert Munroe, Vice Chair Robert Flowers, Robert DePietro, Richard Tuthill, Matthew Maulucci, Emily Bradley, and Robert Galle

Others Present: Town Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Finance Director Jill Collins, First Selectman Sandra Pierog, Deputy Selectman Robert Morra, Superintendent Kristin Heckt, Board of Education Chair Elizabeth Krueger

1) **Call to Order:** R Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

2) **Public Participation:** None

3) **Discussion and Action re: FY 19 Proposed Budget for presentation to Public Hearing**

\*\*R. Flowers made a motion to move “Discussion and Action re: FY 19 Proposed Budget for presentation to Public Hearing” to after item number 6, “Elected Official and Town Staff Reports” on the agenda. R. DePietro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4) **Approval of Minutes**

March 15, 2018: R. Tuthill made a motion to approve the March 15, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. R. Flowers seconded. Vote, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

March 22, 2018: R. Tuthill made a motion to approve the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes with the following changes: strike the ‘t’ following due in the first paragraph on the second page and insert “or greater” after “item that has \$10,000” in the fifth paragraph on the second page. R. Flowers seconded. Vote 5:0:2 with R. Munroe, R. Flowers, R. DePietro, R. Tuthill, and E. Bradley in favor. Abstained, R. Galle and M. Maulucci.

March 28, 2018: R. Galle made a motion to approve the March 28, 2018 meeting minutes with the following changes: on page one insert “(shared with Coventry)” after “teacher for visually impaired children”, on page one insert “(shared with Coventry)” after “Chinese teacher”, on page two in paragraph four replace “It is not straight division” with “It is a difficult calculation”. M. Maulucci seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

April 5, 2018: R. Tuthill made a motion to approve the April 5, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. R. Munroe seconded the motion. Vote, 6:0:1 with R. Munroe, R. Flowers, R. DePietro, R. Tuthill, M. Maulucci, and E. Bradley in favor. Abstained, R. Galle.

5) **Correspondence:** None

6) **Elected Official and Town Staff Reports**

a) Tax Collection Summary: J. Collins shared that the current tax levy is on schedule. The Town is on track to meet the revised forecast number.

b) Town Update: The Town should be receiving the last payment for ECS and the payment for adult education soon. The Town is unsure about when the Misc. State grant will be received. The Town is expecting to collect the balance due to revised forecast for other town revenue. Most of the outstanding amount is tuition, which will be paid soon. Through March 31, J. Stille shared that the Town budget is at 63.77% expensed. J. Stille also reviewed two budget transfers that occurred in the Highway Department sub-budgets. The Town is prepared to return \$125,000 from the current year's budget.

c) Board of Education Budget Update: K. Heckt shared that the BOE made two transfers over \$10,000 that were not reflected in the March update. The BOE is prepared to contribute \$75,000 towards next year's budget. E. Krueger shared that the school purchased Chromebooks and a projector instead of desktops. Due to asbestos abatement there would have been no place to store the desktops.

**\*\* Discussion and Action re: FY 19 Proposed Budget for presentation to Public Hearing**

The Board of Finance discussed several approaches to develop a budget. Among the factors considered were: money given back by the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen, giving the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen less money than requested for FY18-19, cutting capital reserve funding, and cutting contingency funding.

R. Galle made a motion to cut the capital reserve by \$50,000, give the Board of Selectmen \$100,000 less than requested, and give the Board of Education \$50,000 less than requested. R. DePietro seconded the motion. The Board of Finance discussed. Vote 3:4:0 with R. Galle, R. Flowers and R. DePietro in favor. E. Bradley, R. Munroe, M. Maulucci, and R. Tuthill opposed.

R. Tuthill made a motion give the Board of Education \$83,000 less than requested and the Board of Selectmen \$50,000 less than requested. E. Bradley seconded the motion. R. Tuthill amended the motion to take \$50,000 out of the contingency fund, give the Board of Education \$43,000 less than requested, and the Board of Selectmen \$40,000 less than requested. E. Bradley seconded the amended motion. The Board of Finance discussed. R. Tuthill withdrew the amendment.

Vote on the original motion proposed by R. Tuthill to reduce the Board of Education by \$83,000 and the Board of Selectmen by \$50,000 for FY18-19, seconded by E. Bradley. Vote 4:3:0 with R. Tuthill, E. Bradley, R. Munroe, and M. Maulucci in favor. Opposed, R. Galle, R. Flowers, and R. DePietro. Motion carries.

E. Bradley made a motion to go to public hearing with the amount of \$21,993,475. R. Tuthill seconded the motion. Vote 5:1:1 with E. Bradley, R. Tuthill, R. DePietro, R. Munroe, and M. Maulucci in favor. R. Flowers opposed. R. Galle abstained.

**7) Old Business**

Budget calendar: By consensus, the group agreed to cancel the May 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and include items on the May 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting agenda.

Shared Services: Nothing to report.

Update on High School Building Project: S. Pierog and J. Stille reported that the Town is developing a response for costs that the auditor listed as ineligible for reimbursement. The town does not appear to owe the state any money.

**8) Adjournment:** R. Munroe adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Rupert  
Recording Secretary

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