

**BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021– 8:15 pm  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBSITE PLATFORM  
Minutes**

**Board of Finance Members Present:** Chairman Emily Bradley, Vice-Chair Robert Munroe (joined meeting at 8:24 p.m.), Charles Danna Jr., Kristen Gourley, Robert DePietro (joined meeting at 8:21 p.m.), and Richard Tuthill

**Board of Finance Members Absent:** Ross Lally

**Board of Selectmen Present:** First Selectman Sandra Pierog (joined meeting at 8:22 p.m.) and Selectman Robert DePietro

**Board of Education Members Present:** Superintendent of Schools Kristin Heckt

**Staff Present:** Interim Town Administrator Jim Rupert, Administrative Assistant Kathleen McCavanagh, and Board Clerk Linda McDonald

**Others Present:** Journal Inquirer Reporter Skyler Frazer

1. Call to Order: E. Bradley called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.
2. Public Participation: S. Pierog reported 728 votes were cast at today's referendum. The final vote was 267 yes and 462 no. The budget did not pass.
3. Ongoing Business:
  - 3.a Discussion on FY 2021/2022 Revenues and Expenditures:

E. Bradley reported, since the board set the budget, there were a few additional revenue items the board could recognize. From a Town Charter perspective, the board has to make some cuts or leave the budget as is. In response to a question from R. Tuthill. E. Bradley said the revenues in the budget document cannot be changed after a referendum if it has not passed, the board can recognize any changes to the current estimate of surplus.

S. Pierog said the BOS will meet to set the date for the next referendum to be possibly held on June 29, 2021.

E. Bradley explained there have been a couple of changes to revenues that would affect the surplus that the board could recognize going forward in setting the mil rate. She shared a document showing these changes in the current fiscal year; an increase of \$11,611 in property taxes, an increase of \$1,460 in motor vehicle taxes, \$7,000 for prior year taxes, and an additional \$3,000 in interest and fees on property tax. She said the number that changed for FY2022 is a revised ECS number which is \$54,948 higher than when the board set the budget. She said, with recognizing these additional revenues that increase surplus and with no additional cuts, the mil rate would be 39.99.

Members expressed their concerns with false information being circulated that the federal relief funds being allocated to the Town could be used to reduce the tax burden.

Discussion followed on what reductions to make to the budget, with each member expressing a viewpoint. E. Bradley asked the members to consider what they think will pass at the next referendum for the next meeting on June 17, 2021 when discussion will continue. There was no action taken.

3.b Consider and Possibly Act on Ballot Question: No action taken.

4. New Business:

4.a Consider and Possibly Act on Setting the Mill Rate for FY 2022: No action taken.

5. Adjournment: E. Bradley adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: June 17, 2021 - 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald, Board Clerk

*Linda H. McDonald.*

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