



Town of Bolton

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021- 6 P.M. VIRTUAL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

The Board of Selectmen held a Special meeting on June 21, 2021 virtually by zoom with First Selectman Sandra Pierog presiding. Also in attendance were Selectmen: Robert Morra and Michael Eremita; and Administrative Officer James Rupert. Absent were Selectmen: Kimberly Miller and Robert DePietro.

1. Call to Order

Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Consider and Act on Second Referendum Date and Location and Further Interval Date Spans if Needed

Sandra Pierog asked if there was a motion to set the second referendum date for June 29th at Ryba Hall, St. Maurice Church from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Motion: I move to set the second referendum date for June 29th at Ryba Hall, St. Maurice Church, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

By: Robert Morra

Seconded: Michael Eremita

Discussion: None

Voting for: Robert Morra, Michael Eremita, Sandra Pierog

Against: None

Abstain: None

Passed unanimously.

Sandra Pierog stated that if the June 29th referendum failed then moving two weeks out after the June 29th date will put us at July 13th then July 27th.

Motion: I move to set the interval dates for the additional referendums if needed after June 29th as July 13th and July 27th from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. at Ryba Hall, St. Maurice Church again.

By: Michael Eremita

Seconded: Robert Morra

Discussion: None

Voting for: Robert Morra, Michael Eremita, Sandra Pierog

Against: None

Abstain: Note
Passed unanimously.

Sandra Pierog shared that she had checked the town charter in regards to having heard we can only have 3 or 4 referendums. She stated that there is no limit to the number of referendums we can have. The only thing the charter states is that if the budget does not pass by the beginning of the next fiscal year then the Board of Finance should set a temporary mil rate **not higher than the current one** and then we should send out additional bills. She also said that both James Rupert and she have had contact with the Tax Collector Lori Bushnell, and she is of the opinion that if the budget passes on June 29th they could get the bills out by mid-July and is recommending that we put an interest free date until September 1st. Sandra then said this was something that could be voted on at the July meeting.

3. Consider and Possibly Act on a Resolution to Allow the Town to Apply for a \$15,000 Grant to Help with the Preparation of an Affordable Housing Plan as Required by the State By Next Summer.

Sandra Pierog shared this grant is for the Affordable Housing Plan which is state mandated. Jim Rupert stated that there is no monetary match needed for this grant; but this grant is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. So, we'd like to get this approved as soon as possible.

Motion: I move to adopt the resolution verbatim as written. (See attachment 3)

By: Robert Morra Seconded: Michael Eremita

Discussion: None

Voting for: Robert Morra, Michael Eremita, Sandra Pierog

Against: None

Abstain: None

Passed Unanimously.

4. Approval of Correction to Motion in the Board of Selectmen Minutes from May 4, 2021 – Page 3 of 12, Revised Motion Should Read: I move to allow the First Selectman and the Interim Town Administrator to approve budget transfers of \$5,000 or less, to be reported to the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting, until the end of the current fiscal year.

Sandra Pierog reported the May 4th minutes say: I move to allow the First Selectmen and Interim Town Administrator to approve expenditures of \$5,000 or less –expenditures should be changed to read budget transfers and until the end of the year should be changed to read until the end of the fiscal year.

Motion: I move to make these corrections to the May 4, 2021 minutes.

By: Michael Eremita Seconded: Robert Morra

Discussion: None

Vote for: Robert Morra, Michael Eremita, Sandra Pierog

Against: None

Abstain: None

Passed unanimously

5. Report on Transfers Approved between June 1 and June 18, 2021.

Sandra Pierog shared for information purposes only attached are 4 budget transfer items for which approval was granted prior to June 18th, and there are a flurry of additional requests for transfers which are

still under consideration.

6. Adjournment.

Meeting concluded at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCavanagh

See minutes of subsequent meetings for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.