

**BOLTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING – A/P
6:00 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
BOLTON TOWN HALL, 222 BOLTON CENTER ROAD
In-Person and Virtual (Hybrid Format)**

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Members Present In-Person: First Selectman Rodney Fournier, Deputy First Selectman Robert Morra, Mather Clarke, Gwen Marrion, Tim Sadler, Amanda Gordon

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Pamela Sawyer

Staff Present In-Person: Town Administrator James Rupert

Staff Present Via Zoom: Recording Secretary Linda H. McDonald

1. Call to Order: R. Fournier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Consider and Act on A/P Report:

R. Morra MOVED that the Board of Selectmen accept the A/P report as presented. A. Gordon SECONDED. J. Rupert answered questions from the Selectmen. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

3. Consider and Act on Budget Transfers:

A. Gordon MOVED that the Board of Selectmen approve the budget transfer of \$14,000 from category Legal to category Professional & Technical Services in the Administration budget. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

4. Consider and Act on Bid Waiver for Road Sweeping:

J. Rupert reported that the Highway Foreman has had a difficult time obtaining quotes for road sweeping in town, resulting in only two quotes for the project. The company the town used in the past has gone out of business.

A. Gordon MOVED that the Board of Selectmen waive the bid waiver and accept the two bids on hand as a result of the Highway Foreman not hearing back from three other entities and that the Board of Selectmen accept the Tri-State Industrial Maintenance quote of \$175 per hour, assuming that it is possible just to do the hourly rate. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on next steps with the Notch Road Municipal Center Building Demolition:

The Selectmen debated whether the town should go through the bid process for the environmental testing of the Notch Road Municipal Building or to have staff contact and look at prices from firms.

A. Gordon MOVED that the Board of Selectmen waive the bid process for the environmental testing of the Notch Road Municipal Building for the purpose of expediency so the board can ensure the town is able to spend the ARPA dollars it has available for this project and instead the

town create a detailed scope of work and request bids from specific entities that the town reaches out to. T. Sadler SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

6. Consider and Possible Action on CT Siting Council Hearing regarding Solar Farm Installation at 250 Carter Street, Manchester:

R. Fournier said testimony has to be submitted by 4/27/2024 to the Siting Council. An evidentiary hearing session for this Petition No. 1609 is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024. The Board of Selectmen requested standing at the hearing so that town residents could voice their concerns.

J. Rupert noted that the company that wants to build the solar array is trying to take jurisdiction away from the Town of Manchester. His opinion is that should not happen and that the Town of Manchester should have jurisdiction so local residents have the opportunity to have their concerns heard by the local officials who can make a decision based on local issues and local results.

A. Gordon agreed that the Siting Council should not grant the waiver that the group is asking for, taking away the power from the local jurisdiction. Discussion followed and there was consensus with A. Gordon's statement.

R. Morra MOVED that the Board of Selectmen supports the removal of the proposal from the CT Siting Council for the jurisdiction to go back to the community, Town of Manchester for Petition No. 1609 of the CT Siting Council. A. Gordon SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

7. Adjournment: A. Gordon MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

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