

TOWN OF BOLTON, CONNECTICUT
ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING

June 30, 2018

STATEMENT 1 – SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

STATEMENT A – REVENUES

STATEMENT B – EXPENDITURES

Adopted by the Board of Finance
At a special meeting on May 24, 2017

Robert Munroe, Chairman

Total – Capital Improvement	\$	433,000.00
Total – Debt Service	\$	1,085,865.00
Total – Contingency Fund	\$	226,000.00
Total – Town Proper	\$	5,719,362.00
Total – Board of Education	\$	13,875,128.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	21,339,355.00

Adopted at Referendum June 6, 2017

**TOWN OF BOLTON ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FY 2018
STATEMENT 1**

	Audited FY15	Audited FY 16	Adopted Budget FY 17	Revised Budget FY 17	Adopted Budget FY 18
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Cash Surplus Available for Appropriation		1,098,699	950,224	1,381,546	704,518
Less Reserve for Fund Balance		(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
Prepaid Expenses/Auditor's Adjustments		(107,560)	0	0	0
Less Undesignated Fund Balance					
Cash available		941,139	900,224	1,331,546	654,518

REVENUES (STATEMENT A)

Adjusted current year's levy		15,663,998	15,678,592	15,922,979	16,132,517
Other revenue		4,051,782	3,946,302	3,975,111	4,302,320
Totals		19,715,780	19,624,894	19,898,090	20,434,837

NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS

Adjustments for Temporary Loans		0	250,000	250,000	250,000
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**TOTAL REVENUES AND
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS**

	19,715,780	19,874,894	20,148,090	20,684,837
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**TOTAL MEANS
OF FINANCING**

	20,656,919	20,775,118	21,479,636	21,339,355
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Capital Improvements		463,300	433,000	434,000	434,000
Debt Service		540,288	749,050	1,135,989	1,135,989
Town Proper		4,962,058	5,035,005	5,551,420	5,551,420
Contingency			25,000	25,000	226,000
Board of Education		12,989,584	13,058,318	13,628,709	13,628,709

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

	18,955,230	19,275,373	20,775,118	20,775,118	21,339,355
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Cash available		1,381,546		704,518	
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TOWN OF BOLTON
MIL RATE CALCULATION
FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018

EXPENDITURES:

Capital Improvement	\$ 433,000
Debt Service	\$ 1,085,865
Contingency Fund	\$ 226,000
Town Proper	\$ 5,719,362
Board of Education	<u>\$ 13,875,128</u>
	\$ 21,339,355

GRAND LIST:

Real Estate/Personal Property	\$392,331,258
(less adjustments)	\$ (320,153)
Motor Vehicle (Capped at 32 mils)	\$ 40,267,975
(less adjustments)	\$ (1,840)
Supplemental Motor Vehicle (Capped at 32 mils)	<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>
Net Taxable Grand List	\$436,277,240

NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES:

Estimated State Revenues	\$ 3,352,235
Estimated Town Revenues	\$ 1,604,603
(Inclusive \$654,518 fund balance cash available)	
Adjust for Temporary Loan	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
	\$ 5,206,838

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES:

Current Tax Effort for FY2018*	\$ 16,132,517
Motor Vehicle Capped Tax	\$ (1,262,803)
Supplemental Motor Vehicle Capped Tax	<u>\$ (125,000)</u>
Real Estate/Property Tax Effort for FY2018	\$ 14,744,714
Abatement (Local Option – Elderly & Disabled)	\$ 34,000
2% Reserve	<u>\$ 301,607</u>
Adjusted Amount to be Raised by Real Estate/Property Taxes:	\$ 15,080,321

<u>Real Estate/Property Tax FY17 Mil Rate:</u>	37.50
<u>Real Estate /Property Tax FY18 Mil Rate Result: (Proposed)</u>	38.47*
<u>Tax Increase:</u>	.97
<u>Percent Increase:</u>	2.59%

*The Board of Finance adopted a revised mil rate of 39.47

**ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FY 2018
STATEMENT A**

REVENUES	Audited	Adopted	Revised	Adopted
	FY 16	Budget	Budget	Budget
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 17	FY 18
PROPERTY TAXES & FEES				
Property Tax Current Year Levy**	15,507,711	14,312,903	14,282,120	14,744,714
MV Taxes - Capped mil rate*	0	1,239,689	1,440,564	1,262,803
Supplemental MV Levy-Capped	156,287	126,000	200,295	125,000
Adjusted Current Year's Levy	15,663,998	15,678,592	15,922,979	16,132,517
Prior Year Taxes	85,399	80,000	90,000	85,000
Interest & Fees on Property Tax	68,534	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total Taxes	15,817,931	15,818,592	16,072,979	16,277,517
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
Town Clerk	76,723	90,000	75,000	75,000
Selectmen's Revenue	12,318	10,000	11,500	11,000
Building Official Fees	119,222	85,000	45,000	45,000
Library	1,851	2,900	2,000	2,000
Law Enforcement	3,510	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Licenses, Permits & Fees	213,624	189,900	135,500	135,000
STATE & FEDERAL				
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS				
Education Cost Sharing	3,057,224	2,933,023	2,975,230	2,975,230
Public School Transportation	28,394	25,273	0	0
Special Education	0	0	0	0
Continuing Education	4,099	3,499	3,679	3,679
Total Educational Grants	3,089,717	2,961,795	2,978,909	2,978,909
OTHER EDUCATIONAL				
REVENUES				
Tuition	289,135	235,861	315,501	299,216
Total Other Educational Revenues	289,135	235,861	315,501	299,216

*32 mil rate cap

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STATEMENT A**

	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Adopted Budget
Audited FY 16	FY 17	FY 17	FY 18

EXCLUDING EDUCATION

Elderly Tax Relief	32,159	34,615	30,113	30,113
PILOT: Property Tax Loss	9,017	16,038	15,913	15,913
Veteran's Grant	6,067	6,067	6,494	6,494
Disabled	804	804	618	618
Miscellaneous State Grants	64,423	3,000	3,000	3,000
Telephone Access Line Tax	9,425	9,000	9,530	9,530
NCAA	4,959	3,500	3,500	3,500
Municipal Projects	24,859	24,859	24,859	24,859
Mashantucket Pequot & Mohegan Fund Grant	17,277	16,404	16,362	16,362
Municipal Revenue Sharing - Sales Tax	0	25,102	106,449	106,449
Municipal Revenue Sharing - MV Property Tax	0	144,994	0	144,994
DOT Transportation Grant	11,494	11,494	11,494	11,494
Total	180,484	295,877	228,332	373,326

OTHER TOWN REVENUES

Interest on Investments	60	10,000	24,000	40,000
Miscellaneous Town Revenue	71,667	60,000	90,000	90,000
Unexpended FY 17 Town Budget	0	0	0	160,000
Unexpended FY 17 BOE Budget	0	0	0	28,000
Senior Citizen Donations	2,293	2,000	2,000	2,000
Rental Income	50,869	50,869	50,869	50,869
Total	124,889	122,869	166,869	370,869

**TOTAL REVENUES EXCLUDING
TAXES, INTEREST & FEES**

3,897,849	3,806,302	3,825,111	4,157,320
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**GRAND TOTAL EXCLUDING CURRENT TAX LEVY
COLLECTION**

4,051,782	3,946,302	3,975,111	4,302,320
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GRAND TOTAL REVENUES

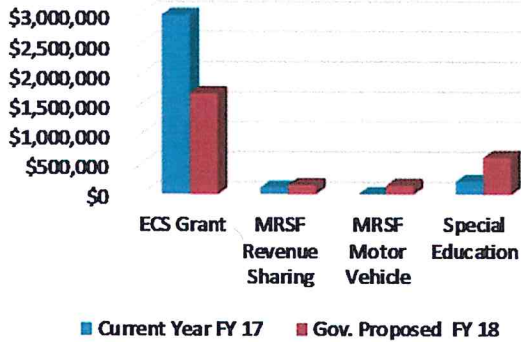
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Revenue Changes

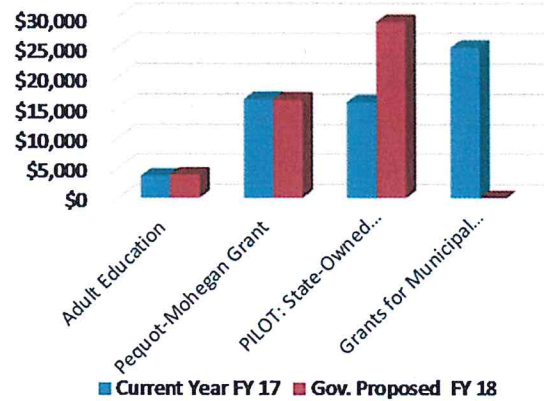
Grant:	Current Year FY 17	Gov. Proposed FY 18	\$ Difference	% Difference
Adult Education	3,679	3,823	144	3.91%
ECS Grant	2,983,350	1,684,604	(1,298,746)	-43.53%
Pequot-Mohegan Grant	16,362	16,279	(83)	-0.51%
PILOT: State-Owned Property	15,913	29,131	13,218	83.06%
Grants for Municipal Projects	24,859	0	(24,859)	-100.00%
MRSF Revenue Sharing	106,449	153,231	46,782	43.95%
MRSF Motor Vehicle	0	144,994	144,994	0.00%
Special Education	209,560	616,465	406,905	194.17%
Total Reductions in revenue	3,360,172	2,648,527	(711,645)	-21.18%
Additional Costs to town due to Governor's budget				
Teacher Retirement	0	33%	(713,027)	-100.00%
Police Protection	85%	100%	(53,300)	-17.08%
Total cost to the town	3,360,172	2,648,527	(1,477,972)	-43.99%

This \$1,477,972 increase would equal a 3.77 mil increase or 10.05% tax increase

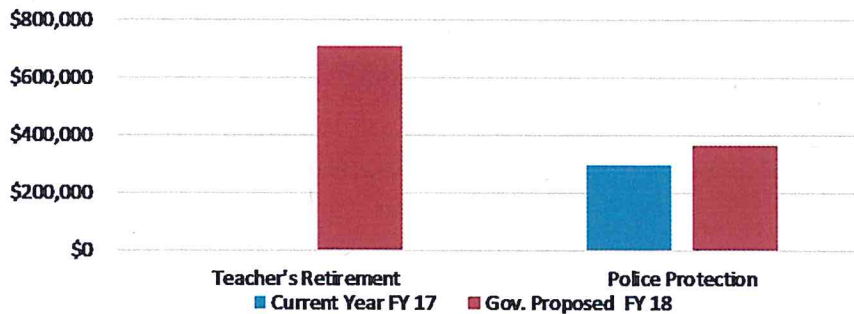
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Additional Expenditures



**ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FY 2018
STATEMENT B**

	Adopted Audited FY 16	Revised Budget FY17	Adopted Budget FY17	Adopted Budget FY18	\$ Changed	% Changed
General Government						
1 ADMINISTRATION	260,230	270,063	270,063	282,713	12,650	4.68%
2 PROF/TECH/SERVICES	219,933	234,377	234,377	278,450	44,073	18.80%
3 TOWN BLDG & GROUNDS OPERATIONS	604,962	665,432	684,432	677,637	(6,795)	-0.99%
4 BOARD OF FINANCE	1,373	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%
5 AUDITING SERVICES	21,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	0	0.00%
6 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	206,897	215,587	215,587	220,712	5,125	2.38%
7 TAX COLLECTOR	85,894	96,539	96,539	96,184	(355)	-0.37%
8 DATA PROCESSING	104,383	106,062	106,062	109,851	3,789	3.57%
10 ASSESSOR	63,934	75,354	75,354	77,026	1,672	2.22%
13 TOWN CLERK	111,081	110,140	110,140	113,472	3,332	3.03%
15 ELECTIONS	26,043	35,669	35,669	39,107	3,438	9.64%
17 PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION	0	540	540	540	0	0.00%
18 EMPLOYEE FRINGE BENEFITS	707,113	822,778	793,278	823,929	30,651	3.86%
42 PROBATE COURT	4,399	4,850	4,850	5,280	430	8.87%
45 INSURANCE	98,214	124,402	124,402	131,088	6,686	5.37%
Total General Government	2,515,456	2,786,993	2,776,493	2,881,189	104,696	3.77%
Human Services, Sanitation & Public Health						
22 SENIOR CITIZENS	142,621	158,571	158,571	160,977	2,406	1.52%
24 PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM	25,775	33,800	33,800	33,240	(560)	-1.66%
25 REFUSE SERVICES	453,008	518,570	518,570	486,714	(31,856)	-6.14%
Total Human Services, Sanitation & Public Health	621,404	710,941	710,941	680,931	(30,010)	-4.22%
Public Safety						
26 POLICE PROTECTION	275,507	295,950	299,950	365,293	65,343	21.78%
27 FIRE COMMISSION	167,573	177,978	184,478	179,032	(5,446)	-2.95%
28 FIRE MARSHAL	13,762	14,372	14,372	14,724	352	2.45%
29 CANINE SERVICES	3,000	3,750	3,750	3,500	(250)	-6.67%
Total Public Safety	459,842	492,050	502,550	562,549	59,999	11.94%
Planning, Development & Inspections						
30 BUILDING & LAND USE	231,121	258,049	258,049	270,408	12,359	4.79%
31 OPEN SPACE	0	645	645	645	0	0.00%
32 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	1,988	6,580	6,580	6,580	0	0.00%
33 INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION	631	2,235	2,235	2,235	0	0.00%
34 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	550	1,440	1,440	1,440	0	0.00%
46 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	1,885	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Total Planning, Development & Insp.	236,175	270,949	270,949	283,308	12,359	4.56%
Public Works						
36 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	913,308	978,866	978,866	991,064	12,198	1.25%
Total Public Works	913,308	978,866	978,866	991,064	12,198	1.25%
Civic & Cultural						
39 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1,424	1,575	1,575	1,575	0	0.00%
40 RECREATION SERVICES	33,185	33,185	33,185	33,185	0	0.00%
43 LIBRARY	254,211	276,861	276,861	285,561	8,700	3.14%
Total Civic & Cultural	288,820	311,621	311,621	320,321	8,700	2.79%
TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	5,035,005	5,551,420	5,551,420	5,719,362	167,942	3.03%

**ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FY 2018
STATEMENT B**

	Audited FY 16	Adopted Budget FY 17	Revised Budget FY 17	Adopted Budget FY 18	\$ Change	% Change
48 - CONTINGENCY	0	25,000	25,000	226,000	201,000	804.00%
56 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS						
Library Copier	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Fire Department Water Heater	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Fire Department Extrication Tools	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Total Capital Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
55 - CAPITAL RESERVE FUND						
Road Resurfacing	70,000	60,000	60,000	50,000	(10,000)	-16.67%
Town Hall Architectural	0	20,000	20,000	0	(20,000)	-100.00%
Vehicle Replacements (BOS)	102,000	129,000	129,000	145,000	16,000	12.40%
BOE Building Repairs/Upgrades	37,000	15,000	15,000	17,000	2,000	13.33%
BOS Building/Grounds Repairs/Upgrades	0	30,000	30,000	93,000	63,000	210.00%
BOS Equipment Replacement	0	45,000	45,000	55,000	10,000	22.22%
Vehicle Replacements (BOE)	35,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	N/A
Debt Service	90,000	50,000	50,000	0	(50,000)	-100.00%
BOE Equipment Replacement/Repair	14,000	35,000	35,000	13,000	(22,000)	-62.86%
Building Assessments	35,000	0	0	0	0	N/A
Fire Suppression/Water Supply	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	N/A
Total Capital Reserve Fund	433,000	434,000	434,000	433,000	(1,000)	-0.23%
CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TOTALS	433,000	434,000	434,000	433,000	(1,000)	-0.23%
DEBT SERVICE						
59 - LOANS/NOTES/BONDS EXPENSES						
Expenses	1,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	N/A
60 - TEMPORARY LOANS						
Temp. Loans in Anticip. Of Taxes	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	N/A
61 - OUTSTANDING S.T. NOTES						
Short Term Notes	0	10	10	10	0	N/A

**ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FY 2018
STATEMENT B**

	Audited FY 16	Adopted Budget FY17	Revised Budget FY17	Adopted Budget FY18	\$ Changed	% Changed
62 - REDEMPTION OF BONDS - LONG TERM DEBT						
Cap. Projects, Property & Fire Truck	235,000	235,000	235,000	0	(235,000)	-100.00%
Bolton High School Bond I	380,000	390,000	390,000	445,000	55,000	14.10%
Bolton High School Bond II	195,000	200,000	200,000	205,000	5,000	2.50%
BCS Projects/Fire Truck/Barn	0	0	0	165,000	165,000	100.00%
Capital Reserve	(90,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	0	50,000	-100.00%
Bond I (School Capital)	(380,000)	(390,000)	(390,000)	(395,000)	(5,000)	1.28%
Bond II (School Capital)	(91,464)	(24,480)	(24,480)	(64,990)	(40,510)	165.48%
Totals	248,536	360,520	360,520	355,010	(5,510)	-1.53%

65-INTEREST PAYMENTS-TEMPORARY LOANS

Interest Payments	0	10	10	10	0	N/A
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66 INTEREST - SHORT TERM NOTES

	0	10	10	10	0	N/A
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67 - INTEREST PAYMENT - LONG TERM DEBT

Cap. Projects, Property & Fire Truck	21,150	10,575	10,575	0	(10,575)	-100.00%
Bolton High School Bond I	243,444	233,844	233,844	151,935	(81,909)	-35.03%
Bolton High School Bond II	94,920	91,020	91,020	87,020	(4,000)	-4.39%
BCS Projects/Fire Truck/ Barn	0	0	0	31,870	31,870	100.00%
Totals	359,514	335,439	335,439	270,825	(64,614)	-19.26%

BLRWPCA

	140,000	140,000	140,000	160,000	20,000	14.29%
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DEBTS SERVICE TOTALS

	749,050	1,135,989	1,135,989	1,085,865	(50,124)	-4.41%
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Salaries and Wages

Administration	1,332,548	1,418,751	1,418,751	1,441,077	22,326	1.57%
Census	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0		
Teacher	5,560,021	5,611,504	5,611,504	5,827,217	215,713	3.84%
Census	81.2	79.4	79.4	79.4		
Instructional Assistant	608,865	641,987	641,987	652,441	10,454	1.63%
Census	26.4	24.5	24.5	24.0		
Operation & Maintenance	550,597	572,936	572,936	590,933	17,997	3.14%
Census	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0		
Nurse-OT-PT	172,036	186,052	186,052	192,471	6,419	3.45%
Census	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1		
Extra Curricular	238,515	246,912	246,912	250,872	3,960	1.60%
Substitutes	51,233	104,000	104,000	100,850	(3,150)	-3.03%

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STATEMENT B**

	Audited FY 16	Adopted Budget FY17	Revised Budget FY17	Adopted Budget FY18	\$ Changed	% Changed
Special Education						
Extended School Year	13,538	24,359	24,359	31,205	6,846	28.10%
Subtotal	8,527,353	8,806,501	8,806,501	9,087,066	280,565	3.19%
2 Employee Benefits						
Health Insurance	1,860,820	1,929,495	1,929,495	1,883,524	(45,971)	-2.38%
All Other	434,942	427,270	427,270	438,966	11,696	2.74%
Subtotal	2,295,762	2,356,765	2,356,765	2,322,490	(34,275)	-1.45%
3 Instructional and Professional Services	246,528	311,703	311,703	331,410	19,707	6.32%
4 Property Services	122,825	134,171	134,171	130,302	(3,869)	-2.88%
5 Purchased Services						
Special Education	597,408	631,519	631,519	703,950	72,431	11.47%
Transportation	430,989	462,329	462,329	476,452	14,123	3.05%
Insurance	144,076	151,781	151,781	160,414	8,633	5.69%
Other	145,112	165,160	165,160	186,185	21,025	12.73%
Subtotal	1,317,585	1,410,789	1,410,789	1,527,001	116,212	8.24%
6 Materials & Supplies						
Utilities	294,337	369,290	369,290	360,289	(9,001)	-2.44%
Instructional supplies, books, software	199,632	260,699	260,699	248,577	(12,122)	-4.65%
Maintenance	24,112	34,500	34,500	24,650	(9,850)	-28.55%
Subtotal	518,081	664,489	664,489	633,516	(30,973)	-4.66%
7 Equipment Purchases	117,419	7,160	7,160	116	(7,044)	-20.42%
8 Other Educational Expenses	33,033	42,302	42,302	42,982	680	1.61%
Excess Cost Reimbursement	(120,268)	(105,171)	(105,171)	(199,755)	(94,584)	89.93%
Total Board of Education	13,058,318	13,628,709	13,628,709	13,875,128	246,419	1.81%

TOWN OF BOLTON FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Road Resurfacing	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000	10,000
Plow Truck	60,000	120,000		180,000	
Furnace /Boiler Replacements	133,000				
TH Paving		45,000			
NRMC Brick		45,000		400,000	
Town Radio System		21,500			
ADA Improvements		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Partial Demolition (NRMC)				750,000	
NRMC Roof		130,000			
Senior Van		30,000			
Soccer Field - Herrick Park		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
BHF Buildings Restoration		25,000	50,000	75,000	100,000
Library Copier	15,000		18,000		
Herrick Park Field Lights		290,000			
NRMC Windows			50,000	90,000	
Debt Service	10,000				
Lo Pro Dump (Highway)		55,000			
Indian Notch Park Road & Lot		214,000			
Loader/Backhoe					
Water Heater (FD)	14,000				
Highway 1/2 Ton Pickup		25,000			
Mower (B&G)					13,000
Outdoor Pavilion - Herrick Park			40,000	35,000	
Fire Department Generator	55,000				
Service 134 Replacement (FD)		98,500			
Gazebo Roof		15,000			
Town Hall Painting		29,000			
One Ton Pick up (B&G)			40,000		
Command Vehicle (FD)	35,000				
Paving Box (Highway)			35,000		
Town Hall Vault Floor			12,500		
Town Garage Addition	350,000				
NRMC Overlay		35,000			
Town Garage Overlay		25,000			
NRMC Doors			40,000		
Extrication Tools (FD)	15,730				
Senior Center Carpeting		18,000			
Playscape (INP)		35,000			
Oil Tank Replacement		40,000			
Fire Truck Replacement	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Fire Suppression/Water Supply	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Dump Truck (BOE)			57,000		
BCS Science Lab Upgrade		90,000			

TOWN OF BOLTON FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	
Mower (BOE)	13,000		13,000		
BCS Curtain		20,000			
Utility Truck (BOE)			30,000		
BCS Air Handlers		30,000	30,000	30,000	25,000
BCS Oil Tank Removal	17,000				
Ballfield Conditioner (BOE)				12,000	
Maintenance/Activity Van (BOE)	10,000	20,000			
BCS Student Lockers			50,000		
BCS Roof Replacement/Brick					
BCS Cafeteria Range		13,000			
BCS Energy Management Equipment		20,000			
BHS Baseball Field		20,000			
Tractor w/ Bucket			25,000		
BCS Septic System Evaluation				25,000	
Total	877,730	1,694,000	665,500	1,762,000	293000

A Message from the Board of Finance

This year, the budget process has been especially challenging. Governor Malloy has proposed a state budget that has a very negative impact on our town. His budget contains cuts in revenues to Bolton. Also, his proposal shifts the cost for some services from the state to the towns. The two largest shifts in costs are teacher's pensions and state trooper expenses. The state has historically funded the teacher's pensions. In this next fiscal year, the state is expecting towns to contribute a portion of this cost, up to one third of the total pension payments. The second is the expectation that towns will pay for 100% of the cost of our resident state troopers. Currently the town pays for 85% of that cost, with the state paying for remaining 15%. The total impact of just the changes in the governor's proposed state budget including a reduction in revenues and cost shifting is \$1,477,972. As you may have read in the local papers, there is considerable opposition to the governor's budget. The state is months away from a final approved budget while the full extent of lost revenues and shifts in costs is not known at this time, it is quite apparent that there will be a negative impact to Bolton. The Board of Finance, Board of Selectman, and Board of Education, have worked closely to determine the best way to deal with these shortfalls while still maintaining programs and services that we have all come to expect.

Public input and communication are vital to this process. We hope this budget snapshot will help voters stay informed. We also encourage residents to come to meetings and public hearings.

Board of Finance Members:

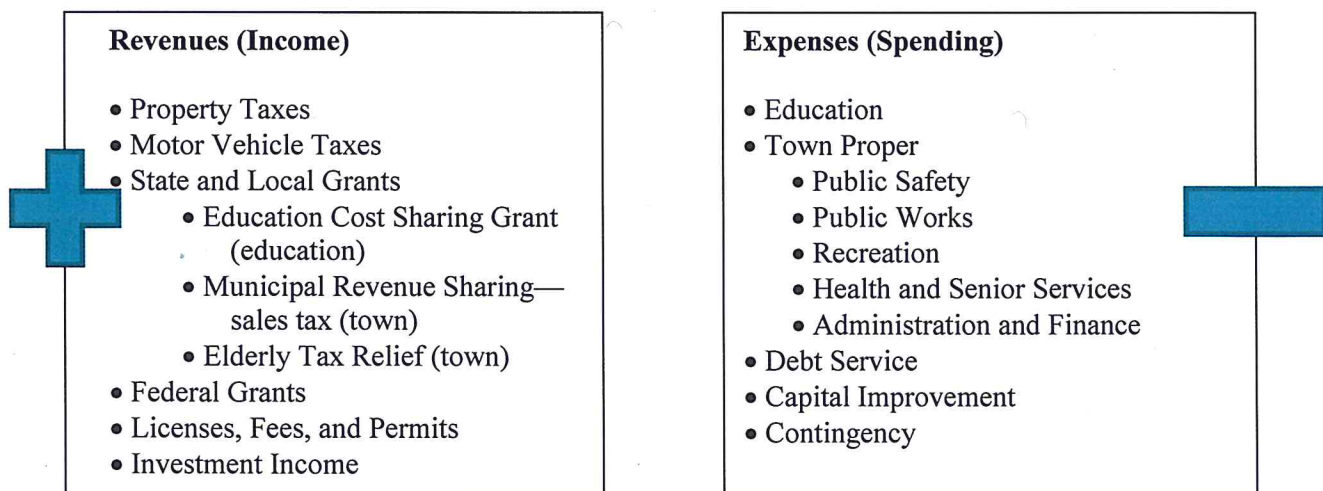
Robert Munroe, Chair
Bob Flowers, Vice Chair

Emily Bradley
Bob DePietro

Rob Galle'
Matt Maulucci
Morris Silverstein

Budget Overview

The annual budget is a comprehensive document presenting revenue estimates and expected expenses for both the town and school system. The Board of Selectman and the Board of Education prepare fiscally responsible budgets and deliver them to the Board of Finance. The goal of both the BOE and BOS budgets is to provide the highest level of service for our town and our children, abide by the contractual agreements with employees, unions, and vendors, and yet balance this with the current economic environment and state budget situation.



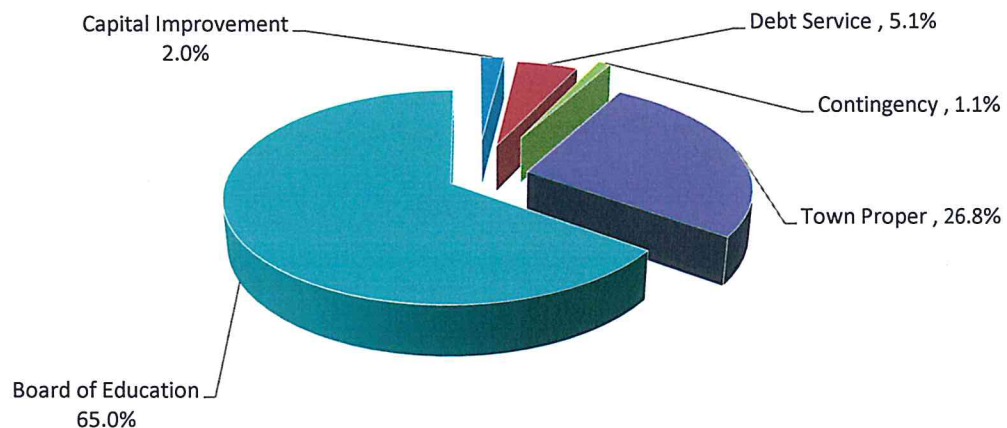
The Board of Finance has adopted a budget of \$21,339,355, with a mil rate set at 39.47 that resulted in the town's adopted budget for FY2018. This is a tax increase of 5.25% over last fiscal year. This includes a reduction in the BOS, Capital Improvement, Debt and BOE proposed budgets totaling \$379,730 or 4.93% decrease in operating budgets.

How your tax dollars will be spent

The budget to be adopted by taxpayers at referendum is broken down into five parts: **Education, Town Proper, Capital Improvement, Debt Service, and Contingency.**

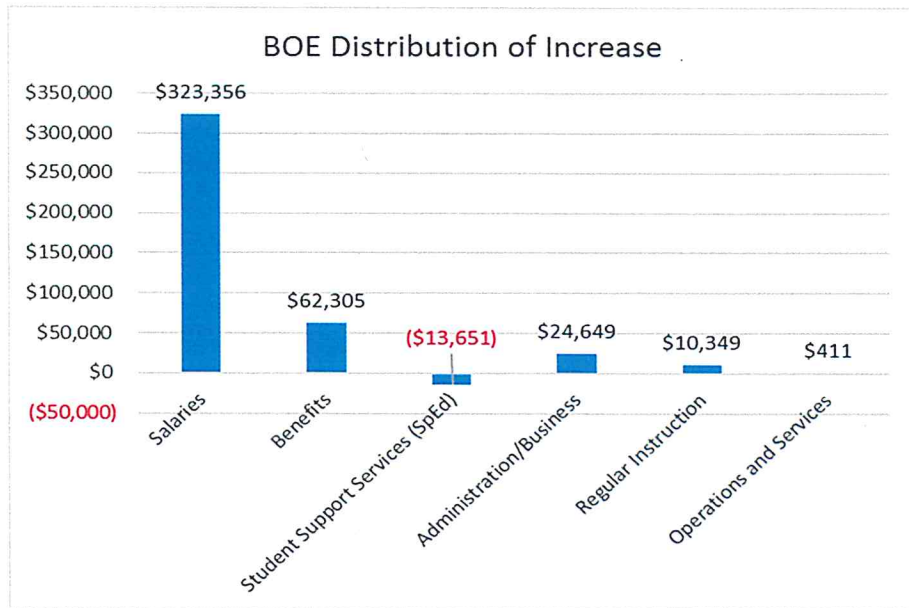
	Audited 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Adopted 2017-2018	Percentage Inc./Dec.	Percent of Total Budget
Capital Improvement	\$ 433,000	\$ 434,000	\$ 433,000	-0.2%	2.0%
Debt Service	\$ 749,050	\$ 1,135,989	\$ 1,085,865	-4.4%	5.1%
Contingency		\$ 25,000	\$ 226,000	804.0%	1.1%
Town Proper	\$ 5,035,005	\$ 5,551,420	\$ 5,719,362	3.0%	26.8%
Board of Education	\$ 13,058,318	\$ 13,628,709	\$ 13,875,128	1.8%	65.0%
Total Dollars Appropriated	\$ 19,275,373	\$ 20,775,118	\$ 21,339,355		

How your tax dollars will be spent



Education is the largest component of Bolton’s budget.

- The BOE vision is to educate students to become capable, ethical, healthy, responsible, and thoughtful citizens. The budget presented fully supports this vision and the Bolton Public Schools Strategic Plan by implementing improvements in instruction, focusing on positive student outcomes, supporting our teachers continued learning, and improving the digital and technological skills of the students and staff.
- The Board of Education receives state and federal grant funds that offset education expenses. With the governor’s proposed budget these state grants could be significantly reduced. Tuition is also received from the town of Columbia for their students who attend BHS.
- Over the past several years, the Bolton School District has been recognized as a top performing school district in the state and nationally. BHS is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and Connecticut School of Distinction.
- The BOE had requested a 2.99% increase in their budget equal to \$407,419.



Board of Education Summary

	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Board of Education Budget	\$12,830,263	\$13,144,571	\$13,294,139	\$13,467,883	\$13,628,709	\$13,875,128
Additional Grant Funding	\$729,274	\$1,036,131	\$1,121,189	\$1,067,850	\$915,892	\$944,490
Total Board of Education Funding	\$13,559,537	\$14,180,702	\$14,415,328	\$14,535,733	\$14,544,601	\$14,819,618
Choice Students	28	41	67	68	56	60
Columbia Students	71	63	60	53	45	51
Bolton Students	787	750	706	693	706	709
Other Non-resident (i.e. staff)	6	8	5	5	6	6
Total Student Enrollment	892	862	838	819	813	826
Bolton students attending magnet/Vo-Ag*	21	15	24	34	43	25

*Includes students attending both Bolton and Magnet schools. The magnet and Vo-Ag enrollments include no cost students such as Pre-K and those attending Hartford Magnet.

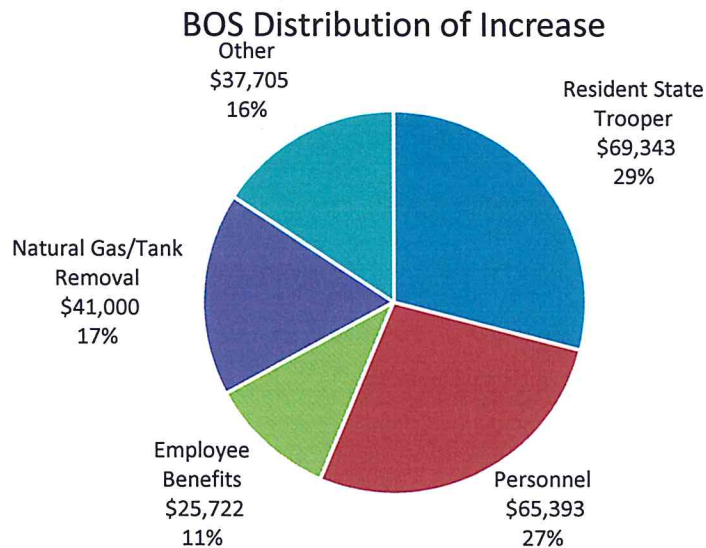
Note 1 Choice student tuition FY16-17 is \$8,000 per student

Note 2 Columbia student tuition FY16-17 is \$11,775.66 per student

Revenues for Columbia students are allocated as follow: 80% for the BHS building project bond and 20% to support the operating education budget.

Town Proper is the next largest part of the budget.

- The town’s vision is to preserve and protect desirable town features, guide future growth, and provide the full range of facilities, services and opportunities in a fiscally responsible manner, while maintaining the town’s rural character and overall quality of life in Bolton.
- The governor’s budget proposal also shifts 100% of the cost for state troopers to the town, instead of the current 85% funding level. This is approximately \$53,300 of the requested budget increase.
- The Board of Selectman continues to look for ways to improve and expand the town services and reduce cost, without adding staff. The BOS wants to maintain and enhance the level of public safety and other services that the residents expect. An example is the natural gas line into Bolton. The municipal buildings and Bolton Center School are in the process of converting to natural gas which has immediate benefits and future cost savings while providing alternatives for residents.
- The Board of Selectman had requested a 4.31% increase in their budget equal to \$239,163.



The **Capital Improvement Plan** is a key part of keeping our town current and moving into the future. Each year Bolton allocates funds to capital projects that includes purchase of large equipment, vehicles, and improvements to facilities. The Capital Improvement Plan is an effective way of preserving the physical assets of Bolton. It is key to our community to properly maintain our infrastructure. The Town of Bolton Charter requires at least one mil in the capital budget.

Debt Service is the amount of money that has been set aside to pay for principal and interest on debt that the town has already approved and issued. The town borrows to fund large capital improvement projects, like the high school renovation and expansion, along with the purchase of large equipment. 80% of the tuition received from the town of Columbia goes toward the high school debt service.

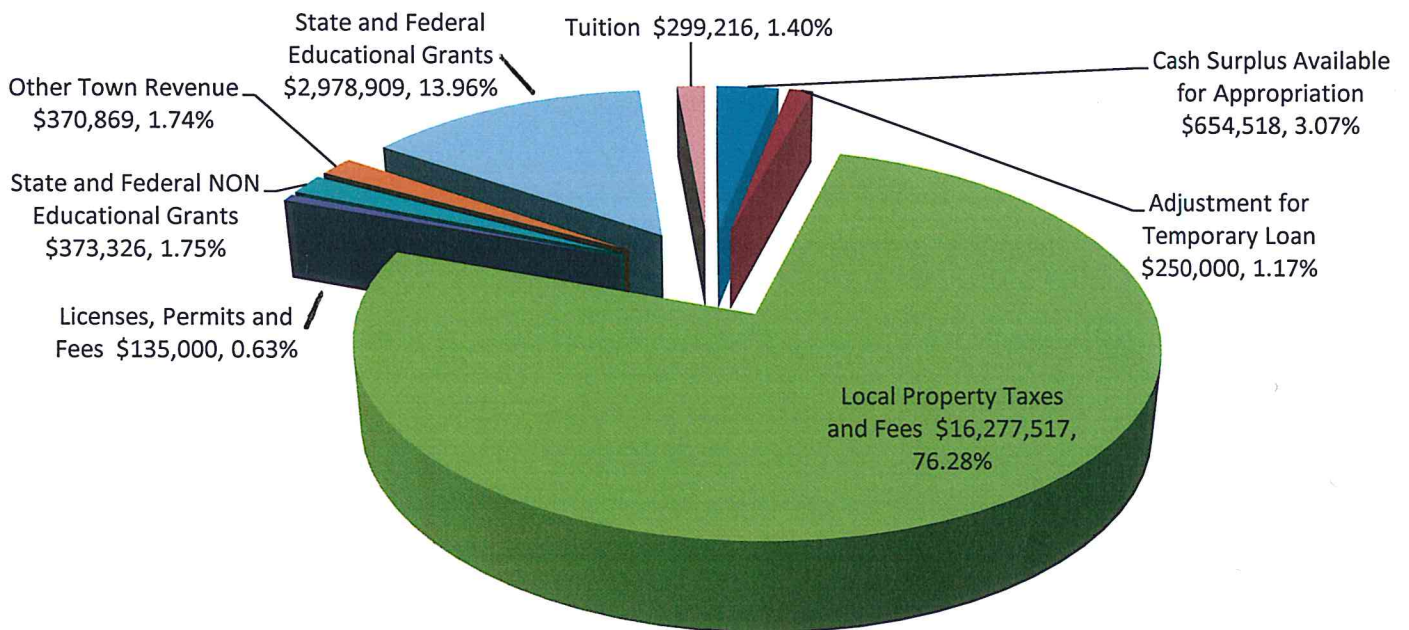
The town of Bolton has an excellent bond rating, given its size. This rating, similar to your personal credit rating, makes it so the town is able to borrow at a favorable rate. The town has been able to keep our debt level, allowing us to pay off older projects while making room for new ones.

Contingency are funds that are put aside to help address any significant shortfalls during the fiscal year. In recent years, \$25,000 has been budgeted for the contingency. At the end of the fiscal year, whatever is left is put into the town’s designated fund balance. This year’s budget addresses the challenges the potential state revenue cuts and shifts in costs (state troopers and teacher pensions) have on the town. The adopted FY 17-18 budget has a contingency amount of \$226,000. The Board of Finance feels that this will cover some of the revenue cuts and shifts in costs when the state budget is passed later this year. At the end of the fiscal year, if there are funds left, it is proposed that \$25,000 will be put into the town’s designated fund balance and the rest will be used to fund the FY 18-19 budget.

Where the money comes from

There are many sources of revenue for the town of Bolton, though by far the largest is local property taxes and fees. The other major source of revenue is from state and federal grants. The governor’s proposed state budget will reduce some of the town’s revenues. While they are also proposing new grants, these funds do not make up for what is being reduced. The total negative impact of the state budget changes could be as large as \$1,477,972. Due to the uncertainty with the state budget, the Board of Finance has kept state revenues flat. The BOF has increased the contingency fund to address potential reductions and shifts in costs as a result of the state budget.

Where the money comes from



Other Designated Funds

There are several grants that are designated for specific purposes. These are not part of the budget.

Total Education Grants

Federal Grants	\$202,950
Open Choice Grant	\$486,000
SHEFF Grant	\$51,000
Team Stipend (EASTCONN)	\$2,500
Excess Cost Grant	\$199,755
ERASE (substance Abuse/Reduction of Tobacco Use)	\$2,285
Subtotal	\$944,490

Additional Town Proper Grants

Town Aid Roads	\$200,235
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Total Dollars Available

\$1,144,725

The Budget Referendum

The Board of Finance, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education, has proposed a budget that maintains and improves our town, plans for the future, incorporates state mandates and budget changes.

Per the town charter, Bolton’s budget is approved by referendum. The cost of holding a budget referendum is approximately \$2,000.

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Referendum 1	Y – 426	Y – 515	Y – 471	Y – 592	Y – 394
	N – 505	N – 627	N – 591	N – 577	N – 545
Referendum 2	Y – 478	Y – 508	Y – 516		Y – 457
	N – 496	N – 598	N – 529		N – 476
Referendum 3	Y – 588	Y – 635	Y – 688		Y – 551
	N – 514	N – 572	N – 547		N – 498

Bolton’s Historical Budget Summary

The following chart provides a 5 year look back at the Bolton budgets:

	12/13	13/14	% Inc/Dec	14/15	% Inc/Dec	15/16	% Inc/Dec	16/17	% Inc/Dec	17/18	% Inc/Dec
Capital Improvements	497,000	485,600	2.29	456,400	-6.01	433,000	-5.13	434,000	.23	433,000	-.23
Debt Service	969,134	760,578	-21.52	767,298	.88	984,527	28.31	1,135,989	15.38	1,085,865	-4.4
Contingency	35,000	40,000	14.29	25,000	-37.5	25,000	0	25,000	0	226,000	804.
Town Proper	4,843,547	4,999,334	3.22	5,180,483	3.62	5,391,898	4.08	5,551,420	2.96	5,719,362	3.0
BOE	12,830,263	13,144,571	2.45	13,294,139	1.14	13,467,883	1.31	13,628,709	1.19	13,875,128	1.81
Totals	19,174,944	19,430,083	1.33	19,723,320	1.10	20,302,308	2.44	20,775,118	2.94	21,339,355	2.72

Cumulative Dollars Increases since 2012 \$2,164,411

Cumulative Percentage Increase since 2012 11.29%

How does Bolton compare with other towns in the area?

The chart below provides a comparison of both Town and Board of Education spending in surrounding towns, along with the percentage change in the mil rate for 2016-2017.

<u>Town</u>	<u>BOE%</u>	<u>Town%</u>	<u>Mil Rate %</u>
Andover	2.91%	2.60%	0.00%
Ashford	-4.10%	2.30%	-1.53%
Bolton	1.19%	2.96%	1.99%
Columbia	5.40%	0.80%	1.14%
Coventry	1.23%	2.08%	0.00%
East Windsor	1.01%	2.36%	2.05%
Ellington	3.82%	3.18%	0.00%
Hebron	0.89%	3.80%	-0.36%
Glastonbury	2.11%	2.16%	0.83%
Mansfield	4.30%	10.50%	0.00%
Marlborough	1.00%	1.73%	3.83%
Tolland	2.76%	2.43%	2.49%
Vernon	1.06%	3.06%	1.71%
Willington	1.87%	1.18%	1.43%
Averages	1.82%	2.94%	4.33%

Impact of Adopted Town of Bolton Budget on you

One “mil” produces one dollar for each \$1,000 of property assessment. For example, if your house has a current fair market value of \$200,000, the assessment is 70% of its current market value or \$140,000. The current mil rate is 37.50. Therefore, $140 \times 37.50 = \$5,250$ in tax. With the adopted Town of Bolton budget, the mil rate would be 39.47. Using this example, $140 \times 39.47 = \$5,526$. This would be a \$276 increase per year or \$5.31 increase per week.