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Town Council,

I was hoping to attend Tuesday meeting but it looks like I will not be back in town in time for public comment. I have looked over the proposed budget and have a few question.

- A. Looking at the handout I received on April 11, 2024 on the page title Proposed Town Budget Comparison, near the bottom Required Taxes for 2023-2024 were \$37,293,019. For 2024-25 it is \$40,594,176 which as reported is an 8.85% increase. On one of the other page it states the mill rate will decrease by 4.51. The only problem is with revaluation most if not all residents valuation went up. I have been talking to other people and have not found anyone where their revaluation went down. I am sure some did. I would like to know what the percentage of residents their revaluation went up is and what percentage went down?
Even if you lower the mill rate with revaluation most people will be paying more taxes. 8.85% is high. I hope the Town Council see that.
- B. When is the debt service for the High School coming off?
- C. On page D-27 under Constabulary 2023-2024 budget is \$718,000. With two months to go the estimate is \$637,000 which is a saving of \$87,000. The 2024-25 budget is requesting a budget of \$772,365. An increase of \$54,365. This year budget looks like it will not be used. Will next? I do see you want some new positions. Will they be filled?
- D. My last comment is the budget increase for the Paramedic program and KB Ambulance. I know these are very important to the Community. I had some problems during the end of last year and beginning of this year, Where I was I had to use American Ambulance. What I would like to know is what the increase per town for the Paramedic service was and what the increase of calls was for the Town of Killingly. Does the Town have a person assign to the Board of Directors for KB Ambulance? Are we paying more now due mismanagement is prior years? Like to know these answers and I hope so does the Town Council.

Thank You
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