

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: amy ferland <amyferland@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Concern about the Town Budget

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am concerned about the potential budget cuts especially with education. I am concerned that the steps our schools will have to take to open our schools in a safe manner will be costly. If the current guidelines for summer camps are an indication, we will have to have smaller class sizes, remote learning for at risk students and PPE for everyone. We will need more staff and teachers not less. This seems to be that education is going to cost more money and not less. I don't want my child's education impacted anymore than it has to be. Even if we continue with distance learning, there will be training to improve remote education instruction that will have to be paid for as well as the online programs that are currently being offered for free. Many of these programs cost a few thousand for a school license. We many need to have funds to pay for these apps next year. In addition, we will need to purchase more devices for families to participate. We need to make sure our teachers get the support they need including a fair salary. They are a dedicated and talented group. We need to keep them in our school system.

Sincerely,
Amy Ferland
73 Morin Ave

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: Amy Apperson <amy.apperson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: KMS

I'm emailing to express my support for the KMS project. The children of this town and their teachers deserve a decent building to spend their days in.

Thank you,
Amy Apperson

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Amy Apperson
Quiet Corner Music Together
860-779-3006

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: amy ferland <amyferland@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support for the KMS Building Project

Dear Sir and Madam:

We need to update the elementary school and we needed to do that awhile ago. I went to second grade in a part of the building that was considered a temporary building. It is still there. I have child that is a student at KMS and they do not have enough space. They had to split the music room into two rooms so they could add a second grade classroom.

The conditions in the building especially after a length of warm weather are brutal. I am not sure how these kids even learn in that heat and the faculty stay healthy.

The proposed building will add needed space for important services including a dedicated science room. There is now a state test in science administered in grades 5, 8 and 11. This means that most of the preparation for the 5th grade test should occur at KMS. People base whether they will move into a town on facts. One of the easiest facts to obtain are test scores which are readily available on real estate apps like Zillow.

Finally, KMS is one of our most visible schools. It is right in the center of town and should showcase the investment this town makes in our youth. It is not good to have a shabby looking school so visible to investors and potential residents of this town.

Please approve the KMS building project. My son will have left KMS by the time this project is completed but I do believe we need to invest in all of our town's children. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Amy Ferland

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: Misty Crowley <mcrowley@killinglyschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: May 12

Good Morning,
My thoughts on a few topics before the Town Council...

BUDGET

At the last meeting, the Council was presented 3 options that all offered our town a mil rate below the current. I was disappointed watching the Council spend so much time "nickel and diming" different departments based on their opinion only to arrive at a number that was only a fraction of a mil rate different than what our Town Manager proposed in Option 1. The Town Manager is paid to do a job, she works closely with all the departments/managers/etc, so while I acknowledge a Council's responsibility may be to inquire, request further explanation, etc. why are we not trusting the individual that would clearly have access and insight into essential functions of departments and the funding required to execute those vital functions? Also, that the Council chose to cut \$750,000 from the BOE knowing that just to cover contractual increases will cost the Board approx \$650,000 is greatly disappointing.

I encourage you to move forward with the ORIGINAL option 1.

KMS Project

Putting off this project will only increase the cost to the taxpayer. This is not a "want" but a "need" as the portables are well beyond their intended life expectancy. Please move forward with this project.

Turf Field

Please put aside your personal opinions. The public has spoken, going through the posted public comments on your website, having attended meetings held earlier this year and listened to public comment, and the resounding results of the [Change.org](#) petition--- it is clear the majority wants this project to move forward.

As always, thank you all for your tireless work on behalf of the townspeople of Killingly.

Misty Crowley
26 Deerwood Dr.

Misty Crowley
Killingly Intermediate School
Grade 6 Science Teacher
KIS Science Instructional Coordinator
2018-2019 District Teacher of the Year



12 May 2020

Dear Town Council:

I am writing this message in support of the turf field project. I have been the broker/owner of Re/Max Ballpark Realty in Dayville for the past 20 years and feel that this type of improvement can only bring financial benefits not only to my business but many others in our community. I believe in investing in our future and given the donations involved in this project, this investment seems like a no brainer.

Please continue to move our town forward and approve this project.

Sincerely,

Michael Meehan
Broker/Owner
RE/MAX Bell Park Realty Inc
610 Hartford Pike
Dayville, CT. 06241

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From: Michael Meehan <mmhn27@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Jason Anderson; Public Comment
Subject: FW: Send data from MFP11965332 05/12/2020 09:49
Attachments: DOC051220-05122020094923.pdf

Good Morning:
Please see attached.

Thank you,

Michael Meehan

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On 5/12/20, 9:45 AM, "Toshiba Killingly Office" <bellparkrealty610@gmail.com> wrote:

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May 12, 2020

I am writing this message in support of the turf field project. This project has so many benefits that will only make our town better. I have lived in Killingly my whole life and I am currently a business owner that feels this type of improvement will only help all businesses in town for a many reasons. On a personal note, my son recently graduated from college after a successful soccer career that started at a very young age in Killingly and concluded in his senior season in college this past fall. My son attended Pomfret Prep where he competed on a turf field. That turf field experience continued in college. His experience on turf field was second to none, the kids in Killingly deserve that opportunity as well.

In addition to that, the fact that a private citizen has committed \$364K is a once in a lifetime opportunity that we need to take advantage of. I understand initial reactions of putting this project off until things settle down but the reality is that when things do settle down, there is the possibility that the donation may be withdrawn and any surplus BOE money won't be available. That will result in this project being funded by a referendum vote put on the shoulders of tax payers. The current plan, as I understand it, will not require a tax increase to tax payers as it is being funded by a private donation and contributions of surplus monies. How in the world can the town pass that up? I have often said that the turf field should have been installed when the new school was built 10 years, please do not make the same mistake twice. As a business owner looking at this from a business perspective, this is a no brainer.

Finally, looking at the nearly 1500 signatures on the recent [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition is a clear indication that the town supports this project and feels the same way we do. I have heard our elected officials say many times that they want to hear from the people - well the people have spoken and they support this project. Our children deserve something positive to look forward to during these difficult times, this is a perfect opportunity to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Mazzarella

Sean Mazzarella

Suzanne & Sean Mazzarella

Fairway Independent Mortgage

Danielson CT 06239

860-377-1248

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: Suzanne Mazzarella <suzannem@fairwaymc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Jason Anderson
Subject: Turf Field For Killingly High School
Attachments: Turf Field.pdf

Importance: High

Hello

Please see the attached letter from my husband and I who are business owners in the Town of Killingly. We are a member of the KBA and have been a resident of the Town of Killingly our entire life.

Thank you in advance,
Sean & Suzanne Mazzarella



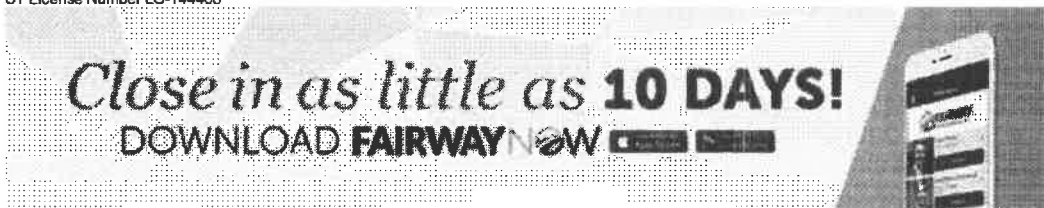
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Killingly Business Association, Inc.

February 26, 2020

To all members of the Killingly Town Council,

I am writing to you as President of the Killingly Business Association in support of the installation of the turf field at the Killingly High School.

As an association we have many goals, but one of our primary objectives is to promote all Killingly businesses. Although we do feel that it is very important to engage our residents, we also feel it is equally imperative to consider ways to bring those that live outside of our town to come visit and patronize our establishments.

As shown in the recent wrestling event, a large number of people visited our town and in doing so stayed in our hotels, ate at our restaurants, shopped at our stores, and generally contributed to our local economy. A turf field would provide this same opportunity, but on a regular basis. This would benefit not only our school system, but our local businesses and our community as a whole.

During these uncertain times, it is understood that things will take a long time to return to normal. When that time finally occurs, the turf field will add a great advantage and a strong boost to our local economy by drawing people into our area. In addition, the economic upswing will be accomplished without using any tax payer funds. These local businesses, both large and small will benefit from an influx of people, without having to spend any money themselves.

Please consider voting yes for the new turf field in Killingly for the betterment of our businesses, our young student athletes, and our town as a whole.

Thank you very much for your time and your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with questions on this or any other matter at (860) 234-0532.

Sincerely,

Shane Young, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SY', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Killingly Business Association, Inc.

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: Megan Wells <megan9288@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:07 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: KMS building project

Good morning,

I am a parent of a child with a physical disability in the Killingly Public School district. My daughter and I had many challenges with her attending KMS. Now she is in KIS, but I do not want any child to go through the issues she did. At one point she was almost not allowed to attend KMS with her siblings because of there being no handicap access. While she was there, she was unable to attend some of her classes due to accessibility issues. This is unacceptable and no child should have to miss out because of something they have no control over. This should have been done A LONG time ago. I am asking you please, make KMS handicap accessible in all locations so that our future children with disabilities will not feel segregated, or discriminated against. Thank you.

Megan Wells

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: stansoper3 <stansoper3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Town vote

Hi my name is Stan and I'm a Para at KMS. I'm writing this to give information on the possible KMS addition. I think the important thing the town has to realize before voting is that yes KMS does need upgrades to current classrooms BUT this possible addition shouldn't be called an addition because it is not giving us more classrooms it's just upgrading them. Therefore i'm voting no because they need to come up with an actual "addition". Also the proposed upgrades to the old KHS building costing 16million i believe should be voted down because if the building wasn't good enough to keep it as a HS than it's not good enough to spend 16million on for something else.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: stansoper3 <stansoper3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:54 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Killingly school addition

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From: Cindy Miller <cindymiller31@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:41 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Killingly turf project

Hello,

I know amid all of the covid-19 concerns and impacts, the turf project may easily fall by the wayside. However, now more than ever I am asking that you do not lose track of what the benefits are for having the turf field added to the Killingly High School.

This field not only adds an opportunity to more sport teams at the high school to utilize the field (rather than just the football team as it is predominantly used by), but it also opens up the chance of rec teams using it, the school could benefit financially from the use of the concession stand, and for larger events such as playoff games, the school would benefit from the ticket sales.

Let's not lose sight of the benefits as well as the optimism of getting back to normal. We need to look ahead and take advantage of the money that can be used for this project.

Thank you
Cindy Miller
390 Lake Rd., Dayville CT

Sent from my iPhone

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: wife ten 14 <wife1014@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:41 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: KMS project

Good morning,
I am a resident of the town and am
writing this email to give my support for the necessary KMS building project.

We also wish to see the Killingly Recreation Dept stay in tact without any budget cuts. The rec
department provides a much needed outlet for our families.

Thank you,
Christina Andrade
24 Glen Rain Rd
Dayville

Sent from my iPhone

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: david carter <carter_06260@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:44 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Town budget 5/12 meeting

Hi

I'm dave Carter, I've lived on Hartford Pike for 13 years.

I support the KMS building project. Those temporary buildings that were outdated 25 years ago are an embarrassment. Let's fix the building. Don't turf them KHS field. That's not a good use of money.

Parks and rec probably won't have camp with state restrictions, don't find it.

Thanks

Dave Carter

Sent from my iPhone

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: Susan Lannon <suelannon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: KMS building project

Hello,

As a parent of a child moving from KMS to KIS in the next school year, and a child moving into kindergarten, I would like to express full support of the KMS building project. The updates and additions are needed and will benefit students for years to come.

Thank you,
Susan Lannon

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: brian.card@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Public Comment; Budget Comment
Subject: Fwd: Budget comments

Sent from my Verizon ASUS tablet

----- Original Message -----

From: Brian Card
Sent: Mon, 11 May 2020 15:22:28 -0400
To: janderson@killinglyct.org, "budgetcomment@killinglyct.org", "publiccomment@killinglyct.org"
Subject: Budget comments

I am providing the following comments relative to the proposed FY20-21 Town Budget. While I give credit to the Council for wanting to be prudent with the taxpayer money, I believe the cuts that are being proposed are detrimental to the Town in the long run. I offer the following specific comments:

1. Mil rate reduction - With all the cuts proposed, the mil rate is being reduced by 1% to 24.76. At most, the mil rate should remain steady with the current \$24.96 to match the current budget. This way when going into the FY21-22 budget season, the inevitable increase that will be needed to restore services being cut will not be such a large increase from current levels.
2. Reduction in Road maintenance should not be considered. This will increase future costs to repair the roads as they continue to deteriorate over time
3. KPRD reductions should not be done as these services will be necessary to keep kids healthy and engaged
4. BOE cuts - when listening to many budget discussions, council members kept discussing keeping the BOE to a zero increase. While this proposal allows for the contractual increases as needed, it cuts out \$750K of the requested budget, which inevitably means less services to our students. This is the wrong message to send if we want to be a leading Town. Our school staff are some of the lowest paid in the State and it continues to be difficult to attract top talent and to offer the best education to our students with continued cuts.

If Killingly wants to be a growing vibrant Town then we must continually invest in our roadways, recreational opportunities, and education system to provide the residents a quality of life that wants to keep them in the Town and spend. Right now, residents do not stay in town and go out to other towns to recreate, dine, etc. Like I said, trying to adjust the budget to these circumstances is understandable, I just believe you went too far and are cutting too many necessary items.

Brian & Beth Card
60 Mason Hill Road
Dayville, CT

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: Erika Ponciano <eponciano@killinglyschools.org>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Jason Anderson; Public Comment
Subject: In Regards to Turf Field*
Attachments: BOE Turf.pdf

Erika and Derek Ponciano
57 Kent Street
Danielson, CT 06239

Good afternoon,

My name is Erika Ponciano and my husband are reaching out to you in support of the turf field project at Killingly High School. My husband and I are both graduates of Killingly HS in 2008 and now both work at Killingly High School. I am a school counselor and my husband is a PE/Health teacher. We both are also coaches at the high school. I coach the field hockey and lacrosse teams and my husband coaches the girls soccer and lacrosse team as well. This turf field directly impacts us both as coaches, but also has residents of the town.

The field hockey program in the most recent years has seen huge success. We have qualified for post season playoff in the ECC and state tournament, in the most recent years. We played in the Class S state semi final game only to lose to the state champions. I bring up the field hockey program because we still continue to play; practices and games at Westfield Ave. As you probably don't know our field hockey program is the only team in the ECC conference that still plays on grass. ALL the FH programs in the ECC that we play are on turf. ALL college level field hockey programs are played on turf. We still play on grass. I attached a letter that I sent to the Board of Education on behalf of the field hockey team in regards to playing conditions, access to bathrooms, access to shelter when there is dangerous weather, and many other negatives...

This is not every going to happen again. We have received a very generous donation as well as the BOE giving their part of this deal. This is a one time contribution that will bring so much positivity to our school and community.

As a coach, we can FINALLY be able to play on our home field.. in front of fans, on our HOME base.

I chose to live in Killingly for many reasons, but the most important reason of all is to raise my family here. I just gave birth to our first child 6 weeks and this is where I want her to attend schools, this is where I want her to grow up, I trust in the town council of Killingly.

Thank you so very much for your time,
Erika Ponciano
KHS School Counselor, Ge-N
Assistant Field Hockey Coach
Assistant Girl's Lacrosse Coach
(860) 779-6648