

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: LyAnn Graff <ly.agraff@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:47 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: budget

Dear Town Council and Board of Education members,

I know that I am reiterating the comments of many other taxpayers in Killingly. Given the economic crisis we are now living through, this is not the time to be spending money on moving the Community Center or raising taxes for either the government or Board of Education budgets. Many people are not sure when or if they are going back to work, and are struggling with feeding their families. It doesn't seem that the people putting this budget together are living in today's reality. It is going to be a very slow return to normal and this is not the time to be raising taxes.

Thank you,
LyAnn Graff

Mary Calorio

From: Karen Breault <kbro77@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: No tax increases, please!

In regard to the proposed budget increases for general government, as well as education, my husband and I respectfully request a "no" vote. Our property taxes increased by nearly 50% with the recent property re-valuation, and the thought of one more increase honestly sickens us.

Please consider the current hardships people are facing due to unemployment with the recent pandemic - a mill rate increase frankly seems cruel and inhumane at a time like this.

Having come from the Midwest where our property taxes actually went down over the course of 17 years, the thought of our taxes increasing again over the course of the nearly 4 years we have lived here seems unthinkable. The irresponsible spending of this town government without regard for the tax payers in Killingly is a travesty to those living here and certainly discourages anyone from moving to the area.

We ask you to seriously consider how the government expenses could be CUT and to do the right thing for the good folks of Killingly by refusing the proposed budget and its resulting mill rate increase.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan and Karen Breault
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Mary Calorio

From: Jeff Mee <jmee@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: Budget Comment

I vote No to both parts of the budget.

At a time where unemployment is going up, services are going down, a 0% increase MIGHT be acceptable, but this budget is far from acceptable. How many of your tax payers will be getting an 8+% pay increase this year?

You haven't given an explanation of what new or increased services we are getting for this kind of expenditure.

Does this include curbside pickup without the per bag fee?

Does this include free broadband internet to all houses in Killingly?

Does this include free sewage to all houses in Killingly?

I'm sure none of those sound realistic to you, why would you think this proposed budget would sound realistic to us, the tax payer and the people who employ you?

Jeff Mee
269 Cook Hill Rd.
Danielson

Sent from my iPad

Mary Calorio

From: Richard Anger <rvanger@atlanticbb.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Budget Comment
Cc: Anger, Richard
Subject: Comments on the upcoming 2020-2021 budget

April 23, 2020

To Town Manager and the Town Council,

My name is Richard Anger of 36 Waterman St. Danielson, CT and I have several general comments about the budget process currently being pushed thru.

First of all regardless of what the state governor has said can be done about the budget process I say it is totally irresponsible of the Town of Killingly to attempt to pass a budget thru of any kind without people in town able to vote. The belief of most people that I have talked to feel that due to the shutdown of the schools, other departments working from home and other shutdown buildings there should be a surplus being returned from the current budget that is in place. Maybe the Town of Killingly should look towards Plainfield where they are going thru with a budget with "0" increase.

I have contacted my Town Councilor, Ernie Lee to answer a couple of questions about things that I have heard about school bus drivers being paid from the budget and not working and Public Works people being paid a full weeks pay but working only every other day. If neither is true I apologize up front but if any part is true this is totally irresponsible of the town leaders to allow it to happen.

"We are all in this together" Think about the Covid-19 slogan and think about all of the townspeople who do not have access to social media, computers, smart phones ect. and are being told to stay home and then you have the feeling that you can push thru an increase without many people having any say. Poor judgement on your part.

Please be responsible and pass a "0" increase budget and if there is a surplus from the 2019-2020 budget maybe we should see a decrease in our mill rate.

Thank you.

Richard Anger

Mary Calorio

From: Richard Ouellette <rick.ouellette@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: budget

To the Town Council, I think it's just takes plain common sense to realize that this is the absolute worse time to increase our mill rate. We just got clobbered by revaluation last year so even without the virus I would have expected a zero increase in this the following year. The taxpayers of Killingly can not afford another increase. Everyone has to make a sacrifice here including the town and school departments. So do the right thing and sharpen your pencils. If Plainfield can do it I have no doubt we can. Thank you for your time. Rick O

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: bgosper@ <atlanticbb.net bgosper@atlanticbb.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: Budgets comments

I have exactly ZERO intention of reading one line from either the Town of BOE budget. I, and most of this town, DEMAND a ZERO percent increase, period, end of story. In fact if anything the Town budget should be LOWERED vs last year. Unfortunately the BOE budget cannot be due to ridiculous and outrageous MBR requirement but they can be held to no increase.

In case our esteemed Town Manager and Superintendent have not noticed, we are in the midst of a global pandemic. This is resulting in MASS LAYOFFS, DESTRUCTION OF BUSINESSES THAT MAY NEVER COME BACK, AND UNCERTAINTIES AS FAR AS WE CAN SEE. But your paycheck and benefits keep coming though regardless, don't they? Perhaps the reason for your seeming lack of decency. Government never does with less, ever.

And yet here we have proposed budgets seeking MILLIONS of dollars in increases on the backs of taxpayers who cannot pay these ridiculous proposed increases. Not to mention taxpayers will not have any say on these budgets via a machine vote due to the unconstitutional edict of our dictatorial Governor. The tone deafness from these so-called officials is despicable and you should be ashamed of yourself for even proposing ANY increase! Were you hoping you could just sneak an increase through while no one is looking and instead are concerned about their health and safety and how they are going to pay their housing and food costs?

EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN IS DOING WITH LESS AND MANY ARE DOING WITH MUCH LESS AND FACING BANKRUPTCY YET YOU DARE TO TRY AND RAISE TAXES ON US?

And NO ONE wants to hear ANY excuse whatsoever. There is NO JUSTIFICATION for one single penny increase, period, end of story. Scrap your wish list and pet projects this year and if you have mandatory obligation increases via contracts then you pay for those with further cuts in other areas including if necessary, staff. Other towns are doing exactly that. Where do Killingly "officials" get the idea that they don't have to do the same? Are you that tone deaf and ignorant or do you just not care?

The Town Manager and Superintendent must IMMEDIATELY withdraw these increase requests or they should step down or be fired for their utter disrespect for the people in this town. And the members of the Town Council and BOE need to do the same- slash to zero or step down.

We are all watching and will take to social media and other platforms to make sure this outrage does not happen.

Brian Gosper

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: tgseiferman@ <atlanticbb.net tgseiferman@atlanticbb.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:43 PM
To: budgetcomment@killinglyct.gov.
Subject: Budget proposal

Under normal circumstances this proposal is still above the inflation rate, but during this pandemic a 6-1/2 % increase in the tax rate seems to defy logic.

Many of our businesses and citizens are suffering financially and although we will recover, it isn't going to happen overnight.

It may be time to rethink this, especially the school budget.

Tom Seiferman

1023 North Road

Dayville

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: MARIA MARCOTTE <dmarco1016@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 9:37 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: budget

All,

NO budget increase whatsoever. To even think of any increase, whether school or town, is absolutely RIDICULOUS. Enough is enough. People are unemployed, businesses closed and the Town Council and BOE are actually thinking of budget increase??? Get a CLUE!!

Sincerely,
Disgusted Killingly Taxpayer

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: S Cool <scoolidg88@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: Budget

To Whom It May Concern,

Even though this is for 2020-2021 fiscal year, there needs to be no changes! What are you people thinking? Most everyone is hurting right now! Raising the budget is like kicking us when we're already down! It's going to take years for people to recover from this situation!

Please rethink this!

Sincerely

Steve Coolidge

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: Michael Gasiorek <gaspole3524@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:44 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: 2020 to 2021 Budget

I Michael Gasiorek from 632 Cook Hill Rd Danielson, CT 06239 am appalled on the unnecessary rize of this years budget. At this time of hard ship because of the Covid -19 for the already over taxing of the tax payer in this Town your going to put more burden on the tax payer. What are you doing being some kind of stupid ??? What is happening to all the money you are saving from all the schools that are closed ??? What about the savings from the school buses not using full???etc. In this time of need we should have zero increase in the budget not an increase.

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: JAMES PETERSON <jjpeter1215@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: Mil increase

With all that is going on with this virus there should be no mil increase. With all the people on unemployment there should be no increase. With all the monies that have not been used due to a mild winter and school closings there should be no increase. If this cannot go to a public vote there should be no increase.

Jean Peterson

Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: mjhewko@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: 2020-21 Budget

My name is Michael Hewko and I live at 20 John ST. Danielson CT

I am writing this email to show that I am opposed to the budget that is being presented. With businesses closed or open on a limit condition and people out of work it is not the time to raises the citizens taxes. Looking over the budget I feel there is not a item that can not wait until next year when a Town Meeting can be held so citizens can express their views and vote in person to increase decrease or remain the same. Some people are having a hard time meeting their own budgets as is. To increase their taxes may put a burden on the citizens that would not benefit anyone. Many men and women have fought and some died so we can enjoy our rights that this great country has given us. I am sure there are some people that will not have the benefit to review the budget as it stands right now. Everyone should have a right to vote on it. The budget should stay the same until the taxpayers has a right to maintain the budget as is, to increase it, or decrease it as they see fit.

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Janice Rockwood-Berry

From: Greg Desmarais <gregdesmarais0414@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Budget Comment
Subject: Budget votes

Do NOT increase either budget.

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android