

151 TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS  
THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY AND ASSESSMENT  
OF ONE KILLINGLY HOUSEHOLD.

TWO SENIOR CITIZENS, ONE 73 YEARS OLD, THE OTHER 94 YEARS OLD.

LIVING ON SOCIAL SECURITY, COMMON SENSE, INTEGRITY, AND HAVING GRATITUDE THAT WE LIVE IN A COMFORTABLE SAFE HOME IN A GOOD COMMUNITY WITH GOOD CITIZEN NEIGHBORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE CAN ONLY DREAM OF UP-DATING OR REPLACING MANY THINGS IN OUR HOME, BUT WE REALIZE WHAT WE CAN HAVE, OR HAVE NOT.

ONE INDISPUTABLE REALITY FACT IS THAT WE MUST PAY OUR WAY. WE MUST SUPPORT THE TOWN TAXES AND FEES AND THE FINANCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE ANNUAL "BUDGET," THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO REMAIN IN OUR HOME, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, UNTIL EITHER ONE OR BOTH OF US HAVE DRASTIC HEALTH CHANGES.

TWO THINGS HAVE SUDDENLY OCCURRED THAT THREATEN OUR SECURITY. ONE IS THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THE OTHER IS THE DISTURBING NEWS THAT THE PROPOSED KILLINGLY TOWN BUDGET BE INCREASED BY MANY DOLLARS AND THEREFORE A LARGE MILL RATE INCREASE. WE HEARD OF THESE INCREASES RECENTLY ON WINY RADIO NEWS.

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FIRST! THE PANDEMIC CRISIS. SECOND! TAX INCREASES.  
1. THE PANDEMIC CRISIS HAS IMPACTED LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL AND WORLDWIDE POPULATION MORE THAN WE COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED. WE ARE ALL AFFECTED BY CHANGES IN THE NORMAL SUPPLY CHAIN, JOBS, BUSINESSES LARGE AND SMALL, EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS, FINANCIAL SECURITY AT ALL LEVELS, AND HEALTH PROTECTION.

FEAR FACTORS MAY INCREASE FOR INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES AS THEY FACE LOSS OF INCOME OR JOBS, HUGE DEBTS, LOSS OF HOMES, BANKRUPTCY, ILLNESS, LOSS OF HEALTH INSURANCE, OR CURRENT MEDICAL OR MEDICINE REQUIREMENTS. THERE WILL BE SOME WHO WILL NOT SURVIVE THE PERIOD WE FACE FOR RECOVERY.

2. TAX INCREASES: LOCALLY OUR OFFICIALS MET THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CORONAVIRUS AND ADVISED US EARLY HOW WE COULD RESPOND AND PROTECT OURSELVES AND THE COMMUNITY, LIMITING CONTACTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. THANK YOU! WE ARE SURE YOU HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE. THE CHANGE IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION HAS BEEN AN ENORMOUS ENDEAVOR AND MUST SURELY BE SUCCESSFUL, DUE TO COMPETENT LEADERS AND RESOURCEFUL TEACHERS.

QUESTION: HAS THE PURCHASE OF STUDENT ELECTRONIC

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(CONT.) (QUESTION):

EQUIPMENT BEEN VERY LARGE? PERHAPS  
MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY EXPENSES HAVE BEEN  
SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER ELSEWHERE?

IT SEEMS TO US, THAT THE TOWN MANAGER AND  
COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST TAKE THE TIME -  
CONSUMING TASK NOW OF REVIEWING -  
PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE FINANCES OF OUR  
TOWN. TRY TO FORGET BORROWING AT THE PRESENT  
UNSETTLED TIME, TRY TO MAINTAIN WHATEVER  
RESOURCES ON HAND. IS "RESOURCES" A WORD FOR  
OUR SAVINGS OR "RAINY DAY FUND"? (WHATEVER IS THE  
PROPER NAME?). TRY TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO  
LOWER EXPENSES (MUST CERTAINLY NOT  
BY LAYING OFF VALUABLE IRREPLACEABLE  
PERSONNEL). CAN SOME PROJECTS LARGE OR  
SMALL BE POSTPONED FOR SHORT OR LONG  
PERIODS OF TIME?

IT SEEMS OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS  
HAVE TAKEN A SMALLER WORD "MILLION" AND  
INCREASED USAGE TO THE WORD "BILLION", AND  
NOW USE THE WORD "TRILLION" AS IF IT WAS JUST  
AN ORDINARY SOLUTION TO FIX ANY PROBLEMS THE  
PEOPLE FACE NOW AND IN THE FUTURE RECOVERY PERIOD.

( 4/8/2020 TODAY'S NEWS - CONGRESS PROPOSING "BILLIONS"? 4/8/2020. )



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## COMMUNICATION:

AT PRESENT OUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IS LIMITED. PHONE, THE VILLAGER "KILLINGLY" EDITION, THE TURNPIKE BUYER "KILLINGLY" EDITION, WINY RADIO DAYTIME NEWS AND DAVE WARD TALK SHOW. WE HAVE TV ALSO AND FIND CHANNEL 22 TOWN HALL MEETINGS ARE NOT FILMED WELL, THE RECEPTION IS VERY FUZZY AND THE MICROPHONES ARE NOT ALWAYS SWITCHED ON BY ALL OF THOSE ATTENDING, ESPECIALLY THOSE GUESTS WHO MAKE PRESENTATIONS AT THE FRONT TABLE. THE PODIUM MIKE SEEMS TO BE MORE CLEAR. INCREASING HOME TV SOUND TO THE 90 TO 80 LEVEL DOES NOT IMPROVE SOUND. CAN THIS SYSTEM BE CHECKED OUT FOR ANY IMPROVEMENT? ALL NOTICES OF EVENTS ARE READABLE AND FINE. THANK YOU.

ONE MORE COMMENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION,

PLEASE ENCOURAGE ANY CITIZEN/TAXPAYER IDEAS THAT MAY BE PRESENTED TO YOUR LEADERSHIP AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME. SUGGESTIONS MAY COME FROM MANY SOURCES, YOUNG OR OLDER PEOPLE, BUT MAYBE ONE OR A FEW MAY BE HELPFUL AT THIS TIME OR THE COMING RECOVERY PERIOD.

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AT THE PRESENT TIME THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNERS WE KNOW ARE ADJUSTING TO JOB LOSS, OR RESCHEDULING SHIFTS, OR HOME COMMUNICATING ELECTRONICALLY, SHOPPING RESTRICTIONS, CAR USAGE REDUCTION, FUEL CONSUMPTION, EDUCATION CHANGES TO ELECTRONICS, SPORTS CANCELLATION, PUBLIC MEETINGS, CHURCH SERVICES, GROUP MEETINGS AND HEALTHCARE RESTRICTIONS. STUDENTS EVERYWHERE WHO WOULD GRADUATE THIS YEAR ARE NOW CHALLENGED TO FOREGO THE CEREMONIES AND FRIENDSHIPS OF THEIR LAST MONTHS TERM EVENTS. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PLAN FUTURE GATHERINGS AND REUNIONS THAT WILL BE SAFE AND MEMORABLE FOR THEM.

FOR SURVIVORS OF THE DEPRESSION, WORLD WAR II, THE HOLOCAUST, 9/11 AND TERRORISTS, KOREAN WAR, IRAQ, VIETNAM, ANY WITH HARSH MEMORIES WILL SAY TODAY - IT IS WHAT IT IS, AND GET ON WITH WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.

DO YOUR JOB, THANK YOU FOR HELPING KILLINGLY. CITIZENS STAY IN THEIR HOMES, KEEP TAXES AFFORDABLE. during THIS SERIOUS CRISIS.

NO REPLY IS NECESSARY.

SINCERELY, Hope Fox

HOPE FOX (age 94 years old)  
130 WOODWARD ST.  
DANIELSON, CT 06239-1641

## Janice Rockwood-Berry

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**From:** Jay Byrnes <jbyrnes@byrnesagency.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:53 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** turf field

Good morning- As a local business owner in Killingly, I have been following the updates on the prospect of a new turf field in town. I am hopeful the town will see fit to go forward with this improvement. A field that is nearly maintenance free and allows for increased use by Killingly student athletes seems a fit investment. Jay



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**From:** Jessica Long <jlong22@student.killinglyschools.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 4:52 PM  
**To:** Jason Anderson; Public Comment  
**Subject:** Killingly turf field

The turf field project should definitely go further, Killingly needs a turf field and most of the student body would agree. The advantages weigh out any disadvantages and with all that happened this year to our school this is the least you could do for us.

**Janice Rockwood-Berry**

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**From:** Thomas Martell <tmartell@student.killinglyschools.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 5:55 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Turf field

Hello,

My name is Thomas Martell and I am a sophomore at killingly high school. I am a member of the football team. Ever since we heard word of the stadium field getting turf we have all been very excited. I believe that having the field with turf will open up more opportunities and more use of the field for practices and games. Whether it's football, soccer, field hockey, track and field, or lacrosse, just to name a few, the field would allow for more teams to play on the field and would allow for more team opportunities. I hope you take putting turf on the stadium field into consideration, Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone



## Janice Rockwood-Berry

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**From:** Lori Hall <lorihall21@snet.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 10:01 PM  
**To:** Public Comment; Jason Anderson  
**Subject:** Turf Project

Hello Town Council,

We are writing in support of the turf athletic field. We are parents to two children in the Killingly school system (KMS and KIS) and I believe this is a good investment in their school community. I feel that pride in their school and the support from their community is vital for overall student success both on and off the field. Again, I feel this is a sound investment in our children's future and I am in support of this moving forward.  
Thank you for your service to the town of Killingly. :)

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Lori and Spencer Hall

**Janice Rockwood-Berry**

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**From:** Pam Shaw <pamshaw664@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 11:03 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Budget meeting

Killingly Town Council members,

I just wanted to voice my opposition to the proposed budget increases. I feel that since taxpayers are unable to vote on this, that you should not be taking advantage of that situation to push forward your budget increases. I am also in opposition to the \$9million turf field at the high school. In these uncertain economic times, we should be as prudent and frugal as possible.

To be clear, I oppose any budget increases at this time.

Thank you,  
Pamela Shaw  
304 Slater Hill Road  
East Killingly

**Janice Rockwood-Berry**

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**From:** Greg Desmarais <gregdesmarais0414@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:20 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Turf field

I say no to the turf field, and for what its worth, no increase to the both general gov't budget and school's budget

Best regards,  
Greg Desmarais  
53 pleasant view dr.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**Janice Rockwood-Berry**

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**From:** Magao, Jason <jmagao@vernon-ct.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** Public Comment; Jason Anderson  
**Subject:** Killingly High School Athletic Field

Good morning.

Please take this email as my full support for replacing the existing turf at Killingly High School with a synthetic surface. I am a father of two students who are currently or will be attending Killingly High school. My oldest daughter currently plays lacrosse and is forced to use the old Killingly High School soccer field which has seen better days. I believe it would bring a sense of pride and belonging to our community if we move forward with this project and let our youth and community enjoy many years of using this facility.

Thank you for your time.

Jason D. Magao

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**From:** Hailey Cournoyer <hcournoyer15@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** Public Comment; Jason Anderson  
**Subject:** Turf Field

**Hello, I'm Hailey Cournoyer a student at Killingly High School. I play the sports field hockey, and lacrosse. Field hockey is a very difficult sport to play on grass due to the fact that the friction in the grass slows the ball down much quicker than it does on turf field. The ball is much harder to control on grass than it is to control on a turf field because on grass we have to plan hard where we want the ball to end up because of all the divots, bumps and holes the grass has. Playing on a grass field has made a huge impact on the way we play as a team because we are capable of so much more. We are one of the only schools that do not have a turf field. A turf field is really important to have for the field hockey program, and many more sports at Killingly High. I support the turf field, and I feel as if it needs to happen. Thank you for taking the time to read this, I really hope to see a turf field.**



## **Janice Rockwood-Berry**

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**From:** Kurt St Marie <largent860@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Public Comment; Jason Anderson  
**Subject:** KHS Athletic Field

I'm writing this email to voice my support for the High School turf project. As a parent of a 7th grade KIS student who participates in their athletic program, I think the added versatility, and reduced yearly maintenance costs are a great benefit to not only the school, but the whole community. I hope the decision is made to allow this project to move forward. Thank you for your time.

## Janice Rockwood-Berry

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**From:** Cindy Miller <cindymiller31@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Turf field

Hello,

I wanted to express my thoughts on the Turf Field proposal for Killingly High School. I have 2 children at the school, who both participate in activities, including sports, and I live at 390 Lake Rd, Killingly CT. I strongly believe that each student who participates in the sports program at Killingly High School, should have the opportunity to play on their home field.

That being said, the grass field has never been in the condition to which every team can play at the field. If the grass is ripped up, or we have inclement weather, all sports teams, including JV and freshman football, are not allowed on the field in order to keep it in decent condition for the Friday night football game. Don't get me wrong, the Friday night games should definitely play there, as it is a big draw to our high school. The coaching staff, teachers and students pack those stands every game to support that team. But, when you step back and observe, there were a few soccer games and 1 field hockey game at the home field this year, and I believe there were more fans at those home games then when the teams travel off site for an alternate field. ( that's like if we had a basketball team , but our gym was not up to par, we would certainly fix it to host the home team games).

The field being converted to turf would add benefits more than just our home teams playing there in sports other than football. We could host other events, and benefit from fundraising in the concession stands for those teams. We could host larger games , like playoff games and have a beautiful facility to play/watch. We could offer to host sports clinics in the summer, or relay for life events.

Please consider not only the student athletes when making a decision on this vote, but also, the possibilities for what we can offer other student organizations, community events, and fundraising opportunities for the school.

Thank you ,

Cynthia Miller