

## Janice Rockwood

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**From:** Jennifer Mines <minesj250@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 5:38 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Fwd: Frito Lay expansion

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jennifer Mines <minesj250@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2021 at 5:34:15 PM EDT  
**To:** publiccomment@killinglyct.gov  
**Subject:** Frito Lay expansion

Town Council:

I live at 208 North Shore Rd and would like to voice my concerns over the Frito Lay expansion announced today.

As it is now, I have to listen to constant noise from the plant, even with all windows and doors shut, 24/7. The smell of cooking oil is obnoxious, though thankfully not full time, presumably due to wind changes. Having to look at the steam streaming above the tree line is unsightly but I have become used to that.

I would like to know details of what types of additional noises (on top of the traffic noise of a 17% increase in employees coming and going from the plant) and increased odor are to be expected from this expansion. Also, I am interested to hear what Frito Lay plans to do to mitigate any issues and whether the town will support its residents over this.

While I am for increased employment in the area, the town should recognize that hundreds of residents will be negatively affected year round by any noise or odor increases. This lake population is no longer mostly summer only residents, as a count along North Shore Rd that I conducted in February confirmed.

I thank you for meeting us in 2020 and listening to our concerns over Frito Lay and bun factory noise. I personally am accosted on all sides.

Sincerely

Jennifer Mines  
208 N Shore Rd

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**From:** Misty Crowley <mcrowley@killinglyschools.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2021 3:14 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Cc:** Mary Calorio; Jason Anderson; Kevin Kerttula; egrandelski@gmail.com; Raymond Wood II; Ernest Lee; Patti Larrow George; Tammy Wakefield; Ulla Tiik-Barclay; Marc Laprade  
**Subject:** Public comment

Please read into the record for Public Comment.

I just finished watching the Special Town Council meeting, a few thoughts...

Ms. Calorio reported the last Town budget vote 2 years ago drew an approximate 5% voter turnout, this year was 8.1%. While 8.1% is nothing to be proud of, it is an increase. It seemed a common thread in the conversation was the desire for citizens to "get involved", however it sounded more like "get involved but only if you agree with us". In my opinion, the vote showed us that for every taxpayer you heard from that wanted a flat budget, there is a tax payer (likely a parent) that supports the Town and BOE budget. Many parents would like to see that Killingly not only maintains our current level of programming (within our BOE budget, not reliant on grants that expire) but that we continue to improve our programming. For instance, an urgently needed 2nd BCBA that was only approved as a half time or a .45 HS Counselor—decisions that were made to save money but those positions will likely continue to be unfilled as BCBAs are increasingly difficult to come by and professionals want a full time position with benefits. Or the needed additional Language Teacher at KHS (so that we can meet not only the HS graduation requirements without over enrolled classes but also meet the needs of our college bound students) that never made it beyond the "decision package" discussion of the Board budget meetings. In a perfect world more citizens could watch and participate in every Town Council/BOE meeting but many are working full time (just like many of you) and also raising children who are very dependent on us, especially in the evenings. When we do get involved in the ways that we are able, phrases such as "bullying" "disingenuous" "scare tactics" "misinformation" etc. get thrown around. Parents organizing to support the original budget proposed by the BOE is none of those

things. Participating in the Town Meeting and voting is involvement whether Town Council agrees or disagrees with the outcome.

Mr Anderson ended his comments by saying something along the lines of, he would *encourage the BOE to think carefully when choosing how to spend the ESSR funds as not to move recurring expenses which will just lead to a larger increase when those grants are gone*. This is interesting because that's exactly what many of us organized to avoid (moving 1.5% of BOE expenses to grant funding).

Finally, it is greatly misleading to state that the grant money has no restrictions, as the State Department of Education is in the midst of creating those guidelines. I urge you to visit the State Department of Educations website to read about the focus groups happening this week to determine those guidelines. <https://tinyurl.com/ftmz8mbk>

While we may not agree, I do appreciate the time you dedicate to the Town of Killingly.

Regards,

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2019 KPS Teacher of the Year  
KIS Science Instructional Coordinator  
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## More Transparency

I think it's about time that the citizens of Killingly be shown where the taxes they pay are being spent. I don't mean to show them the budget, as budgets can be changed even after they are approved. Reports can be distorted or manipulated.

The best way to know where the tax dollars are spent is through the general ledger. This general ledger can easily be put online live, on a read only format. This way the people at their leisure, can read who was paid, how much they were paid and for what reason. The ledger should also include the general fund, and of course the school finances also. I have handled budgets up to 3.7 million dollars and know this is possible to do.

People of Killingly have to wake up, the money belongs to the taxpayers not the few elected officials who seem to have lost their way. The approximate cost of this endeavor is approx. 14,000 per year. A far cry compared to other wastes that I can mention at another time. The state has a program like this, why can't we.

Remember this is public knowledge, we have a right to know where the money goes. Pushing back leaves us to be suspicious.

Let's get this going before we get the Covid funds and it gets put to use in the wrong way.

The council wanted more participation from the public this is a good way to start.

Thank You B Chase 122 Lake rd. Dayville CT