

**Town of Trumbull
Board of Finance
Public Budget Hearing
March 1, 2014**

Members Present:

PRESENT

Elaine Hammers, Chairman
Paul Lavoie, Vice Chairman
Andrew Palo
Thomas Kelly
Roy Molgard
Bill Haberlin
Vincent DeGennaro, Alternate
Kari Egri, Alternate

ABSENT

Kristy Waizenegger

Chairman Hammers called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. at Madison Middle School. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Name/Address/Comment

Lannie McHugh
132 Fresh Meadow Drive

- 4.8% of the budget is for discretionary spending - \$4,500,000. Any further cuts to the budget will come from these funds. An expensive consultant has been telling us that the enrollment drop will not be as dramatic as predicted and by the year 2022 a reversal of this trend will start taking place. Would like to compare surplus over the last 10 years. Currently our per pupil cost ranks us 13 out of 21; we were 11 out of 21. Wants to hear rationale for \$127,000 /year for Labor Relations manager. Agrees with Grant Writer position. Questions why school security in PD budget and not Education budget.

Tony D'Aquila
29 Valley View Road

- He thinks we should convert to a bagged leaf collection system.
- He thinks the Town Council should amend the Charter include sidewalk clearing as part of the homeowners responsibility.
- He does not agree with the Town Engineers request for funding for a survey; Pequannock River quality report; feasibility study for a walking bridge that is on State property, not Town property.

Jennifer Mottolese
36 Valley View Road

- Requests that you do not reduce the Board of Education budget..

The Chairman went on to address several e-mails that they received:

Vincent Fini
29 Essex Ln

- Supports the funding request made by the BEI,

Wendy Delelas
35 Canterbury Lane

- Does not want to see the Board of Education budget cut.

Mary Acri
132 Beardsley Parkway

- Does not want to see the Board of Education budget cut.

Lara Walden
104 West Lake Road

- Does not want to see the Board of Education budget cut.

John Annick
44 Friar Lane

- In support of additional \$34,000 funding for the BEI.

By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis C. Collier
Board of Finance Clerk