

**Town of Trumbull
Board of Finance
Public Budget Hearing
February 19, 2015**

PRESENT

Paul Lavoie, Vice Chairman
Andrew Palo
Thomas Kelly
Roy Molgard
Lainie McHugh
Bill Haberlin, Alternate
Vincent DeGennaro, Alternate
Karen Egri, Alternate

ABSENT

Elaine Hammers

Also present: Finance Director, Maria Pires

The First Public Hearing on the First Selectman's Proposed Budget for 2015-2016 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Vice Chairman Paul Lavoie. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lavoie welcomed all to the meeting and indicated that the BOF had received 31 letters as of today.

The following spoke for 3 minutes:

Nathan Clift

358 Daniels Farm Road

- Please keep TYA. TYA helped me increase my confidence.

Robin Wyckoff

191 Old Field Road

- Please keep TYA. It is self-sustaining; it needs the expertise of Mrs. Cornell and Mrs. Wright.

Jen Kehley

95 Strobel Road

- 2.94% increase in the Education budget should be upheld. Please restore this amount; cannot meet obligations at reduced budget

Jill Clark

93 Strobel Road

- Please keep TYA in Town budget.

Rick Bolton

20 Lobsterback Road

- He does not agree with the intention of eliminating the salaries of 2 moderators; it is unthinkable to eliminate Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cornell.

Kaylin Weller

35 Arliss Drive

- Please keep TYA and we need the 2 producers who inspire her.

Amanda Lee

16 October Lane

- Please keep TYA. I am involved with TYA production; Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cornell have touched the lives of the children. They need the monetary support of the Town.

Courtney Massari

7 Norwood Terrace

- Please keep TYA. I am grateful to be involved with TYA. It has helped me gain confidence. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cornell provide a comfortable environment for the children.

Jane Billington

232 North Street

- Please keep TYA and continue to finance it by leaving it in the budget. Through the efforts of Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cornell children learn communication skills, the value of respect, and empathy. They make TYA and our town special.

Tina Delucia

16 Elaine Place

- Please keep TYA. It is the most wonderful experience any child in Trumbull could have. Need Town funding of \$50,000; cannot do without it. Can have upwards of 400 members; she has gained confidence and a better understanding of the theater.

John Massari

Norwood Terrace

- Please keep TYA. His children have done well in town; Trumbull is successful due to what we invest in our children. We are paying taxes and fees so why are we taking the funding away from the children.

Nina Cliff

358 Daniels Farm Road

- Please keep TYA. Older siblings were in TYA and she joined TYA junior. We stay a family during the year; we have fun; it is an extended family; spends more time with them than with her own family in the summer.

Andrea Gottschall

93 Aspen Road

- Please keep TYA. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cornell treat all children as if they were their own. Please put the funding back into the budget. Leadership matters, and these two women put their heart and soul into what they do.

Sophia Santos

Grey Rock Road

- Please keep TYA; I made friends there. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cornell have taught me everything I know. Please put it back into the budget.

Cindy Katske

129 Meadow Drive

- Please reinstate the budget funding to the BOE and not reduce if any further. The budget is based on the First Selectman's idea to achieve savings. Eliminate pay to participate without funding. Board of Education will not be able to offer additional classes.

Regina Thompson

30 Skyview Drive

- Please keep TYA. As the mother of T^HS students, I have seen children taught critical life skills. In addition, it keeps them occupied in a good endeavor and it is a tool that will help them in life. Please put it back in the budget.

Donna DeLucia

16 Elaine Place

- Please keep TYA, and Mrs. Cornell and Mrs. Wright who are the blood of TYA. They create an atmosphere where you can feel the love. It would be a shame to lose them.

Tony D'Aquila

29 Valley View Road

- Please keep TYA. I am impressed by the children. The cost of leaf collection was increased by paying overtime to get the job done by 12/15, and the total cost to the Town was \$1,000,000 and we are taking \$50,000 away from the kids.
- There must be a more efficient way to collect leaves; Fairfield has one. The public expects leaf pick-up and the Town can no longer afford inefficiencies.
- Has safety concerns. Need something done about intersections at route 111 and the railroad. As of today, study has not been done but it was funded. Intersection at Churchill and Quality also needs to be made safe.

Katie Wisneski

93 Strobel Road.

- Please keep TYA

Jason Keane

50 Sunrise Avenue

- Please keep TYA. Mrs. Cornell and Mrs. Wright are the glue that holds TYA together.

The following spoke for one minute:

Nathan Cliff

358 Daniels Farm Road (He provided copies of letters sent to us and to TYA e-mail)

- Please keep TYA; it is very important to him. TYA encourages communications in a warm environment.

Kaylin Weller

35 Arliss Drive

- Please keep TYA. Mrs. Cornell and Mrs. Wright are very dedicated and it is genuine. Love shown in what they do for the kids.

Darren Francis

11 Rangely Drive

- Please keep TYA. It seems crazy to take this away from the children. It is awful taking this away from them.

Rick Bolton

20 Lobsterback Road

- Please keep TYA. Removing funds will ruin the program.

Nina Cliff

358 Daniels Farm Road

- Please keep TYA. It teaches team building activities as a part of the program.

Sophia Santos

45 Grayrock Road

- Please keep TYA. Program nurtures children; encourages them to reach out to others and communicate better.

The public hearing concluded at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis C. Collier
Board of Finance Clerk