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3. Public Hearing on Town and Board of Education Budget
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Mary Schettino

From: G Artis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Town Budget Comments

The HCL has been a three generational resource for my family and friends and hope that the library remains valued and supported through our town budget.

Best,
Geraldine Artis
Academic Advisor and Counselor in Higher Education

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Geraldine Artis

Mary Schettino

From: Andrea Reu <andrea.reu@townofwindsor.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Public Hearing/Support

To our newly hired Town Manager and newly elected Town Council - I have faith in you, as such, that you will do what's right for our community! As many of you know I am an education advocate, and appeal to you to support what the students in our community need to get the best education we can give them to flourish in the world. I believe in our Social Services, our Police and Library and all the contributions they make to making our town an amazing place to live and call home. Please do not cut, rather consider what needs to be enhanced given the shift in our paradigm. I support the budgets as put forth and believe in you and our town.
Thanks Andrea S. Reu, 78 Waterside Lane

Mary Schettino

From: laraine scherban <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Annual Budget

Please consider this email as a YES VOTE FOR EDUCATION. Make NO CUTS.

On the TOWN BUDGET, please do not make any cuts that would reduce the number of town employees, as this is not the time to lay off workers or increase the number of unemployed in our town.

THANK YOU for your service to the Town of Clinton, and for this opportunity to have input as you make difficult decisions.

Laraine Scherban
5 Whitewood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Sent from my iPad

Mary Schettino

From: James Seales <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

To the members of the Clinton Town Council, After much hesitation and for the first time, I find it necessary to comment on this years town budget. Because of the extraordinary times we all find ourselves living in, it is with profound hope that the town and education budgets are passed with a minimal or better yet, zero percent increase. For the betterment of all its residents, expenditures must be reduced. Thank you for your time.

Kathy Seales

Sent from my iPad

Mary Schettino

From: Christopher King <[REDACTED]@m>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

To the Clinton Town Council,

My name is Christopher King and I turned 18 right before I left for college last Fall. I was looking forward to my first voting experience this spring. I am instead taking this opportunity to write you in support of the proposed Town and school budgets. I love our town and I love all the educators who supported me through my education. I know that town and education official worked hard to put together responsible budgets. Thank you for keep the budget moving forward as it is.

Christopher King
99 Glenwood Rd
Clinton CT

Mary Schettino

From: Mike and Karen Gardner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Town & Education Budget Support

Dear Town Council,

We are writing this email to express our support for the Clinton Town and Education Budget for 2020. We would like to see the current proposed budget passed with no cuts or changes for either the education or town budgets.

Thank you,
Karen and Mike Gardner
Clinton, CT

Mary Schettino

From: Wendy Scoppa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Annual Budget

Town Council,

We support the proposed Clinton Education and Town budgets. Please do not make any further cuts.

Sincerely,
Wendy and Mike Scoppa

Wendy Scoppa
15 Longate Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Mary Schettino

From: Shelby Auletta <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget support

Good afternoon,

I am writing today in **support** of the Town of Clinton 2020-21 proposed town and school budgets as brought forth by our Town Council. As a parent first and educator second, I recognize how hard the Town Manager, Town Council, Superintendent and Board of Education have worked in order to provide a responsible budget to meet our town's needs and lead Clinton into a future of prosperity. I recognize that this period of uncertainty brought about by the COVID19 Pandemic is affecting all aspects of government, especially fiscally. Even in light of this, I do not think we can slash our way to prosperity. We need to continue to wisely spend and invest in our children's education, programs for the elderly, general services and town infrastructure. Please put the budget forward as presented.

Respectfully,
Shelby Auletta
33 Ben Merrill Rd, Clinton, CT 06413

Mary Schettino

From: Jennifer Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Budget

We support the budget!

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Jennifer Brown
3rd grade teacher
Guilford Lakes School

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Mary Schettino

From: Annmarie Meder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

I am writing in support of the HCH library and want to ensure their funding is supported in this year's budget. They provide great services for our town even during this time.

Also writing in support of the BOE budget. Our kids are worth every penny!

Thank you

Annie Meder
51 James Vincent Dr

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Donald Hubert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Clinton Budget

What is the million\$\$ plus capitol improvement for???

Don Hubert

Mary Schettino

From: Geraldine Faherty [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

As a parent and a taxpayer, I am in support of the proposed Clinton Education and Town budgets. I trust that the Town Manager, the Town Council, the Superintendent and the BOE have worked hard to provide a responsible budget that will meet not only our town's current needs, but a budget that will also help Clinton prosper.

Thank you,

Geraldine Faherty
7 Thrush Cross Rd

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Amy King [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Budget
Subject: budget

To the Clinton Town Council,

I am writing today in support of the proposed town and school budgets here in Clinton. I urge you to keep this budget moving forward as it is. In this time of crisis our educators and town employees need resources and funding which, as it appears to me, was very responsibly requested. I am looking forward to your leadership.

Amy King
99 Glenwood Rd
Clinton, CT

Mary Schettino

From: JENNIFER TREUBIG [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Yes!

I vote yes for the budget!
Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Ruggiero, Elizabeth [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget Vote

Hello,

I am emailing to voice my support **FOR** the education budget.

Thank you!

Liz Ruggiero

Mary Schettino

From: MICHAEL D TANNER [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Budget

Good morning, I am writing to give my support for the budget.

Thanks, Denise Tanner
6 River Road
203-996-5669

Mary Schettino

From: Christina Acampora [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Budget

Good Morning,

I am writing today in support of the proposed town and school budgets here in Clinton. As both an involved parent and member of the HCH Library Board of Trustees, I urge you to keep this budget moving forward as it is. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Christina Acampora
134 Glenwood Rd
Clinton, CT 06413
860.552.4690

Mary Schettino

From: Mwilke3789 . [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Library Funding

Dear Town council,

Since the Town budget is being discussed today I want to express my thoughts on the value of our local library. I am a homeschooling mother of three young children. I myself was home schooled K-12 grade. The Library has always been one of my favorite sources for enrichment activities. Through the resources at Henry Carter Hull library I have learned painting, cartooning, computer code, puppetry, advanced sewing techniques and creative writing. I have made good friends that I was able to meet through workshops offered. I have spent hours browsing the children's section for new books that will ignite my kids love of learning and foster interests already established. The book sales have let my kids feel the joy of taking home a new book of their choice and thank goodness because we've been unable to checkout books so we have now been reading from our own little library. And of course the most valuable of all the resources are the staff, a few who have known me since I was a girl. They are always ready to help me find a book or lend a listening ear when I need some adult conversation. There is no public run entity I value more than the library. They take up such a small fraction of the budget that they should be fully funded in whatever they need. The love of learning and access to educational materials is what builds a vibrant community. I urge you to fully support them in whatever they need.

Sincerely,
Marissa Behuniak



Virus-free. www.avg.com

Mary Schettino

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Town Budget Comments

I am voting to cut the budget.
Lorraine Sturwold, 5 Hide-a-way, Clinton

Mary Schettino

From: Kevin Colebank <[REDACTED]@m>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Budget
Subject: budget support

Clinton Town Council,

My name is Kevin Colebank and I reside in Clinton at 8 Fernwood Lane. I am writing to voice my support of the town and education budgets as proposed.

Thanks for your efforts in helping to make Clinton the great town that it is.

Mary Schettino

From: Laurel Iaccarino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Budget
Subject: education budget

Town Council,

I would like the education budget cut.

Laurel Iaccarino
6 Hide A Way
Clinton CT 06413

Mary Schettino

From: Susan Lighty <slighty1201@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Budget
Subject: HCH Library

While recognizing the budget challenges facing our town in the next fiscal year, I urge you to support the library budget as presented.

The library provides services, both in person and digitally, to the entire Clinton population. All ages. All socioeconomic groups.

It will be a vital source of information, assistance and community as we work together to reopen and rebuild.

Thank you.

Susan Lighty

10 Indian Dr

860-669-7047

Sent from my iPad

Mary Schettino

From: STEVEN [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Budget

I am writing today in support of the proposed town and school budgets here in Clinton. I urge you to keep this budget moving forward as it is

In this time of crisis, our family wants to make it clear that we support the proposed town and school budgets brought forth by our Town Council. We need our local democracy to run smoothly and safely, and we know you will consider the support of your townspeople.

As an educator/small business owner/parent/tax payer I am in support of the proposed budgets put forward by the Town Council. I am looking forward to seeing how our new Manager and Council brings this town into the future.

I am writing in support of the proposed Clinton Education and Town budgets. I trust the Town Manager, Town Council, Superintendent and BOE have worked hard to provide a responsible budget to meet our town's needs and help Clinton prosper.

To the Clinton Town Council - These are not easy times for any of us and we appreciate what you are doing - please consider this a letter of support for both Town and Education budgets. The point of hiring a Town Manager was for professional guidance and leadership, and I hope and appreciate your support of his budgets as your own.

I love our Town and I love our educators - I support our Board of Education's efforts to make fiscally responsible choices to strengthen our curriculum and programs. This is a letter to vote yes for our budgets exactly the way they are presented assuming they reflect the needs of our community. Thanks for what you do.

Unprecedented times for sure, we have a new Town Manager and a new Town Council and do not have our normal hearing. I would appeal to you to vote yes for these budgets as they are the best thing for our kids and everyone in town. Lets not cut to make a point. Thanks.

Thank you!

Steven King
62 Cowhill Rd
Clinton CT, 06413

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

Mary Schettino

From: Al Walker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:30 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Supporting the budgets

Hello,

I am writing in support of the proposed Clinton Education and Town budgets. I trust the Town Manager, Town Council, Superintendent and BOE have worked hard to provide responsible budgets to meet our town's needs and help Clinton prosper.

John Allen Walker
19 Sunnybrook Ln, Clinton, CT 06413

Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work.

Al Walker
text 860.227.4160

Mary Schettino

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: protect the Henry Carter Hull library: as we age, it's the main service seniors depend on

Thank you

Mary Schettino

From: Mary-Kelly Busch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:58 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Comment on the Proposed Budget

I'm writing in support of the budget for Henry Cater Hull Library.

Please consider the subtle, countless ways the library exists to help every person in Clinton.

It helps us throughout our whole lives.

The library offers entertainment, education, enrichment, comfort, inspiration, wonder, and community.

Probably no two people use the library in the exact same way; yet, the library serves each individual's need. That's amazing!

As expenditures go—dollar for dollar, penny by penny—the library's budget cultivates rewards that reverberate exponentially in our community for years.

The library enables us to be who we are.

Who we are makes Clinton the town it is.

Thank you so much for your dedicated work on our behalf.

Mary-Kelly Busch
Waterside LN.
Clinton, CT 06413

Mary Schettino

From: Meegan Donadio [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:42 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

- In this time of crisis, our family wants to make it clear that we support the proposed town and school budgets brought forth by our Town Council. We need our local democracy to run smoothly and safely, and we know you will consider the support of your townspeople.

Thank you,
Meegan Donadio
13 Stonewall Lane
Clinton, CT
860-664-4655

Mary Schettino

From: Elizabeth Borgnis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:38 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Comment on the Proposed Budget

Please support the people of Clinton by supporting the Proposed budget. Please do this and you will be supporting our town Library; the library that supports the people of Clinton. We are a lucky community to have such a resource. Please help to keep our library strong. Clinton Strong!

Elizabeth Borgnis, Clinton resident and supporter of The Henry Carter Hull Library

Mary Schettino

From: Julie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:18 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget Support

Hello,

My name is Julie Mendez. My address is 1 Featherbed Ln Clinton, CT and I am writing today in support of the proposed town and school budgets here in Clinton. I urge you to keep this budget moving forward as it is

Thank you
Julie Mendez
203-687-3850

Mary Schettino

From: Faye Raucci [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:14 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Comment on the Proposed Budget

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Clinton resident since 1977, I am requesting that the proposed Library budget by the Board of Directors be adopted and going forward, additional funding to be allocated to this outstanding town asset, as needed.

Now and in the future, every reasonable effort should be made to support and allow this exceptional institution to thrive for the continued benefit of all the residents of Clinton.

Respectfully,

Faye Raucci

Mary Schettino

From: Carrie Allen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:07 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Comment on the Proposed Budget

I wholeheartedly support the school, library and town budgets.

Thank you all for taking care of us,

Carrie Allen

Sent from my iPod

Mary Schettino

From: Laura Colebank [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 6:59 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget support

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the proposed Clinton Education and Town budgets. I trust the Town Manager, Town Council, Superintendent and BOE have worked hard to provide a responsible budget to meet our town's needs and help Clinton prosper. It is especially important to me that there are no additional cuts to the Education budget. Superintendent O'Donnell and the BOE work diligently to ensure the proposed education budget represents needs, not a wish list. The fact that Clinton has the 2nd lowest cost per pupil expenditure among 11 surrounding towns reflects their fiscal accountability. We cannot afford to cut more without compromising the quality of Clinton education.

Thank you to everyone involved for working hard to present a reasonable combined budget to Clinton taxpayers.

Laura Colebank
8 Fernwood Lane.

Mary Schettino

From: H LCB <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Clinton's 2020-21 Budgets

Since this meeting tomorrow is the only opportunity to have input to our budget, I would like to be on record as asking all non urgent capital items be deferred, all hiring and salaries be frozen.

Thank you.

Helen Brown, 5 Hillview Lane, Clinton, CT. 06413

Mary Schettino

From: CLAUDETTE TALMADGE <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 5:20 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Clinton Budget

Kudos to the BOE for holding the line on their budget (for a change)!

The town budget proposal is a disgrace but at least it will help demonstrate to the new Town Manager as to why we have voted down so many proposals in the past. It appears that their formula for determining their numbers is to see how much of an increase seniors get in SS payments and then doubling it and adding another 50%. It was noted in the newspaper a few months back that Clinton has the second highest poverty rate in Middlesex county behind only Middletown understandably. Former resident Kirk Carr once told me how shocked he was at how many seniors in town were living on incomes hovering around the poverty level. Mr. Carr volunteered to help seniors with their tax returns at the town library so he got to see this first hand.

I have a friend in town who formerly worked for the town of Madison and he was always amazed that Clinton had twice as much equipment as Madison but only half as many miles of roads to service and maintain.

Now in light of the current economic conditions, the town budget needs to go to the chopping block!

Long time Clinton residents,

George and Claudette Talmadge

69 Long Hill Road

Mary Schettino

From: Joe Alves [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Clinton Budget

Mary Schettino

From: Beverly Bowen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Re: Support the budgets! From your sofa!

Hello,

You should be aware that the address listed in the email is incorrect. My first letter was not delivered to you because it had the wrong address (per your email..ie.capitalizations)..

I only found the correct email by looking on your website...I see it's also listed at the bottom of the page here. In the text of the email, it is written incorrectly, therefore, you may want to correct it, so that you receive the information that you are soliciting.

Best,

Beverly A. Bowen

On Sun, May 3, 2020 at 9:18 AM Clinton PTA <president@clintonpta.org> wrote:

Hello PTA Friends,

Here we go! It's time to show your support for our teachers and administration by asking our Town Council to pass the Education budget with no cuts!! This is so easy, you don't even have to get out of your pajamas!

1. **EMAIL** your support **by 3:00 pm May 5th** (day before public hearing). Send **budget@clintonct.org** a short, simple email, including your **FULL NAME and ADDRESS**. Cut and paste sample messages below to make it even easier.
2. **JOIN the Virtual Public Hearing via GoToMeeting on May 6th 6:00 pm** to show and voice your support. Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at **<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/938572013>** **Access Code: 938-572-013**. You can also dial in using your phone +1 (571) 317-3122 with an access code of 938-572-013.
3. Share the attached social media messages to help get other parents to voice their support!

As a reminder, many of the town's services such as the **Library, Police, Fire, DPW, CYFS, P&R** all provide essential services that **support education**. This year's budget process has been very collaborative.

Sample email messages:

- I am writing today in support of the proposed town and school budgets here in Clinton. I urge you to keep this budget moving forward as it is
- In this time of crisis, our family wants to make it clear that we support the proposed town and school budgets brought forth by our Town Council. We need our local democracy to run smoothly and safely, and we know you will consider the support of your townspeople.
- As an educator/small business owner/parent/tax payer I am in support of the proposed budgets put forward by the Town Council. I am looking forward to seeing how our new Manager and Council brings this town into the future.

Mary Schettino

From: Michelle Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 4:25 PM
To: ccenter@clintonct.org; Budget
Subject: Fwd: Clinton Budget

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mickey Rodriguez** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, May 4, 2020 at 3:46 PM
Subject: Clinton Budget
To: <Budget@clintonct.org>

I am a taxpayer we are senior citizens and we are very angry on the constant budget increases to our taxes. We just paid for the new school! New budgets there! No more education increases at this time! And one of the worst education systems in CT! How is this possible. The old school still remains open, Ponds building still open, nothing done to beautify the town center. We pay more than all the surrounding towns and get nothing in return. Very very angry. It's really sad.

Milton & Michelle Rodriguez

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Beverly Bowen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Education and Town Budgets

As a parent, grandparent, taxpayer and educator in the town of Clinton, I am writing to support the education and town budget. We live in a community that cares for all of our citizens. I am certain that the current budget is one that is responsible and prudent. As a result of having a town manager to assist with decision making, I believe we are on the right track. I strongly support both education and town budgets.

Sincerely,

Beverly A. Bowen
35 Silver Birch Lane
Clinton, CT 06413

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Mary Schettino

From: Dana Lucas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Comment on the Proposed Budget

I'm just curious if you are still moving forward with the proposed budget increases when other major towns in Connecticut have moved to a 0% increase or near 0% increase due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to ease the burden on their residents. This makes perfect sense to me given the circumstances.

Dana Lucas

Mary Schettino

From: Elyse McNergney <emcner@imxpilates.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Budget; Rob Maynard
Subject: Re: Hello

Hi - I would like to add to this. I am an entrepreneur with 36 franchise locations and I understand the need to cut back when the money is not coming in.

I am surprised that anyone would consider non-essential expenses in this time.

I feel like I should be in office. I deal with legal, budgets, etc

Our taxes should be reduced given the environment. And why did we spend that much on a school???

Elyse McNergney, Founder & CEO
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On Monday, May 4, 2020, 03:23:10 PM EDT, Rob Maynard <robert.maynard@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello,

My wife and I live at 15 James Vincent Drive in Clinton, CT.

We'd like to comment on the budget increases. With all the economic challenges right now, my wife and I find it horrible to hear that Clinton is raising taxes yet again this year. Why can't the budget be kept flat like many other towns in CT or even slightly decreased? Are there any capital projects that can be put off in light of the current economic downturn? Why am we going to see a tax increase of hundreds of dollars?

Spending should be flat or cut given that unemployment is up over 20%, and we're most likely headed into a depression.

My vote would have been "NO" to any budget increases this year, and I'm sure many in the town would also be taking that position.

Thanks
Rob Maynard
781.820.1146 (cell number).

Mary Schettino

From: Maurice Hodos [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Clinton Budget

In order to be fiscally and fiduciarly responsible, it is important to provide significant relief to the taxpayers. This would require a salary and hiring freeze, tax payment delay, deferral of non-essential projects and expenditures and aggressive access to all programs available to support the above.

Suzanne & Maurice Hodos
171 Shore Road

Sent with Galaxy S10+ on Verizon. Please excuze the typos.

Mary Schettino

From: Heather Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Budget
Subject: support of Education and Town budgets

I wanted to advise you that I supported both the town and education budgets. I know our elected officials were thoughtful in their planning. I value their experience and support the amounts they are requesting. Please pass both budgets without any further cuts.

Sincerely,
Heather Moore
7 Hide A Way

Mary Schettino

From: Bion Shepard [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget meeting

We are in favor of the budget as presented. Everyone now with students at home "distance learning" must realize how valuable the school system is.

Bion and Diane Shepard
38 Pearl Street

Sent from my iPad

Mary Schettino

From: Christine West [mailto:ChristineWest@glendale.com]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Vote Yes

I love our Town and I love our educators - I support our Board of Education's efforts to make fiscally responsible choices to strengthen our curriculum and programs. This is a letter to vote yes for our budgets exactly the way they are presented assuming they reflect the needs of our community. Thanks for what you do.

Christine West
12 Running Pine Dr
Clinton, CT 06413
860-669-5362



Mark Miela

Thursday

To: budget@clintonct.org >

Budget

This budget was voted on long before Covid-19 came along. It must be re-evaluated and unnecessary items must be put off until a later date. People are losing their jobs, can't pay rent or mortgage so now is not the time to raise taxes on people. We the people are having to make do with less and it is time for the town to do the same.

Please do what is best for people who can't afford this increase.

Thank you,

Mark Miela.

Mary Schettino

From: Lorie Eadie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Education

I am in support of the education budget with no cuts .

Thank you
Loretta Eadie
11 Hide a Way
Clinton

Mary Schettino

From: Amy Morrissey [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Education Budget

Good Morning,

This email is to express that we are in favor of this years proposed education budget. The BOEs efforts and hard work are appreciated.

Thank you,

Amy and Patrick Morrissey
10 Michael Drive, Clinton, CT

Mary Schettino

From: Ryan & Amy Breen <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:56 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Support for education budget

We would like to express our full support for the proposed education budget.

Thank you,
Ryan and Amy Breen
34 James Vincent Drive

Mary Schettino

From: Mary Ann Estabrook [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:23 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget support

Mary Ann Estabrook
31 Hurd Bridge Rd.

Good Morning,

I am writing this morning in support of the proposed school and town budgets. I urge you to move this budget forward as proposed.

Thank you for your time and effort in this process.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Estabrook

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Renee Fragola [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:13 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget support

We support the education budget and the town budget.

Matt & Renee Fragola
31 Mallard Lane
Clinton, CT

Mary Schettino

From: Fastcat [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 10:57 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Town Budget

Hello,

First, I'd like to say thank you to all of those on the town counsel for the time and effort you put into our town governance and planning.

I have never voiced my concern over town matters, but as a Clinton tax payer for over 20 years, I feel I need to do so for the first time.

I am deeply concerned with the proposed budget this year. Over the last decade or more, I have watched our annual taxes increase at a rate that outpaces most people's annual income increases, which I don't think is healthy in the long run for our town or tax base.

This year, we are sadly burdened by this random virus outbreak. This has put a large number of us in a bad financial situation. We are at near record unemployment and the majority of businesses are closed. Many of us that still have a job have been forced to take pay cuts. Schools closed for months (with a decreasing student base on top of that), less traffic and activity in town, etc. This major downturn will have a profound impact on all of us for many months, if not years.

Yet with all of this going on, the town council thinks it's prudent to raise taxes this year, let alone over 3.5%??? In light of the situation, I would think a decrease of 5%-10% might still not be enough to help our struggling tax base in these trying times! Please strongly reconsider this budget! We need to furlough optional (or even semi-optional) projects and purchases. Likewise, we should certainly freeze salaries and hiring for the year, if not the next two years. We need to heavily pull back, not increase spending and taxation!

Town members have certainly had to control and cut spending during these very trying times, the town needs to take drastic steps to do the same!

Again, thank you all for your time and efforts...

Regards,
Scot Smith
105 Grove St.
Clinton, CT

Mary Schettino

From: Kimberly Inglis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 8:26 PM
To: Budget
Cc: Kimberly Inglis
Subject: Clinton Town and Board of Education Budgets

Dear Clinton Town Council,

I am writing to you to express my full support of the proposed town and school budgets in Clinton.

I am a lifelong resident of Clinton and parent of three teenagers. Two of my children are students at The Morgan School, and our oldest child graduated from Morgan last year. I am also an avid volunteer in the community and a member of several local non-profit organizations. Because of my active involvement, I am cognizant of how much our Clinton students and families need our support and the town's services; they are needed now more than ever before due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is my hope that the Town Council recognizes how important it is, and will continue to be, to provide Clinton students and families with the proper educational support and mental health services they need during these unprecedented times. Our community should also be concerned about a potential increase in substance use disorders, as a result of the added stress this pandemic has placed on many families. With this in mind, I ask that the Town Council NOT cut any funding that supports the Clinton Human Services department and staff, or any of our school psychologists, social workers or school guidance staff, IF further budget reductions become necessary. Cutting any of those services or the staffing intended to help students or families in need could have tragic and lifelong consequences.

I am confident that our Town Manager, Town Council, Superintendent and Board of Education have been thorough and diligent, putting forth an extremely responsible budget that not only meets our town's needs, but supports Clinton's path to prosperity.

Thank you,

Kimberly Inglis
17 Country Village Lane
Clinton, CT. 06413

Mary Schettino

From: Kim & Bill Esler [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 8:21 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Town & School Budgets

In this time of crisis, our family wants to make it clear that we support the proposed town and school budgets brought forth by our Town Council. We need our local democracy to run smoothly and safely, and we know you will consider the support of your townspeople.

Kimberly Esler (parent/PTA member)
Cameron Esler (PTA student representative)
23 James Vincent Drive

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Shawn Ayer [shawn.ayer@jamesvincent.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 7:59 PM
To: Budget
Subject: BOE Budget

I am in support of the proposed BOE budget

Shawn Ayer
13 James Vincent Dr.

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Valerie Nye [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 8:15 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Support for the Budgets

I am writing in support for both the town and education budgets. Both Boards have put together responsible budgets and I hope you will support them as well.

Valerie Nye
14 Stonewall Ln, Clinton, CT 06413

Mary Schettino

From: Shannon Ayer [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 7:56 PM
To: Budget
Subject: BOE budget

I am In support of this year's proposed BOE budget

Shannon Ayer
13 James Vincent Dr

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Kate Madura [katemadura@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

Hi
I support our education budget with no cuts.
Thanks
Kate Madura
16 Oak Hill Dr, Clinton, CT 06413

Mary Schettino

From: Meredith Adler [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Budget
Subject: In support of town and school Budgets

My name is Meredith Adler and I am writing to give my support to both the Clinton BOE budget and the town budget. I ask that no monies be trimmed from either budget and that they are passed as proposed

Sincerely,
Meredith Adler
8 Sassafrass Ln, Clinton, CT 06413

Mary Schettino

From: scott cockley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Town and Board of Ed Budgets

I support both the town and board of ed budgets for 2020.

Respectfully,

Scott D Cockley
2 Dogwood Lane
Clinton, CT 06413

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Mary Schettino

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Clinton Budget

After the outrageous tax increases in the past five years, it is time for the Town to "sacrifice" and give the taxpayers a "break"...NO TAX INCREASE...for most of us, income has gone down or stayed the same these past five years...gluttony for more money has to stop...get realistic and consider the taxpayers who are paying the bills. My "vote" is for NO increase.

Mary Schettino

From: krista swanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget Hearing 2020

The Henry Carter Hull Library is a wonderful asset to our town! Please pass the town budget without cuts to the library. Thanks so much for your help!

Sincerely,
Krista B. Swanson

Mary Schettino

From: Traci Marquis-Eydman [redacted]@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget 2020

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of the proposed Clinton Education and Town budgets. I trust the Town Manager, Town Council, Superintendent and BOE have worked hard to provide a responsible budget to meet our town's needs and help Clinton prosper.

Thank you,

Traci Marquis-Eydman

64 James Vincent Drive, Clinton CT

Mary Schettino

From: Abby Roccapriore [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget favor

As an educator/small business owner/parent/tax payer I am in support of the proposed budgets put forward by the Town Council. I am looking forward to seeing how our new Manager and Council brings this town into the future.

Thank you

Abby Roccapriore
35 River rd
Clinton ct
06413

Mary Schettino

From: Carlye H [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Budget
Subject: I support our schools

I am in full support of our town and school budget. I know the full budget is needed in order to make sure our town and schools are successful and moving in the right direction. With the pandemic happening now, we are relying even more on our school budget to ensure our kids are getting the education they need in this challenging time. The school issues Chromebooks my kids borrowed are helping them to stay connected with their teacher and classmates as well as being able to do their daily schoolwork. Without a substantial budget, they would have not been able to borrow the Chromebooks and would not be able to "go to school". Had the budget been cut and the Chromebooks not been able to have been purchased, my children would be completely disconnected with the school and falling behind. I support the full budget to be passed. Thank you.

Carlye Haverkamp
39 Cedar Rd
Clinton, CT 06413

A smile can change a life

Mary Schettino

From: Kelley Edwards <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget YES vote

Dear Town Council

I am in support of the BOE and Town budgets. Please pass both.

Kelley Edwards
150 Nod Rd
Clinton
203-710-7243

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Katie Fratafico [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Budget
Subject: YES VOTE

Good Morning,

This is Mark Fratafico and I am voting yes to our school and town budget.

Mary Schettino

From: Katie Fratamico [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Budget
Subject: VOTE YES FOR OUR TOWN AND SCHOOLS

Good Morning All,
My name is Katie Fratamico and I am emailing to let you know that I fully support the proposed budgets for our schools and town.
Thank you.
Katie Fratamico

Mary Schettino

From: Nancy Stone <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Comment on the Proposed Budget

I support the budget. I hope that the town will be able to keep all of our essential services going. These are very difficult times, but we need our police department, our library, social services and our school system to thrive. I worry about how the pandemic will effect the businesses in our town and what will happen to the Morgan High school and the Unilever building. There will be very tough choices to be made, and I just hope that those choices can be made by not eliminating jobs, perhaps a salary freeze? Good luck, Clinton is a great town, we take care of each other , let's continue.

Nancy Stone
Sol's Point Road

Mary Schettino

From: Lynn Hidek [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Support

I applaud all the thorough, dedicated, and insightful work that went into preparing the budget proposal for 2020/2021. I support it as it stands. Thanks to all the Town Council members and our Town Manager for setting us on a fiscally sound path forward.

All best

Lynn Hidek

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Whitney Madura [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Budget
Subject: I support the budget

I am in support of the town and education budgets in Clinton for the 2020 referendum.

Whitney Madura

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Mary Schettino

From: paulastck [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Budget

Hello,
I Paula Stack 14 settlers village lane I am support of proposed budget.
Thank you

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Mary Schettino

From: Karen Recor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:02 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Comment on the Proposed Budget

Our future depends on our children's education by continuing to fully support the inspiring Clinton Public School System and as well as through the Clinton's extraordinary Henry Carter Hull Library. Both of these vital resources and their phenomenal programs are highly instrumental to our children's and our town's future success in this world.

Mary Schettino

From: davo stimilon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: In support of educational budget

We support our schools

I know you do too

Thank you

David Olcott

Mary Schettino

From: lewis tucker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Budget
Subject: balanced budget

Has the Town Council ever considered sharing services with other neighboring towns to save tax increases? Specifically education, public works, town hall, police, and the fire department. The answer that I have received frequently from candidates or town hall is, "we cannot cut because of fixed costs". If our tax base has been shrinking, shouldn't our services shrink? I am optimistically hoping that the Town Council can provide the Clinton taxpayers a balanced budget.

Mary Schettino

From: James Holleran <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

We support the budget as proposed.

Wendy Holleran
Jim Holleran
9 Longate Rd
Clinton, CT 06413

Sent from my iPad

Mary Schettino

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Town Budget

To the Town Council,

I endorse the town budget as proposed.

Regards,
Annette Viglione
Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: smudge1 [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget and Town

The budgets in Clinton go up every year along with our mill rate. It is terrible the way this year how the budget and mill rate increase are being shoved down our throats because of Covid-19. It is time for our town departments to be held more accountable for their spending instead of just reaching in to the citizen pockets. Residents are leaving Clinton because of the taxes which are high in the town and increasing every year. Our population is decreasing. You are not only hammering the residents of Clinton but the businesses. There is a lot of vacant prime commercial properties along rte. and it looks like the development of the former Morgan High property and Ponds property is going extremely slow or has ground to a halt. I expect the current economic situation will have a tremendous effect on those projects just as it will on the town for an extended period of time. I heard that one of the new tenants for the new development at the former high school properties is a high end supermarket. I do not know who did the research but this town will not support a third supermarket. I do not know which one it would be but in a few to several years we would just have another empty store front. I love this town and that is why I am writing this letter. The way things are done fiscally are done in this town need to change.

Keith A Kleinschmidt

Mary Schettino

From: Phyllis McGrath [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Pass the budget

As a resident of Clinton, and as a member of the Henry Carter Hull Library board, I support the current budget and urge the Town Council to pass it.

I believe the appropriations are fair, and address the many needs of our town.

I particularly urge you not to reduce the Library line. Our Library is a town treasure, serving all sectors of our population with much more than just books. Programs are available for all ages. Just witness the overflow parking lot during children's programs and adult activities. Even during this crisis closedown period, cars line the parking lot with children and others utilizing the Library's internet connection, not available at home for some. And witness the community service, from free lunches on summer Fridays, to tax help and English as a second language tutoring. Henry Carter Hull serves as a community and senior center for the town. Every penny you allocate for the Library its spent carefully and well.

Thank you,

Phyllis McGrath
5 Laconia Drive

Mary Schettino

From: Amy Egan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 8:19 PM
To: Budget
Subject: The Town Budget

Please let it be known that I approve the Town Budget as is without changes.

Amy Egan
70 Liberty St.
Clinton, CT 06413

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Schettino

From: Robert Igo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Town Budget

As a Trustee of the Henry Carter Hull Library I am writing to fully support the budget request submitted for your consideration.

The Library serves a very important purpose in this Town. It is not only a place to get books but serves as almost a Community Center. The services offered and the programs provided are well attended and have become expected and appreciated by the Towns citizens.

As a Trustee we reviewed the budget and feel that what has been requested is reasonable and will allow the Library to continue to serve the Clinton community with on going quality, expertise and the resources needed to meet the needs of those who utilize our services.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Robert Igo
32 Silver Birch Lane
Clinton, CT 06413

Sent from my iPad