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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting via Zoom

May 12, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Present: Jean Speck, Chris Garrity and Ed Matson.

Also, present: David Becker, Darlene Brady, Zanne Charity, Melissa Cherniske, Bonnie Donzella, Debbie Devaux, Lesly Ferris, Mike Gawel, Donna Hayes, Barbara Herbst, Peter Jensen, Marty Lindenmayer, Connie Manes, Patricia Oris, Rick Osborne, Caralee Rochovansky, Marge Smith, John Worthington, Lynn Worthington and "Kentresident420".

Ms. Speck called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Speck made a motion to approve the following minutes, as submitted:

- April 14, 2020 Regular meeting
- April 22, 2020 Executive meeting
- April 22, 2020 Special meeting

Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public Communication: (attached)

May 1, 2020 email from Peter Jensen, Re: On-Line Budget Commentary

Ms. Speck stated per Town Attorney the sandwich board with Town Meeting details does meet the intent of the "sign post" and is adequate.

May 2, 2020 email from Linda Nacinovich, Re: Camp's Flat Road

Ms. Speck stated this is an ongoing challenge. The Town has hired a second trooper for the weekends to help with crowd control. Trooper Fisher has been advised and will circle around to Camp's Flat Road during his shifts.

May 2, 2020 email from V. Genovese, Re: NY plate vehicles at Bulls Bridge Loop and

May 4, 2020 email from V. Genovese, Re: NY plate vehicles at Bulls Bridge Loop

Ms. Speck confirmed that NY plates cannot be "kicked-out". The trooper has been working non-stop to control crowds but once he leaves one location for another people begin to gather.

Mr. Garrity confirmed that State Parks are not under the purview of the Town. He would like to focus on the back roads like River Road. He added that it will only get worse as the weather gets better.

Ms. Speck added that enforcement falls with law enforcement.

Mr. Becker stated the Emergency Management Team has been consumed with focusing on crowd control. He added that last weekend at one point there were 4 trooper and 2 Encon officers in Town at the same time and there were still issues at the hot spots. Mr. Becker stated the EM Team is discussing opening some areas and enforcement, including signage.

Ms. Speck stated the entire NW corner is planning and it will help when the A/T bring back the trail volunteers. She added that the CERT team lead by Bonnie Donzella might be able to be utilized as reconnaissance.

Connie Manes stated the Land Trust wants to encourage Kent and other municipalities to spread out better. There are trail maps on the website and signage at each location regarding parking and recreating safely. She will share the language with the EM Team.

Mr. Garrity stated he appreciates all the work and background of the EM Team but if the Selectmen don't know then the public surely doesn't know. He asked for more communication from the EM Team.

Ms. Speck confirmed that there is a new web-based software that is being tested to allow public to submit concerns/comments.

May 2, 2020 email from Peter Jensen, Re: First Selectman

Ms. Speck started she appreciates the creativity but the guidelines are ever changing.

May 4, 2020 email from Kim Slater, Re: Transfer Station

Ms. Speck stated John Kaminski opened the bulky waste last weekend and an update will be in the next "blast" tomorrow night.

Facebook post from Scott Harvey, Re: 2020-2021 Budget

Ms. Speck stated that the incorrect date was provided in the Facebook post and Selectman Matson made several comments. Mr. Garrity noted mistakes get made but more importantly, engaging on Facebook as a public official or as a member of a town board is not the place nor is it productive. He added that warned meetings are the proper place to have those discussions.

May 6, 2020 email from Mathew Starr, Re: Facebook post "Trash Cans"

Ms. Speck stated that the EM Team discussed and made the decision to remove the trash cans, she did not make that decision on her own.

Mr. Matson asked if the EM Team is going to make Town Policy when the First Selectman should make the decisions?

Mr. Garrity clarified that the EM Team drafts plans to be reviewed by the BOS. He added that he thought the public restrooms should be opened but he has now changed his mind due to additional information. He also stated trash present a safety issue, too.

Ms. Speck stated the EM Team is waiting for additional information from Torrington Area Health District.

May 7, 2020 email from Matt Starr, Re: Civil Preparedness

Ms. Speck stated she agreed and that is why she appointed David Becker and Eric Epstein to Emergency Management to rebuild the team. She added that David Becker talked to Joyce Kearns to confirm which town hall employees have NIMs training.

May 7, 2020 email from Matt Starr, Re: Roadway Projects

Ms. Speck stated the following:

Botsford Road funding is in the Five-Year Capital plan and is dependent on the budget passing and there are plans for the proposed project.

Kenico Road is near completion, final finish work along the edges needs to be completed. There was no cost over runs as outlined in the attached April 24, 2020 to Mr. Starr from Barbara Herbst.

March 28, 2020 email from Matt Starr, Re: Fw: Pics

Ms. Speck stated the following:

The drainage pipe and catch basin "hiding" in the wetlands is for N Kent Road. The Highway department is not in Violation of Storm Water Permit or the Inland/Wetland Regulations. Storm Water samples are submitted twice a year and the samples have meet the bench marks set by the State. Land Use Administrator Donna Hayes stated the Town Garage is not in violation of Inland/Wetland and they have received a permit to do what is being done. She added that if Mr. Starr wants to discuss the issue further, he should contact her to be put on the agenda for the next IWC meeting on May 18th.

Mr. Garrity noted that the place does not look tidy. He agreed that an inventory of material on hand and what project the material for would be helpful.

Report of First Selectman:

Ms. Speck had nothing additional to add that's not on the agenda.

Report of Selectmen:

Mr. Garrity had nothing to add that's not on the agenda.

Mr. Matson had nothing to add that's not on the agenda.

Report of Treasurer:

Mrs. Herbst provided a written report, attached.

Tax Refunds:

Ms. Speck stated that the tax refunds will be presented at next month's meeting.

Appointment:

Ms. Speck made a motion to appoint Judy Warrick to the Historic District Commission to an existing 5-year term to expire on 1/31/2023. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Survey Monkey Budget questions:

Ms. Speck read the questions asked via Survey Monkey and the BOS responded, attached. Mr. Garrity stated that the prior KVFD Chief stated that there might be changes in which vehicles would be replaced in the future. Mr. Garrity suggested that KVFD create a task force to look at the truck inventory and draft a plan. Ms. Speck and Mr. Matson agreed. Mr. Jensen stated that he believes that the survey reflects an overwhelming desire for a reduction in the budget and asked what the BOS is going to do with the data collected? Mr. Garrity confirmed that the objective was to create a flat mill rate and that was accomplished. Mr. Lindenmayer stated the BOE responded to question in the Survey Monkey as well and with Executive Orders and things ever changes there are still expenses: mandated to pay employees full salary, even if they are not working fulltime, smaller classes, more teachers. He added that costs can't all be put on the Town, approximately 60% of the budget is for education. The Survey Monkey questions and responses will be sent to the BOF Clerk no later than Thursday, May 14th.

Swift House:

Suzanne Charity read a letter in support of saving the Swift House (attached). Ms. Charity and Mr. Garrity met with a vendor to discuss the process of mitigating the red and gray squirrels, mice and bats from the Swift House. Mr. Garrity agreed that the unwanted animal issue needs to be addressed but there are structural issues. He added that we need to decide how the building is going to fit into the town. Mr. Garrity suggested creating a task force to address the immediate needs and to create a long-term plan. Ms. Charity stated she had contacted Bob Boone of American Bio-Tech Wildlife. Mr. Boone provided a contract; which Ms. Charity will forward to Ms. Speck. Ms. Marge Smith confirmed the Historical Society has things that she will coordinate removing. She also added she is looking into a preservation grant. Mr. Garrity made a motion to create a task force for the Swift House with a goal of bringing a plan for the Swift House to the Board of Selectmen within the next six months. Ms. Speck seconded the motion and the

motion carried. Mr. Garrity agreed to be on the Swift House Task Force, as well as Ms. Charity and Ms. Smith. Mr. Garrity asked what funding was available for the immediate need of rodent removal? Mrs. Herbst suggested the LoCIP Fund. Ms. Speck made a motion to approve up to \$6,000 for wild animal removal from the Swift House. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Speck added that there were several other letters of support for the Swift House (attached).

Memorial Day Parade:

Parade Marshall Andy O'Cif submitted an email confirming the recommendation to cancel the Memorial Day Parade this year. Ms. Speck also asked COG how other surrounding towns were handling the parade (attached)? Mr. Matson made a motion to honor the Veterans recommendation and cancel the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Lindenmayer asked the Selectmen if they would read the names of the fallen veterans for an on-line tribute. The Selectman agreed.

Five-Year Capital Plan:

Nothing additional.

Budget:

Nothing additional.

Cell Tower:

Ms. Speck will follow-up with Town Attorney for next steps.

Streetscape:

Streetscape Building Committee Chairman Mike Gawel provided the following update:

- Mike Gawel, Mike Doherty, Gina Greenalch and Charles Cheney completed the walk through
- Mike provided written notes from the walk through (attached)
- Gary Hock needs to be contacted to finish the survey showing right of way's including the railroad crossings at Route 7 and Maple Street Extension and private property lines.
- The status of an environmental or historical screening needs to be confirmed for the Community Connectivity grant
- Need clarification if the sidewalk from the Kent Green to the Community House is part of the plan
- The State right of way administrator takes a long time to research and check every connecting piece of property so timing is of the essence

Ms. Speck agreed to contact Gary Hock. Mr. Osborne agreed to investigate the status of the environmental survey. Mr. Garrity confirmed that the we should include the sidewalks from the Kent Green to the Community House. He added the specs should include everything.

Club Getaway - Sewer/Easement:

On hold at this time.

KVFD Finance Review Committee:

Mr. Garrity asked if KVFD still required the assistance of the KVFD Finance Review Committee? KVFD President Caralee Rochovansky was surprise to hear that there was talk of combining trucks. She stated they will have to go back to the drawing board and look at the apparatus and create a plan. Mr. Matson stated he believes they are close to creating a committee to look at the trucks. Ms. Rochovansky stated she is still looking for the funding of apparatus in the Capital Plan in FY 2025. Mr. Garrity confirmed the will be no funding. He added KVFD missed two request deadlines and there is no room in the Capital Plan now.

Policy and Procedure Manual:

Ms. Speck stated she has not had time to properly review the document to date.

Ms. Speck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 p.m.



Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

Access to meeting via Zoom

Zoom Conference Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82068741636>

Meeting ID: 820 6874 1636

One tap mobile 1-301-715-8592

AGENDA:

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a April 14, 2020 Regular meeting
 - b April 22, 2020 Executive meeting
 - c April 22, 2020 Special meeting
3. **Public Communication**
4. **Report of First Selectman**
5. **Report of Selectmen**
6. **Report of Treasurer**
7. **Tax Refunds**
8. **New Business**
 - a. Appointment –
Historic District Commission
Judy Warrick an existing 5-year term to expire on 1/31/2023
 - b. Survey Monkey Budget questions
 - c. Swift House
9. **Old Business**
 - a. Memorial Day Parade
 - b. Five-Year Capital Plan
 - c. Budget
 - d. Cell Tower
 - e. Streetscape
 - f. Club Getaway - Sewer/Easement
 - g. KVFD Finance Review Committee
 - h. Policy and Procedure Manual

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Re: [Kent CT] On-Line Budget Commentary (Sent by Peter Jensen, peter55j@hotmail.com)

1 message

Jean C. Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Fri, May 1, 2020 at 4:49 PM

Hi Joyce,

Was there an attachment in his submission? He referenced one in the ninth paragraph.

Stay well (and wash your hands),
jean**Jean Conlon Speck****First Selectman**

Town of Kent

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c | 860.601.9141

visit our website: www.townofkentct.orgOn Fri, May 1, 2020 at 2:24 PM Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org> wrote:
Peter -

Thank you for your email. I have forwarded it to the members of the Board of Selectmen.

On Fri, May 1, 2020 at 12:26 PM Contact form at Kent CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com> wrote:
Hello Selectmen,Peter Jensen (peter55j@hotmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.townofkentct.org/user/21/contact>) at Kent CT.If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.townofkentct.org/user/21/edit>.

Message:

Message for the full Town of Kent Selectboard -

These are challenging times and it is understandable that certain measures need to be taken as dictated by prudence and government decree, but be aware that the actions taken by the Selectboard during this time do not remove the lawful obligation to follow general statutory procedures.

While CT Governor Lamont's Executive Order 71 section 13 suspends in-person budget adoption requirements for municipalities, it reads, in part, "In so acting, the budget-making authority of the municipality shall comply with public meeting requirements consistent with requirements set forth in Executive Order 7B and shall thereby take all reasonable steps to publicize

5/4/2020

Town of Kent CT Mail - Re: [Kent CT] On-Line Budget Commentary (Sent by Peter Jensen, peter55j@hotmail.com)

the draft municipal budget for said fiscal year and to receive public comment thereon, including but not limited to publishing draft budgets on the website and providing an email address or other means for the public to submit timely comments on the proposed budget."

Notice the wording "not limited to....."

CT General Statute Chapter 90 Section 7-3 reads, in part, "Notice of a town meeting shall be given by posting, upon a signpost or other exterior place near the office of the town clerk of such town and at such place or places as may be designated as hereinafter provided, a printed or written warning signed by the selectmen, or a majority of them....."

Further CT General Statutes define what notices must be given and what information needs to be provided. All are in conformity with posting upon an "exterior place" near the town clerk offices. See CT General Statutes Title 7 Chapter 106 Section 7-340 and 7-344, Title 7 Chapter 110 Section 7-388, Title 12 Chapter 204 Section 12-122.

Regardless of the current Executive Orders, the statutory requirements for Town notices is still operative.

The Town of Kent has never followed CT General Statute procedures when informing the townspeople of meetings and substance. It must be called into question whether any action taken by the Selectboard is valid and legal.

What does the Kent Town attorney say about this matter?

I have previously presented this information to the Selectboard through discussion and formal presentation, the latest on May 07 2019 (attached). I see no action taken on this most pressing matter of participatory democracy and an informed citizen.

The above is offered in the interest of the Townspeople of Kent who are not computer users, who do not "surf the web", whose only option to find information on Town and Selectboard actions is through physical display. What is the Town and Selectboard doing about this issue?

Respectfully,
Peter Jensen
80 N Main #35
Kent CT

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Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant
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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Camp's Flat Rd

2 messages

Linda Nacinovich <oldwallslinda@charter.net>
To: COVID19INFO@townofkentct.org

Sat, May 2, 2020 at 7:42 PM

We are having a significant increase in the number of loud and speeding motorcycles at the New Milford end of Camp's Flat Rd. There are also many more walkers, bike riders and joggers on the road. Their safety is a concern as well as the noise levels which are very disturbing. Can anything be done to alleviate this dangerous and most unpleasant situation?

Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Mon, May 4, 2020 at 9:39 AM

Draft To: Linda Nacinovich <oldwallslinda@charter.net>

Cc: EMTeam@townofkentct.org, Jean Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>, Chris Garrity <cgarrity@townofkentct.org>, Ed Matson <ematson@townofkentct.org>

Linda -

Your email has been forwarded to the Emergency Management Team as well as the Board of Selectmen members.

[Quoted text hidden]

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5/4/2020

Town of Kent CT Mail - NY plate vehicles at Bulls Bridge Loop



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

NY plate vehicles at Bulls Bridge Loop

2 messages

V Genovese <vgenovese@ymail.com>
To: COVID19INFO@townofkentct.org

Sat, May 2, 2020 at 2:16 PM

There are groups together on the road near the park. Tons of NY plate cars people without masks. This is ridiculous!

Sent from my iPhone



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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Mon, May 4, 2020 at 9:41 AM

Draft To: V Genovese <vgenovese@ymail.com>

Cc: EMTeam@townofkentct.org, Jean Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>, Chris Garrity <cgarrity@townofkentct.org>, Ed Matson <ematson@townofkentct.org>

Ms. Genovese,

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Town of Kent CT Mail - Re: NY plate vehicles at Bulls Bridge Loop



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Re: NY plate vehicles at Bulls Bridge Loop

1 message

V Genovese <vgenovese@ymail.com>

Mon, May 4, 2020 at 10:34 AM

To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Cc: EMTeam@townofkentct.org, Jean Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>, Chris Garrity <cgarrity@townofkentct.org>, Ed Matson <ematson@townofkentct.org>

Thank you for the reply. It was unnerving that my husband and I had to walk between all these individuals to get into our car. We had to ask them to remove the fishing rods that were behind our car as well. After driving from Newtown, our dog needed to be walked before heading back home without being able to enjoy any of the park. We parked in a what we thought a safe spot since the road is narrow, this is what we came back to after 20-30 mins.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2020, at 9:41 AM, Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org> wrote:

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Fwd: First Selectman

1 message

Jean C. Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Mon, May 4, 2020 at 1:58 PM

not sure if you need everyone one of these that come in...

Stay well (and wash your hands),
jean

Jean Conlon Speck**First Selectman**

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

From: Peter Jensen via Kent CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Sun, May 3, 2020 at 9:09 PM

Subject: First Selectman

To: <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

Submitted on Sunday, May 3, 2020 - 9:09pm

Submitted values are:

Departments: First Selectman

Message:

Something to consider as we re-open our town.

Very innovative - Lithuania's capital, Vilnius, has announced plans to turn the city into a vast open-air cafe by giving over much of its public space to hard-hit bar and restaurant owners so they can put their tables outdoors and still observe physical distancing rules.

Even better -

Vilnius authorities have also given the city's public health workers €400,000-worth (£350,000) of restaurant vouchers intended both as gesture of thanks for their work and a much-needed stimulus to the city's cafes.

What a great ideas!

I understand Kent is a small town, village really, and it will not have the resources for extensive stimulus programs. Still, we need to think creatively to resuscitate our commerce after this lockdown.

==Please provide the following information==

5/4/2020

Town of Kent CT Mail - Fwd: First Selectman

Your Name: Peter Jensen
Your E-mail Address: peter55j@hotmail.com
Organization: Private citizen
Phone Number:
==Address==
Street:
City: Kent
State:
Zipcode:

5/4/2020

Town of Kent CT Mail - [Kent CT] Transfer Station (Sent by Kim L Slater, KMSLATER@CHARTER.NET)



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

[Kent CT] Transfer Station (Sent by Kim L Slater, KMSLATER@CHARTER.NET)

2 messages

Contact form at Kent CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Mon, May 4, 2020 at 10:33 AM

Reply-To: KMSLATER@charter.net

To: adminassist@townofkentct.org

Hello Selectmen,

Kim L Slater (KMSLATER@CHARTER.NET) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.townofkentct.org/user/21/contact>) at Kent CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.townofkentct.org/user/21/edit>.

Message:

Joyce,

Can you tell me WHEN the bulky waste as well as used oils with again be accepted? It's becoming hard with the buildup.

Thank you!

Kim Slater

Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Mon, May 4, 2020 at 12:05 PM

Draft To: KMSLATER@charter.net

Cc: Jean Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>, Chris Garrity <cgarrity@townofkentct.org>, Ed Matson <ematson@townofkentct.org>

Kim -

Your email has been forward to the Board of Selectmen.

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Scott R. Harvey Sr. ▸ The Kent, CT Community Facebook Page

Yesterday at 11:16 AM · 🌐



Scott R. Harvey Sr. ▸ Northwest Corner Chatter

Yesterday at 11:14 AM

**REMINDER TO KENT
RESIDENTS- TODAY IS THE
LAST DAY TO SUBMIT
QUESTIONS REGARDING
KENT'S 2020-2021 BUDGET**



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7 Comments 1 Share



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Edward Matson Read it and weap

Like · Reply · 1d



Patricia Oris it's "weep" not weap

Like · Reply · 22h



Patricia Oris Try to be positive occasionally. That's what we look for in our leaders, even those in very small towns.

Like · Reply · 22h · Edited



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Bruce Adams Read what Ed? You helped put it together. Do you not support it?

Like · Reply · 1d



Edward Matson You should watch my comments on I tube last meeting, we didn't cut anything just pushed off years and plan on using as George would say hold Friday night special towns meetings that will total about 450000

Like · Reply · 4h

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and the public interest that the Town of Kent make application to the State for \$800,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute and assistance Agreement, therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes: and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Kent in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 is hereby approved, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute and Assistance agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Kent.

Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Five-Year Capital Plan:

Per the Board of finance's request to reduce the Five-Year Capital Plan FY 2025 to \$1.100,000, Mrs. Herbst proposed the following changes to the Five-Year Capital Plan:

- Split Anderson Road into two years - FY 2025 \$166,883 and FY 2026 \$183,117
- Split Bridge 16 into two years – FY 2025 \$166,883 and FY 2026 \$183,117
- Split Bridge 5 into two years – FY 2027 \$200,000 and FY 2028 \$200,000
- Split Bridge 17 into two years – FY 2029 \$200,000 and FY 2030 \$200,000

Mr. Garrity made a motion to approve the Five-Year Capital Plan, as amended (attached). Ms. Speck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Budget:

Mr. Garrity asked for clarification on the Board of Finance's request to remove the entire \$150,000 from the Schaghticoke legal line and their willingness to find money if needed. Mrs. Herbst clarified that the Board of Finance made a motion to remove the \$150,000 and would fund any legal expenses related to the Schaghticoke from the unassigned fund. Mrs. Herbst stated she is not pleased with the Board of Finance's decision to hold the mill rate flat for four years in a row. Mr. Garrity and Mr. Matson agreed. Mr. Garrity suggested that the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen meet in September for long term planning.

Ms. Speck made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Operating Budget, as amended (attached). Mr. Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Cell Tower:

Ms. Speck confirmed the application has been sent to the Siting Council. There has been a protection order filed to suppress the proposed lease agreement. The Bald Hill Neighbors applied for "party status". Mr. Garrity asked for an update from the Town's counsel. Ms. Speck stated she would follow-up.

Streetscape:

Ms. Speck made a motion to add Jack Nelson to the Streetscape Building sub-committee. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Matson confirmed that the Streetscape Building Sub-committee met on Monday. They have reached out to the engineer and the State.

Club Getaway:

Ms. Speck stated nothing new to report.

KVFD Finance Review Committee:

Ms. Speck stated nothing new to report.

Policy and Procedure Manual:

Ms. Speck stated the Policy and Procedure Manual is a work in progress. She is working with Cirma on some policies.

Ms. Speck adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. She added stay safe and stay home.


Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Trash cans

2 messages

Mathew Starr <mstarr03@snet.net>

Wed, May 6, 2020 at 3:12 PM

To: Board of Kent <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/217502965099080/permalink/1401564216692943?sfns=mo>

Sent from Matts iPhone

Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Wed, May 6, 2020 at 3:51 PM

Draft To: Mathew Starr <mstarr03@snet.net>

Cc: Board of Kent <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Matt -

Your email has been received and will be discussed at the next regular BOS meeting.

Thank you.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Stacey Spence Grimsley ▸ **The Kent, CT Community Facebook Page**

4 hrs · 🌐

Is it possible to have the trash cans returned to Main Street? There's trash everywhere - gloves, masks, coffee cups and nowhere to toss it. And while on this unfortunate subject, abandoned dog poop is on the rise. Please pick up after your pooch! We all walk here! Thanks!



Anna Gowan and 13 others

23 Comments



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Edward Matson First selectman made the decision on her own so ask her? I think the cross walk signs should go out again and be mounted in the center of the road 24 hours a day for the summer months

Like · Reply · 4h



Scott R. Harvey Sr. **Edward Matson** Your common sense, prior experience on the BOS and lifelong residency in Kent shows in your thoughts and actions. Keep up the good work and don't get discouraged. 😊

Like · Reply · 2h · Edited



Elizabeth Ohmen **Edward Matson** I agree thank you Scott for your kinda words we all need the crossing signs back the motorcycles will kill somebody and thank you to my brother for your dedication to our town 🦋🦋🦋

Like · Reply · 2h



Melissa Krosky Wenzel Send your request to firstselectman@townofkentct.org

Like · Reply · 4h



Dylan Lynch Yes please! It's difficult to encourage those that don't live here to keep our town clean if we don't have the proper infrastructure in place to make it easy for them.

Like · Reply · 4h



Carol Miskovsky Colwell **Dylan Lynch** just so you know - we live over the border in the dreaded N.Y. We have been spending time in Kent since we started our family - 52 yrs . Ago - and the tradition has continued . Our children are grown , with their own children - one is abou... [See More](#)

Like · Reply · 3h



Natasha Reid **Carol Miskovsky Colwell** And Kent residents like me and my friends love going to Millerton and Great Barrington. How would we like it if we weren't welcome?

Like · Reply · 3h · Edited

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Janette Ireland It should be simple, clean up after yourself. Bring a garbage bag in your car, it's not hard.

Like · Reply · 4h



Maggie Wilbert I just don't get it!

If you walk a dog, you carry dookie bags for removal of said dookie. It's not rocket science!!!

Like · Reply · 4h



Diane Dragan Impastato Would it be too "Big Brother" to have security cameras in town. Maybe to encourage better behavior?

Like · Reply · 2h



Michele Watkins Yes. Cameras would be quite a reactive response. Just put the garbage cans back out.

Like · Reply · 2h



Leslie Lillien Levy There are trash cans by Terston's and Chic Boutique.

I was surprised to see the town trash cans had been removed.

Like · Reply · 2h



Kasey Leo Straiton **Leslie Lillien Levy** Those cans are not the town's, they are provided by the shops of Kent Town Center. They definitely are not enough for downtown traffic.

Like · Reply · 1h



Dianne Camp Lang Someone has to handle the trash to remove it. The decision at the Transfer Station was that the guys who work there should not have to touch other people's garbage. I would think the decision to not have trash containers on the street was an extension of that courtesy.

Like · Reply · 1h



Susan Forbes Markowitz A few signs to remind people to pick up
Their trash / doggie waste should help.

Like · Reply · 1h



Anna Gowan I agree! I have watched lots of people leave their dogs waste in the Golden Falcon lot next to the tavern. Those that do clean up the waste often throw it in my recycling dumpster. Gotta love dumpster diving for dog poop! Ohhhh, the glamorous life of a restaurant owner!

Like · Reply · 1h · Edited



John Campagna That is gross! Everyone should clean up their S**t, and their dogs. It's not the dog's fault!

Like · Reply · 13m





Michele Kaplan Kent Commons Park offers poop bags. It would be nice if we did in town, too. Although, I don't know the expense of doing this.

Like · Reply · 45m



Kasey Leo Straiton To all dog owners: muttmitt.com has great dog bags. I buy them by the case!



MUTTMITT.COM

Mutt Mitt: Dog Waste Stations for
HOA, Parks, Cities

Like · Reply · 36m



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- construction of Litchfield Hills Animal Shelter Facility
- Regional Produce Processing Services.

Mr. Garrity questioned the Town of Kent's liability if the resolutions are adopted. Ms. Speck confirmed that she would obtain additional information and keep on the agenda.

Mr. Garrity made a motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Kent Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate: and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Jean Speck, First Selectman of the Town of Kent, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Kent Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Mr. Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Matson made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- November 1, 2019 Special Meeting
- November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting
- November 26, 2019 Special Meeting
- December 5, 2019 Special Meeting

Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Cross walks:

Ms. Speck stated she received an email from a concerned citizen regarding the crosswalk signs. The Board of Selectmen stated the following:

- The crosswalk signs are put out by highway department staff Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- The signs are not out on the weekends
- By putting the signs out, the liability shifts from the State to the Town
- The signs have been hit and stolen
- Replacement cost is \$340 per sign
- There are signs in the ground
- Streetscape might be able to update signage
- Vehicles park in the cross walks
- Need to have law enforcement involvement

Mr. Garrity made a motion to remove the crosswalk signs and assign the Streetscape Committee with the task of solving the crosswalk safety issue. Ms. Speck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2020 BOS Goals:

Mr. Garrity stated that in the past the Board of Selectmen have adopted Goals. He would like to see the Board of Selectmen set new goals while striving to complete the goals already in place.

Mr. Garrity made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

These are draft minutes and the Board of Selectmen at the subsequent meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Civil preparedness

1 message

Mathew Starr <mstarr03@snet.net>

Thu, May 7, 2020 at 7:55 AM

To: Board of Kent <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Cc: Eric Epstein <ewepstein@charter.net>

Dear Board,

As we work our way through this Covid-19 incident and the Town budget process I see a huge issue. These incidents continue to occur 911, Oct snowstorm, ice Jam, and currently Covid-19 but no enforcement of required NIM'S training. We cannot continue to face these incidents without everyone well prepared and trained to the level required for their position in the Town.

We also need to start building and funding a Town Emergency Management system to provide our emergency management the immediate use of funds when needed.

A true emergency management office, a consolidated storage of emergency management equipment and regular inspection and inventory of equipment and supplies.

Matt Starr

Sent from Matts iPhone

5/8/2020

Town of Kent CT Mail - Roadway Projects



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Roadway Projects

1 message

Mathew Starr <mstarr03@snet.net>

Thu, May 7, 2020 at 11:02 AM

To: Board of Kent <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Dear BOS,

Can you please put the Botsford Road funding and planning status on the next BOS meeting.

Also the Kenico road project status, cost over runs and the failure to put numerous expenses out to public bid as required by TOK policy.

Matt Starr

Sent from Matts iPhone

Jean Conlon Speck

From: Barbara Herbst <treasurer@townofkentct.org> on behalf of Barbara Herbst
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 12:49 PM
To: MATHEW STARR
Cc: Rick Osborne; Jean Conlon Speck
Subject: Kenico Road Report
Attachments: Kenico Road Expenditures to date 4.24.20.pdf

Good afternoon Matt,

Pursuant to the request you submitted to First Selectman Speck, attached please find a complete report of the expenditures to date for Kenico Road.

At the end of the report, there is a reconciliation of the funding sources, the expense paid to date and the residual available funds available for work on Kenico Road

The ***Kenico Road Fund*** was created back in 2004 resulting from condition #4 set forth in P/Z minutes of May 25, 2000 concerning the subdivision known as St. John's Peak. Monies in this fund came from Mount Maumee Partnership when they sold the subdivision to American Landsource LLC.

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Barbara E. Herbst
Treasurer
Town of Kent
treasurer@townofkentct.org
860-927-0109

**Town of Kent
Kenico Road
All Transactions**

Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
12/01/2017	Allyndale Corporation	Kenico: 58 loads of quarry chips 11/14 - 11/17	-17,019.27
12/01/2017	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: bulldozer (46 hrs) services 11/13 - 11/22	-4,600.00
12/01/2017	Allyndale Corporation	Kenico: 33 loads of quarry chips 11/22 - 11/21	-9,622.04
12/01/2017	Emmons Tree & Landscaping Service, LLC	Kenico Rd: tree removal - Oak trees on corner and trees by Rt 341	-1,900.00
12/15/2017	Haymore Services	Kenico: 134 bales of mulch hay	-1,608.00
12/19/2017	Huckleberry Hill Trucking	Kenico Road: trucking 9/26 - 10/6 22 hrs	-2,200.00
12/19/2017	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: bulldozer (25 hrs) services 12/5 - 12/8	-2,500.00
12/29/2017	Robert L. Hock Land Surveyors LLC	Kenico Road: 11/17 - 12/6 field work: stake property corners for poles / compute centerline for ...	-1,035.00
01/05/2018	Allyndale Corporation	Kenico: 15 loads of quarry chips 12/21/17	-4,381.72
08/17/2018	Yantic River Consultants, LLC	(6 hrs) meeting at TN Hall 91.56 miles @ .54	-571.56
09/04/2018	D'Ambrosio Construction Company, Inc;	Kenico Road: 3 blast surveys, preparation, drilling and blasting, sorting and moving rock 8/1...	-81,340.00
10/17/2018	Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Kenico: 44.45 Tn 1 1/4" washed/crushed gravel	-655.65
10/17/2018	D'Ambrosio Construction Company, Inc;	Kenico Road: blasting, hammer, excavate, move rock 9/4 - 10/5	-85,423.50
10/30/2018	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: excavator and bulldozer services 9/26 - 10/26	-15,680.00
10/30/2018	Emmons Tree & Landscaping Service, LLC	Kenico Rd: tree removal - various removals on Kenico Road on 9/13/18	-1,500.00
10/30/2018	Supreme Forest Products, Inc.	INV # 103244 Kenico: stumps 10/17/18	-500.00
11/07/2018	Supreme Forest Products, Inc.	INV # 103714 Kenico: stumps 10/26/18	-500.00
11/07/2018	Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel, Inc.	INV# 64445, 64688, 64691 - 27.59 ton of 1 1/4" washed crushed gravel	-536.61
11/27/2018	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: excavator and bulldozer services 10/29 - 11/21	-15,295.00
11/27/2018	Century Aggregates, Inc.	Kenico: gravel deliveries 11/8 - 11/15	-17,075.50
12/05/2018	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: bulldozer services 11/26 - 11/30	-3,300.00
12/12/2018	Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Kenico: 78.88 Tn 1 1/4" washed/crushed gravel	-1,163.48
12/12/2018	Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Kenico: 61.6 tons of 2" dry screened gravel	-670.80
12/12/2018	Robert L. Hock Land Surveyors LLC	Kenico: compute offsets, stake centerline, field and stake & offset	-2,270.00
12/26/2018	Robert L. Hock Land Surveyors LLC	Kenico: 11/26 & 11/27, field and stake & offset	-560.00
12/26/2018	Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Kenico: 17.11 Tn 2" dry screened gravel	-222.43
12/26/2018	A & J Construction, Inc.	Kenico Road: 4.022 SY class 4, fine grade / compact	-81,244.06
12/28/2018		HWY: Kenico road - used box beam supplies and installed (1296 LF)	-29,100.00
01/04/2019	Century Aggregates, Inc.	Kenico: gravel deliveries 11/19 - 11/30	-47,613.00
01/22/2019	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: excavator services 1/9 - 1/18 (43 hrs)	-4,300.00
01/22/2019	Target Enterprises, Inc.	Kenico: ten 100% straw erosion control mats *8' c 112" (100 sy) one box of metal sod staples	-608.00
01/29/2019	Osborne Land Management Services	Kenico Road: trucking services	-20,010.00
04/05/2019	Osborne Land Management Services	Kenico Road: hammer rock (11/7 - 11/8)	-3,720.00

Town of Kent Kenico Road All Transactions

Kenico Road		Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
Kenico Road Funds		04/01/2016	Yantic River Consultants, LLC	INV# 1500002-1: Road Design, 3 hrs plus mileage	-295.62
		04/03/2016	Robert L. Hock Land Surveyors LLC	INV# 1 (Kenico Road - Wetlands) - wetland flags, AutoCAD work map, soils report	-1,765.00
		06/30/2016	Yantic River Consultants, LLC	INV# 1500002-2 (Kenico Road - Road Design 4/1 - 6/30 16 hrs)	-1,280.00
		07/20/2016		Hwy: color bond 24x36 (Kenico Road)	-58.90
		10/07/2016	Yantic River Consultants, LLC	# 1500002-3 Kenico Road: 6.5 hrs Road design 7/1 - 9/30 and printing, copies cost	-546.47
		03/13/2017	Yantic River Consultants, LLC	Kenico: 10/1 - 2/28 - Road Design (16 hrs)	-1,280.00
		04/11/2017	Yantic River Consultants, LLC	INV# 1500002-5 (Kenico Road - 18 hrs road design, draft construction plan, printing, copies)	-1,474.92
		05/05/2017	Emmons Tree & Landscaping Service, LLC	INV# 5701 (Kenico Road - Tree Removal, cut back for new road 4/27 and 4/28)	-5,700.00
		05/26/2017	Emmons Tree & Landscaping Service, LLC	INV# 5739 (Kenico Road - cut back for new road 5/12 [4 hrs])	-750.00
		06/16/2017	Emmons Tree & Landscaping Service, LLC	INV# 5807 (Kenico Road -tree removal two full days)	-3,800.00
General Fund		06/30/2017	Yantic River Consultants, LLC	Hwy: road design Kenico Road	-497.10
		06/30/2017	Robert L. Hock Land Surveyors LLC	Hwy: Kenico road stake slope line	-450.00
		08/31/2017	Supreme Forest Product, Inc	INV# 83306 Kenico: stumps	-500.00
		08/31/2017	Supreme Forest Product, Inc	INV# 53343 Kenico: stumps	-500.00
		09/26/2017	Ace Hardware	Kenico Rd: Grass seed (100 lbs.)	-199.98
		09/26/2017	Supreme Forest Products, Inc.	Kenico: stumps	-500.00
		09/30/2017	Supreme Forest Product, Inc	INV# 83599 : Kenico stumps	-500.00
		09/30/2017	Emmons Tree & Landscaping Service, LLC	INV# 5998: Kenico, tree removal on both sides of road (8/28 and 8/29)	-3,800.00
		09/30/2017	Robert L. Hock Land Surveyors LLC	INV# 1182: Kenico: 8/24 - 9/29 field work, stake property lines along curve and west side	-780.00
		09/30/2017	Target Enterprises, Inc.	INV# 1786236: Kenico: ten 12.5 x 432' mirafi 500X stabilization fabric (600sy)	-3,693.60
Kenico Road Funds		09/30/2017	Gawel, Joseph G	INV# 824 - 9/15: Kenico excavation (80 hrs) and bulldozer 26.5 hrs services	-9,325.00
		09/30/2017	Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel, Inc.	INV# 9/11 - 6/12: Kenico: 373.02 Tn dry screened gravel 2"	-5,968.32
		09/30/2017	The Chas C. Hart Seed Co.	INV# 0013635-IN: Kenico: NE roadside upland seed mix	-1,193.25
		10/03/2017	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: excavation (18.5 hrs) and bulldozer (68.5 hrs) services 9/18 - 9/29	-8,100.00
		10/03/2017	Albozak Construction, LLC	Kenico: 9/11/17 - 9/27/17 (excavator and trucks to load and deliver fill from R17 location to K...	-51,195.00
		10/11/2017	Allyndale Corporation	Kenico: 17 loads of quarry chips	-2,074.45
		10/17/2017	Allyndale Corporation	Kenico: 17 loads of quarry chips	-2,945.72
		10/17/2017	Allyndale Corporation	Kenico: trucking and material: for 55 loads of quarry chips 10/2 through 10/9	-15,795.35
		10/17/2017	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: excavation (20 hrs) and bulldozer (67 hrs) services 10/2 - 10/13	-7,900.00
		10/25/2017	Allyndale Corporation	Kenico: 79 loads of quarry chips 10/10 - 10/17	-22,856.42
		11/17/2017	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: excavation (2 hrs) and bulldozer (24 hrs) services 10/16 - 11/9	-2,500.00
		11/17/2017	Allyndale Corporation	Kenico: 43 loads of quarry chips 11/8 - 11/13	-12,566.46

Town of Kent
Kenico Road
All Transactions

Date		Name	Memo	Paid Amount
General Fund	06/25/2019	A & J Construction Inc	Hwy: Kenico Road, place 1.5" wearing course on 10,325 SY (partial, balance taken out of Town Aid...	-12,881.31
	06/25/2019	A & J Construction Inc	Hwy: Kenico Road, place tack coat on 10,325 SY	-7,197.00
	06/25/2019	A & J Construction Inc	Hwy: Kenico Road, reclaim (10,325 SY)	-13,938.75
	06/25/2019	A & J Construction Inc	Hwy: Kenico Road, 17.5 hours spreading processed gravel	-4,375.00
	06/25/2019	A & J Construction Inc	Hwy: Kenico Road, place 2.5" binder on 10,325 SY	-118,221.25
	06/25/2019	A & J Construction Inc	Hwy: Kenico Road, place 1.5" wearing course on 10,325 SY	-97,952.49
	10/08/2019	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: bulldozer services 9/25 - 10/2 (32.5 hrs)	-3,250.00
	11/08/2019	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: excavator services 10/22 - 10/31 (36 hrs)	-3,600.00
	11/08/2019	Target Enterprises, Inc.	Kenico: two 6" L x 1" W metal sod staples - box of 1,000	-99.56
	11/11/2019	Target Enterprises, Inc.	Kenico: 3 (8' x 112') straw erosion control mats, metal sod staples, box of 1,000	-1,831.14
Kenico Road	11/11/2019	Gawel, Joseph G.	Kenico Road: excavator services 11/4 - 11/8 (25 hrs)	-2,500.00
	11/22/2019	Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Kenico: 19.63 ton 2" dry screened gravel	-255.19
	04/03/2020	Osborne Land Management Services	Kenico Road: roller rental 9/1/17 to 10/15/19 (140 hrs)	-8,960.00
			Total Expenses paid to date	-844,598.87

Funds appropriated through Capital	600,000.00
Funds spent out of General Fund for paving, design and survey	255,512.90
Funds from Kenico Road Fund	43,722.00
Total Funds Appropriated	899,234.90

Balance of available funds in Capital	54,499.43
Balance of available funds in Kenico Road Fund	136.60
Total residual available funds	54,636.03

Total Funds Appropriated minus *Total Expenses paid to date*

Variance
0.00

as of 4.24.20



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Fwd: Fw: Pics

1 message

Jean C. Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sun, Mar 29, 2020 at 4:55 PM

Stay well (and wash your hands),
jean

Jean Conlon Speck
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From: **MATHEW STARR** <mstarr03@snet.net>
Date: Sat, Mar 28, 2020 at 12:49 PM
Subject: Fw: Pics
To: jean speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>, Chris Garrity <cgarrity@townofkentct.org>, Edward Matson <edmatson1@icloud.com>

Dear Board of Selectman,

Please find attached pictures from the highway department this morning. This is just a reminder of how the town is hoarding, purchasing supplies and materials and not using, over taxing, misusing funds of the Town of Kent. Oh and lets not forget the environment the Town of Kent is also violating its Storm water permit and local inland wetland regulations.

While I understand this is not new and has been a practice for many years I have found many other taxpayers that also find it ridiculous and demand change.

With 6.41 million people unemployed in the the Town of Kent is hiding drainage pipe and catch basins in the wetland regulated areas, filling its salt shed up in the last week of march, and hauling in and storing materials.

What needs to happen is a complete inventory of all materials and supplies and then verify what projects they are designated for, average used per year. Then cut the highway budget until its gone or at a reasonable level. It makes absolutely no sense to haul in materials store them for years and years to then reload them and haul them to the end destination.

Time for some leadership, the claim that the First Selectman is solely responsible for town of Kent Operations needs to end.

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Treasurer's Report

5/12/2020

Webinars	Bos Meetings	BoF Meetings	K.A.H Meetings
4/8/2020	3/30/2020	4/7/2020	4/3/2020
	4/14/2020	4/13/2020	
	4/22/2020	4/21/2020	

	March		April	
A/P Checks Issued	71	\$120,343	72	\$149,611
Payroll	128	\$97,130	147	\$111,966
BoE Transactions	63	\$708,786	59	\$567,964
Deposits	20	\$601,996	8	\$342,139

Town Hall closed to public 3/17/20 - no office support from that date on
Activity in Treasurer's office has not changed

Establish temporary emergency processes to facilitate reduced staffing.

Completing tasks as necessary for Kent to participate in Public Assistance
reimbursements through FEMA resulting from Emergency Declaration
on 3/13/20 that was subsequently upgraded to a
Disaster Recovery Declaration on 3.28.20

Federal cost share is currently @ 75%

Eligible costs

equipment time
materials
personnel

- 3 OPM requests for information - projections and schedules
- 2 Moody's Issuer Comment review and modifications
- 2 hrs KAH Grant work / prepare for Public Hearing
- KAH grant administrator certification postponed until September
- Clerk working on procedure manual while off site.

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Income	12,250,618	12,870,032.00	95.2%
A • General Government	1,165,151	1,340,391.00	86.3%
B • Public Safety	59,178	262,395.00	22.6%
C • Public Works	1,170,715	1,787,432.00	65.5%
D • Health and Welfare	97,303	118,709.00	82.0%
E • Recreation	152,736	192,156.00	79.5%
F • Sanitation	98,292	136,695.00	71.9%
G • Board of Education	5,874,828	7,207,438.00	81.5%
H • Debt Service	411,563	450,469.00	91.4%
I • Transfer to Capital	831,847	831,847.00	100.0%
J • Transfer to Dog Fund	7,500	7,500.00	100.0%
K • Current Year Capital Projects	535,000	535,000.00	100.0%
Total Expense	10,404,113	12,870,032	80.8%

Question directed to which Board(s)?			Question	
BoE	BoF	BoS	While no item or department has a large increase in budget, overall expenses are up over 5%. For the Town Salaries are up 2+%, HC costs and Pensions substantially. The School Budgets continue to creep up incrementally, even when student population is declining. The overall property tax/mill rate stability is hidden because of an infusion from the Unassigned General Fund. But this is more than a "Rainy Day". We are in an unprecedented economic times, people may be out of work, businesses are closed and many may fail, money is extremely tight. If ever there was a time in our lifetimes, now is the time to provide taxpayer relief and decrease the budget rather than increase it. Departments can be asked to lower their expenses, employees can be asked to wait for any raises, projects can be delayed. How can any increase in any item be justified at this time?	The Town of Kent does not have a "Rainy Day" fund. There is a part of the General Fund, called the Unassigned General Fund. It is a reserve to address unanticipated expenses arising from economic hardship, natural disasters, and unforeseen local circumstances.
BoE	BoF	BoS	What expenditure programs will be cut to reduce the budget in light of the pandemic effect on taxpayers paying ability?	
BoE	BoF	BoS	Looking on the school budget, shouldn't it reflect a decrease in the budget? So many services currently not being used nor needed there should be a savings. We know that everyone has experienced financial upheaval in this crisis and the boards should be sensitive to that fact. The isolation we endure is a necessity that we must accept and abide by. It is not the time to ask for increases.	No question - comment.
	BoF	BoS	Why are the Community House and Swift House under the Recreation budget category? Is Lesly Ferris responsible for the budget, planning, promotion, & maintenance of those properties as Director of Recreation? And if not, who is?	Pursuant to CGS Sec. 7-344 the BoF is charged with developing the chart of accounts.
	BoF	BoS	What is the proposed itemized salary and related pension/health for the 1st Selectman and each of the 2 members Board of Selectmen?	First Selectman Proposed salary \$70,203 pension \$4,914.21 2nd & 3rd Selectmen proposed salary \$5,078 pension n/a
	BoF	BoS	Why are Selectmens salaries targeted for increase? Given the State finances we know the hammer will fall soon. Please freeze Selectmens salaries for the current cycle and review next cycle when we have a better handle on the impact of the dismal state finances.	The current practice is based on an across the board increase. One person should not be excluded.
		BoS	Last year there was a discussion about whether or not newly elected officials should receive the same compensation as the outgoing official. Was there or will there be a new policy put into effect regarding this? It seems it has not as the newly elected Selectwoman is receiving a 2% raise and a 2% raise in the pension for five months experience in her position.	The current policy and procedure manual does not address this question. The defined contribution plan has its own set of criteria for eligibility and all FTEs are subject to the same criteria.
	BoF	BoS	Why are the Community House and Swift House under the Recreation section of the budget, and who is responsible for planning, usage/promotion, maintenance, and oversight of those buildings and budgets? Are they the responsibility of Lesly Ferris, Recreation Director?	The broader department is titled "recreation", and includes the Community House and Swift House, which are both primarily used and rented out for recreational use. Other categories do include expenses which fall under the purview of the Park & Recreation commission and Director.
		BoS	You all received an increase in salaries last year. You are now only getting a 2% this year. My question is why do the pensions have to be increased, in one case by 240%?	The 240% increase in one department is due to the prior employee not being eligible for pension.

	BoF	BoS	Who are the Town employees who have not signed up for the medical insurance offered by the Town of Kent?	All eligible employees have signed up for insurance benefits. 3 employees have exercised their right to participate in the opt-out program, as authorized by the Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement and the ToK Employee Policy. 1 AA 2 DPW.
		BoS	Last year there was discussion about the Building Inspector's position going to a salary position. What has become of that?	This is a contracted service - the contract is currently a four-year agreement that is up in 2023.
			The library is contributing so much to our town during this pandemic and yet you are decreasing their funding by \$30,000! How can you do that when the library is so dependent on donations from their annual gala, the book sale or the car raffle - which can't happen this year?	Last year the BoF voted to allocate a one-time stipend of \$40,000 to facilitate capital improvements. When the library submitted their grant request this year, their requested amount of \$110,000 is a \$9500 increase over the prior year grant allocation of \$100,500.
		BoS	Does the Town of Kent add to the salary/compensation of the employee(s) what the Town would pay for the medical insurance?	Yes, employees that participate in the Opt-out plan receive 50% of the cost of insurance with a \$15,000 cap. (subject to taxes)
	BoF	BoS	Has the Health Insurance been shopped this year to see if there is a possibility of a savings in premium?	Yes, we work with an insurance broker to ensure that we are taking advantage of a competitive marketplace and be fiscally prudent.
		BoS	What is the itemized amount added to individual(s) employee's salary?	Question is not clear - unable to answer
			Why are all Federal, State & Local revenues lumped together instead of breaking them down income by category so that one can see revenue from permits, fees, grants, etc. as offsets against expenses? (It would be very helpful to have that information.)	
	BoF	BoS	Why are computer, internet, and telephone services for Town Hall such high ticket items, especially after spending so much in those categories in prior budget year. Are those increases really necessary, or could some be postponed in favor of other important projects?	It was a clerical error and has been corrected.
	BoF	BoS	My question is in regards to the lack of appropriations in the budget for The Schaghticoke Legal Fund. Wouldn't it be prudent for the town to have some funds set aside for that situation even if the case is dormant at the moment?	consolidated from each department to under the single Town Hall category. The proposed increase in the computer services category reflects upgrades in delivery of internet-based software and storage to the cloud, bringing the town to a better place from a cybersecurity standpoint.
		BoS	With the State of CT in the red, businesses shut down, people struggling the Town needs to stop all pay and benefit increases that are not contractually obligated. Thank you for everything you do for our town.	This funding was removed from the budget by the BoF with the assurance that if funding was needed, it would be made available.
BoE	BoF	BoS	The Kent historical sign on Route 7 between Cobble Road and Studio Hill Road has a terrible mud hole next to it. Can this please be cleaned up? The sign offers important historical information about our town.	
		BoS	As it relates to the proposed cell towers application on the citing council website ,it states that the town of Kent plans to provide back up generator and 500 gallon propane tank as back up emergency power source..is this being budgeted for? Has the town researched and or allocated anticipated expenses for this? How much will it cost? Will this come out of fire departments budget? Thanks for addressing this matter. Pls forward to finance if applicable to them.	DPW will address.
		BoS	Please regrade Macedonia Park Road on the old schedule of twice a year. The current plan of once a year does not hold up to the use of the road.	There may be confusion with the tower at 38 Maple street.
	BoF	BoS		Some parts may not have been done twice because of weather and staffing, but all are generally regraded 2x annually.

			In over ten years, the cost of new sidewalks has gone up over \$1,000,000. We do not need to put granite curbing along Route 71 I agree with Mike Gawel that asphalt sidewalks are a better choice. These are very difficult economic times with Covid-19 and many of our local businesses will not be reopening. Many taxpayers in Kent are retired and living on Social Security. Connecticut is reaching a point that it is just too expensive to live here.	BoS	No question - comment.
	BoF		What hardship plans are in place for taxpayers in light of the pandemic?	BoS	collection.
BoE	BoF	BoS	The BOS is using virtual voting for this budget process, with the virtual meeting platforms available their is no reason the taxpayers cannot have a vote as well. I ask you to stand up for our rights		7HH all suspend any public vote for passing the budget.
			The town is responsible for the maintenance of 2 old buildings in the village of Kent, the senior center and Swift House. Why do you want to increase the senior center maintenance by almost \$900 when a large increase was already spent on that building last year? At the same time you are cutting the maintenance budget for the Swift House? Swift House is in dire need of help and you are ignoring it.	BoS	RE: the senior center - there was a modulation in the detail lines to more accurately reflect the expenses in those categories, Of note, the total department line for the senior center was decreased by -17.9% The same theory was applied to the Swift House, and the line remained flat.
	BoF	BoS	What plans do you have for the preservation of Swift House.	BoS	
		BoS	Why was the budget for Swift House reduced? It is an important town resource in need of serious repairs.		
			Please assess what would be the cost of rehabbing the Swift House to make it attract one or two businesses that would benefit the Town financially? We need to remember the historical importance of the Swift House, first house on the "Grate Plain of Kent", as an old sign stated.	BoF	
			Why were the Swift House line items for Repairs and Maintenance reduced instead of increased when the historic town-owned building is in urgent need of repair, while the custodian line item was increased 66.67% even though the building is currently underutilized, especially during COVID when it's closed altogether?	BoF	
	BoF	BoS	Do you respect the history enough of early Kent and the Swift House to rehab it?	BoS	The BOS agreed to make some immediate repairs to the building and create a Task Force that will bring a plan to the BOS.
			Why have the Maintenance and Repair line items in the Swift House budget been reduced instead of increased when there is so much critical, postponed maintenance to be done in order to provide basic protection for that town asset, while custodian fees are up 67%? (The work requires professional contractor repairs, not custodial cleaning.)	BoF	
		BoS	Why is Swift House the only town-owned building with no planned improvements in the Town's Five-Year Capital Plan?	BoS	
	BoF		Why is there no line item in the Capital Plan for Swift House while all other town-owned buildings are listed and planned for: Town Hall, Town Garage, Senior Center, Community House, and even Streetscape?	BoS	The capital plan lines are driven by approved capital projects. There has not been one approved for the Swift House, thus no line.

			<p>Please restore the apparatus funding for the KVFD Rescue Truck in year 5 of the capital plan. The lack of submission by one member of the department should not jeopardize a funding campaign that has been in place much longer than the current 5 year plan.</p> <p>Please reinstate the rescue truck funding in the capital plan for the year 2025 as previously requested by the Kent Volunteer Fire Department.</p>	<p>It was not accepted by the BoS because two deadlines were missed for submission.</p>
BoE	BoF	BoS		

SUZANNE L. CHARITY

30 Brown Road South Kent CT 06785 • (860) 927-4147

4 May 2020

Dear Members of the Kent Board of Finance,

I am writing to bring your attention to the condition of Swift House, and to seek your willingness to join me in my mission to resurrect it from neglect and celebrate it as a community asset.

Please read this letter aloud at the next Board of Finance meeting and include it and the following attachment in its entirety as part of the meeting minutes.

As a unique, historic property, purchased by the Town in 1973 along with the surrounding 15 acres of land, Swift House resides in a key location as one enters the Town of Kent, adding charm to the character of the village center. But as often happens, the current and potential value of Swift House has been marginalized over time and now needs and deserves your attention and support.

Regrettably, Swift House has become infested with squirrels that have taken up residence in the walls of the first floor through gaping holes under the eaves of the west façade, and in the attic through access near the chimney. The infestation has also contributed to an unpleasant odor and stains on one of the living room walls, which will need mitigation once the animals have been removed in order to return the house to enjoyable community use. Some additional exterior work such as painting of exterior stair rails also needs addressing if the building's structure is to be properly protected through another winter season.

How will any of this work take place without an adequate budget? Specifically, I urge the Selectmen and the Board of Finance to:

- Increase (or at least restore) Swift House line items in the '20/21 Town Budget for Maintenance and Repairs to a minimum of \$600+ and \$1,000+ respectively.**
- Explain why the Swift House Custodian line item was increased 66.67% when the building is currently underutilized for events, due to COVID and the house's current condition. Could some of the Custodian line be shifted to Repairs?**
- Provide Emergency Funds for Swift House's most urgent Maintenance & Repair needs if those budget lines cannot be adjusted significantly in this year's proposed Town Budget before a vote is taken.**

With regard to long-term planning:

- Kindly explain why there is no line item for Swift House in the Five Year Capital Plan – to my knowledge the only town-owned building without any provision for its long-term needs - and pledge to rectify that.**

In my effort to see the urgent needs of Swift House addressed, I have reached out to many of Kent's local organizations and commissions to gauge interest in the Swift House property, listen to their concerns, and elicit their support. Please see attachment incorporated as a part this letter listing organizations and commissions strongly encouraging enhanced support and planning for Swift House.

In addition to those on the list, there are many others such as businesses in the Swift House neighborhood that have expressed concern about the current condition of Swift House and worry about its future.

For those entities, and the many individuals who share their concerns and mine, I implore you to give Swift House the attention and funding it needs and deserves, and to empower a task force to begin work toward restoring it to the kind of vibrant, wide-ranging community use that was envisioned when the Town of Kent purchased the very special property years ago.

Please put Swift House on your agenda for timely, positive action!

With thanks for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zanne Charity".

Zanne Charity

Encl: Organizations & Commissions with an Interest in the Future of Swift House

Attachment to S. Charity Letter of 4 May 2020 to Board of Selectment and Board of Finance:

ORGANIZATIONS & COMMISSIONS
WITH AN INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF
SWIFT HOUSE

- The Kent Chamber of Commerce (a current rental tenant, which also uses Swift House as a public starting point for Kent's well attended annual Champagne Stroll)
- The Kent Garden Club (which appreciates use of the building for meetings and storage of supplies in exchange for maintenance of gardens at Swift House, and attractive annual planting at the town monument, town hall, etc.)
- The Kent Historical Society (former tenant in the building, devoted to preserving and presenting the history of Kent, whose founder, Emily Hopson, helped to fund restoration to the building when it was acquired by the Town. KHS holds an annual community-wide holiday party at Swift House, as well as an occasional public exhibit on an historical topic, and uses the property for lessons on aspects of Kent's history for Kent Center School students)
- The Kent Architectural Review Board (responsible for setting architectural design standards for new structures and changes to existing ones to maintain continuity of character for Kent's Village District)
- The Kent Historic District Commission (whose mission is to research and protect historic properties that add to the character of the town, even though Swift House is not within the specific designated boundaries of the primary Historic District)
- The Kent Quilters (who meet at Swift House periodically, hold an annual event there, and donate products of their efforts to town entities, such as taking responsibility for providing face masks to all of Kent's frontline employees and workers during the COVID pandemic)
- Keepers of The Kent Veteran's Memorial (which resides prominently in the yard of Swift House, and is the site of an annual ceremony on Veteran's Day)



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Fwd: Kent Proposed budget FY 2020-2021

1 message

Lesly Ferris <leslyferris@gmail.com>

Wed, May 6, 2020 at 12:53 PM

To: mark sebetic <marksebetic@gmail.com>, Ed Epstein <kcsepstein@aol.com>, Jim Blackketter <jim@blackketter.com>, Fran Goodsell <fmgoodsell2@yahoo.com>, "nodeawyrick@gmail.com" <nodeawyrick@gmail.com>, Rufus de Rham <rufusde@gmail.com>

Cc: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Hi Board - please see email below from John Baker regarding the budget and the Swift House.

Thank you,

Lesly

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

From: John Milnes Baker <jmbaker@bestweb.net>

Date: Wed, May 6, 2020 at 11:54 AM

Subject: Kent Proposed budget FY 2020-2021

To: Jean Speck <firstselectman@townofkent.org>, Chris Garrity <cgarrity@townofkent.org>, Ed Matson <ematson@townofkent.org>, Lesly Ferris <leslyferris@gmail.com>

I hope you will all distribute this as appropriate and to enter it in the official Town record.

John Milnes Baker, 76 Spooner Hill Road, South Kent 06785

 Tel: (860) 927-4262

To: Jean Speck, Chris Garrity and Ed Matson, Board of Selectmen, and Lesley Ferris, Board of Finance Clerck (for distribution to the BoF)

Re: **SWIFT HOUSE**

I appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed Budget FY 2020-2021 and ask questions. In these stressful days it must be difficult for you all to decide what category is most deserving of the funds available and which are less so.

I am concerned that Swift House is in the "less deserving" category.

Why is the budget for Swift House Maintenance and Repair reduced?

Maintenance is reduced from \$600 to \$500.

More significantly,

Repairs is reduced from \$1,000 to \$750

Swift House deserves better.

- 1) It is the oldest building in the **Kent** Village District
- 2) It was the core of the 1973 15 acre investment when the property was purchased
- 3) It has been an asset to the town: The Fire House, The Tennis Courts, The Senior Center and the Senior Housing are all on the original 15 acres.

Over the years Swift House has served as the reception center for Kent and venue for many different organizations and individual groups.

Like most historic landmarks it is not in great shape and needs responsible stewardship to maintain it in proper condition. That means that Maintenance and Repairs are must be realistically budgeted.

I urge you all to reconsider the token amount presently in the proposed budget and increase the Maintenance from \$800 to \$1,000 and double the Repairs from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Surely \$3,000 is a tiny percentage of the Town's overall budget. I don't think I will be the only resident of Kent who questions the large increases in the various pension funds when last year the salaries and proportional pensions were raised to comply with the CT State's standards for comparable towns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Milnes Baker

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Re: Swift House

1 message

Jean C. Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Tue, May 5, 2020 at 1:30 PM

k thanks.

Stay well (and wash your hands),
jean**Jean Conlon Speck**
First Selectman

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On Tue, May 5, 2020 at 11:58 AM Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org> wrote:
All ready done.

On Tue, May 5, 2020 at 11:57 AM Jean C. Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org> wrote:
for reading into the minutes...

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From: Jane Zatlin <zenfashion1@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, May 5, 2020 at 7:12 AM

Subject: Swift House

To: <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

Dear First Selectman Speck,

Please consider funding Swift House maintenance. There must be creative ways of finding some money to upgrade a town asset, which could bring some income.

Apparently there is an apartment that used to be rented. If that were donated to Kent Affordable Housing in exchange for building wide upgrade, and then the first floor could be rented to private events?

As a member of Kent Quilters and the Historical Society, I appreciate the use of the building. But it has degraded. And it is a great community asset.

Thank you for your time.

I hope this can be read into the record at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Jane Zatlin

Kent resident

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May 5, 2020

Dear members of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance,

We are writing to express our deep concern about the condition of the Swift House and the reduction in the proposed 2021 budget for its maintenance and repair. The Town of Kent purchased the Swift House and surrounding 15 acres in 1973, at which time the building was in dilapidated but structurally sound condition. Thanks in large part to the hard work and personal financial generosity of Kent Historical Society president Emily Hopson, the circa 1800 house was restored and opened to the public in time to celebrate the country's Bicentennial. It was welcomed by the townspeople as a place for family gatherings, club meetings, receptions and other uses. A residential apartment was created on the second floor to provide (a) monthly rental income and (b) a steady presence in the house. The KHS had use of rooms on both floors of the west side of the building.

Since that time, the Town has made efforts to properly maintain the Swift House. In 1981, needed repairs were done, with the cost being shared by the Town and private donations. The Town welcomed the private donations that time, but noted that the primary responsibility rested with the Town as owner of the building (Kent GTD Sept 4, 1981).

In 1994, Selectman Susi Williams pointed out that the town had ignored the building since then, and Board of Finance Chair Rufus deRham agreed that it should have a line item in the budget. In 1997 \$1,000 was allotted in the capital project budget for a new roof and porch repair; and \$2,000 was spent in 1998 for other repairs. A big boost came in 1999, when First Selectman Lorry Schiesel allotted \$10,000, saying that the money needed to be spent (over a period of a few years), since it was an asset to the town that should not be lost.

A structural survey done in 2006 by Hudson Valley Preservation Corp pointed out the need for another new roof (the 1997 roof having already deteriorated), chimney repair, a coat of paint, a poured cement floor to mitigate serious mold and mildew, repair to several windows, and a solution to bad drainage on the west and north sides of the building, and more. First Selectman Ruth Epstein worked with the KHS in 2008 to secure a STEAP grant of \$92,000 to address many of the issues in the survey. However, the roof was not replaced - with damaging results.

Since that time, little attention has been paid to the venerable old building which is suffering greatly from the neglect (See photos at the end of this letter). Squirrels have chewed their way in and water leaks in through many rotting components. The unpleasant result is that the rental use of the building has fallen off. Though the KHS had to leave when the opportunity came for us to buy the house adjacent to Seven Hearths several years ago, we still care very deeply about the

Swift House. We would like to work with the Town to ensure that the building can once again become an asset of which the Town can be proud. We are gathering the information needed to get it listed on the CT State Register of Historic Places, a designation that will help to leverage restoration funds from the State Historic Preservation Office and other restoration sources.

In the meantime, for this new budget cycle, we urge you to keep the level of repair and maintenance funding where it has been for the last three years.

Sincerely,

Patrice Galterio, Executive Director – director@kenthistoricalsociety.org

Jeffrey Morgan, Board President

Margaret Smith, Curator – curator@kenthistoricalsociety.org



Left: Rotting door sill at back patio.

Right: Squirrel hole chewed through siding on west wall by back patio.

Left: Peeling paint and rotting wood at back entrance.

Right: Gunk leaking down west wall in main room. Origin not clear, but thought to be from roof leaks.





Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Fwd: Memorial Day Parade

1 message

Jean C. Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Fri, May 8, 2020 at 12:00 AM

For reading at meeting.

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

From: AOcif <aocif3318@charter.net>

Date: Thu, May 7, 2020 at 13:24

Subject: Re: Memorial Day Parade

To: firstselectman@townofkentct.org <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

CC: mjlKent@gmail.com <mjlKent@gmail.com>

Jean:

As Parade Marshall of the Kent Memorial Day parade & Adjutant of the American Legion Post # 153 in Kent, and Martin Lindenmayer, the Commander @ of the post & members who attended our meeting on Tuesday, May 5th, all of us concurred in the decision to recommend to the Board of Selectman that the parade not be held this year.

Andrew Ocif, Adjutant

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Jean Conlon Speck
First Selectman
Town of Kent

Have any CEOs made any decisions on Memorial Day events/parades?

How are towns are choosing to do their budget adoption, in accordance with ED 71 section 13?

name	town		
Don Stein	Barkhamsted	We do not have any Memorial Day events, since we do hold a July 4 th parade.	As far as the budget process, we are doing a Zoom Budget Hearing on May 12 and the BOS will authorize the BOF to pass the budget in accordance with the Executive Order. We have not set a date for the budget approval but it will be no later than early June to allow tax bills to be initiated and mailed.
Henry Todd	Canaan	No Memorial Day parade	Hope to have budget done by May 11, publish on town website the next day, give a two week period for town comments, follow up with a Zoom hearing and then see if social distancing is continued. If so, the decision on adoption would be in the BOS hands. If not, we would hold a town mtn
Tom McKeon	Colebrook	We have no Memorial Day function	BOF has approved BOS will vote on budget, already had hearing via zoom
Jonathan Berry	Cornwall	For Memorial Day, Cornwall will not be having a parade. The plan is to make a video observing Memorial day. For example, each year we put flags on the graves of Cornwall Veterans in the North Cornwall Cemetery. This will occur this year, except people will not gather at the Cemetery for the ceremony. Instead a video will be made available to residents. Also, we are hoping to get an interview with a Local Vietnam Veteran and have that in the video.	Last Friday Cornwall's Board of Finance held a public hearing on zoom to discuss the proposed budget and to allow for public comment. Draft budgets have been available online, and the public has been encouraged to submit comments to the Selectmen's office. In May, both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance will each vote regarding Budget adoption via Zoom meetings. There will be no Town wide vote, but we still had a public hearing to allow an opportunity for public comment.
Bob Valentine	Goshen	Our memorial Day parade will most likely not be held, the final decision hasn't been made.	I wrote pursuant to Section 13 of Executive Order No. 71 dated March 21, 2020 issued by Governor Ned Lamont to notify the Goshen Board of Finance (the "BOF") of the Goshen Board of Selectman's authorization of the BOF to "adopt a budget for the July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 fiscal year and to set a mill rate...without complying with any in-person budget adoption requirements, including but not limited to, annual town meetings requiring votes, referendum, and special town meetings." The Board of Selectmen authorizes this budget adoption to be made only in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 13 of Executive Order No. 71
Magi Winslow	Hartland	Cancelled Memorial Day Parade as of last week.	The BOS voted to empower the BOF to approve the budget and set the mill rate. The BOF will advertise their meeting as a Budget Hearing. I will notice it as usual including a legal notice. The BOF will post their zoom video on our Town Website and we will have an email address available for timely questions and public comments
Michael Criss	Harwinton	Harwinton canceled memorial day parade and will do a virtual ceremony	We posted our budget on the website allowing 2 weeks for public comment and the on May 28th the BOF and BOS will vote to adopt and set mill rate see info at www.Harwinton.us

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Jean Speck	Kent	BOS to consider NHCUG Survey on what other towns are doing. Also waiting to hear from VFW folks on their recommendations.	We have authorized the BoF to adopt and we have created a SurveyMonkey form for citizens to submit their questions and comments on the proposed budget. Those will be sent to each board for follow up back to the BoF, and all questions and board responses will be read and discussed at the budget hearing on the 19 th for the BoF to then either kick back to the boards, or move forward with adoption a budget and mill rate.
Denise Raap	Litchfield	As far as the memorial day parade goes, we have cancelled the traditional parade. But I have reconsidered bringing the parade to the people instead. Our Sunday Community Convoys of Hope and Appreciation have been well received and a welcomed surprise for our 4 Fire Dept neighborhoods so I'm thinking on expanding on that idea for Memorial Day Monday.	As far as our budget approval We have published our budget as of today in the newspaper. There will be 2 weeks (4/29- 5/13) for public comment via a dedicated Town of Litchfield Budget2020 email address and through traditional mail. The BOS has given the BoF the authority to adopt the budget and set the mill rate.
Tom Weik	Morris	The parade will most likely be postponed along with the town wide picnic at the Town Beach. We are considering moving it to the 4 th of July weekend. We will still do the cemetery ceremonies on Memorial Day as well as a small ceremony at the War Memorials in the Town Park and will post the videos of the ceremonies on the Town Website and Facebook.	BOS voted to allow the BoF to adopt a budget and set the mill rate. A Budget presentation will be held via ZOOM with public comment being taken by email and phone. Budget will be available on the Town website and a copy available at Town Hall.
Matt Riska	Norfolk	Norfolk has canceled all Memorial Day events; parade & Fire Department road race. We have also postponed the opening of our Farmers Market until June or later depending on the COVID-19 status.	Our BoF will be conducting a series of meetings through May with apx 2 weeks between meetings to allow for write in questions & concerns. The Regional 7 BoF has stated they will be reviewing their budget with another public meeting in apx 2 weeks. They hope to vote on their budget on May 27. The Norfolk BoF will then vote on the entire budget possibly on May 28.
Charlie Perotti	North Canaan	Town of North Canaan is still keeping the Memorial Day events on hold, we may do something different in an open area. We will keep you posted.	We are waiting to meet with BoF, they will be having meetings thru May, preliminary budget on the town's website for public to review.
Barbara Henry	Roxbury	The Fire Chief and I were just talking about the parade - we are cancelling it but a small group of firemen will lay wreaths at our cemeteries and say a prayer. We will have pictures taken so share on FB.	We are going ahead with our Budget Public Hearing via Zoom on Monday night, then the BoF will meet after the hearing to either adopt as is or make changes and adopt as is and then set the mill rate.
Curtis Rand	Salisbury	Salisbury will almost certainly cancel the parade and have a very discreet small ceremony without the public.	All 3 have been approved by BoF and we held public comment for a month on website. BoS will likely approve these plus mill rate within a week.
Brent Colley	Sharon	The local American Legion 126 decided to cancel.	Our Board of Finance will review public comments and set the final budget and mill rate May 5th and then our Board of Selectmen hold a meeting and vote on it to make it final on May 12th.
Elinor Carbone	Torrington	Torrington is working on doing a virtual parade.	Torrington council agreed to allow BoF to do budget adoption without public hearing. BoF and City budgets will be posted on the city website with a request for public comment to be submitted by email/mail.

Have any CEOs made any decisions on Memorial Day events/parades? How are towns are choosing to do their budget adoption, in accordance with EO 71

name	town	section 13?
Tim Angevine	Warren	The Town of Warren has not decided if we are going to hold a Memorial Day event. If we do not, we would welcome ideas of how to memorial those in our community who have dedicated so much to protecting our freedom.
Jim Brinton	Washington	<p>The BOS are sending our budget to the BDF this week. They intern will decide whether to send it back to us, or accept proposed budget and open a two week period for comments. Because of the added responsibility of not being able to allow the town to vote on the budget, we will go above and beyond to get the information out to the community including a possible paper copy mailed out to all residents.</p> <p>1. The budget has been posted on the Town website with a link allowing residents to ask questions and provide feedback. 2. On 05/07 the BDF will conduct a budget hearing open to the public via Zoom. 3. On 05/21 at the Town Meeting (Zoom) our BDF ("budget making authority") will pass the budget.</p>

5/5/2020 Gawel Walk Through Notes/Concerns

341 East:

- Cross walk ok @ west side of Kent barns entrance diagonally east side of swifts lane.
- Eliminate ramp from sidewalk to road @ Swifts House entrance.
- All ramps concrete regardless of sidewalk material.
- Need snow buffer where possible.
- Maple Street Extension entrance would have to be reworked to more of a 'T' to 341 possibly need eastbound bypass to go around left turning cars onto Maple Street Extension. Add to driveway for house closest to tracks. This may not conform to connectivity grant.
- Right of way(s) need to be completed on Survey map.
- Connecting property lines need to be completed on Survey map.
- Charlie (DOT) and Gina (DOT) noted that the town just requested signage and white stripes @ 25" from cross walks for no parking. Not our scope but it's already a law and doesn't get enforced. We don't have enough parking as it is. May include striping & signage with project.
- Crosswalks @ Greenward Way as per plan are too close to railroad tracks. They will only allow it anywhere north of the railroad warning paint in the road in front of the Fife n Drum. Ideally, sidewalk would continue to north of the building to south edge of drive/parking entrance, then cross there.
- Apparently, Morrison Gallery is willing to pay for sidewalks in front of their building and want to get it done but need to know what materials. I mentioned that we want it to go to bid before we could make a recommendation to BOS.
- On this subject, DOT won't approve plan unless this decision is made. Mike Doherty is going to get current bid numbers on the most recent projects he can find. Hopefully we can make a recommendation using those numbers. This may also depend on the parameters of the Grant(s) and Commitment Letters.
- The DOT drainage engineer has to look at approve all such issues.
- The Town will need to hire an arborist to survey all trees and determine what needs to be done with each. This should happen ASAP as permission to prune, cut or remove will be necessary.
- I've asked BOS the following:
 - Is environmental screening done?
 - Hire Gary Hock to complete Survey.
 - Hire Arborist to survey trees.
- Gina & Charlie (DOT) said that if we rework the sidewalk north of the green, we should leave the last little section that connects to the cross walk & Community House alone – the west side requirements would be a nightmare.
- At the end, Gina (DOT) noted that her comments are not conclusive without a completed Survey.

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