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**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

BUDGET COMMITTEE WEBINAR

**FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS BY THE
FIRST SELECTMAN
BOE CHAIRMAN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
PUBLIC HEARING**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- First Selectman Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Presentation
- Board of Education Chairman and Superintendent of Schools Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Presentation
- Public Hearing
Members of the public may submit comments to be added to the public record. Public comments must be submitted no later than the close of the January 26, 2021 Public Hearing. [Link to the form](#)

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BET Budget Committee January 26, 2021 Public Hearing Comment Form

Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Rosemary

Last Name Hyson

Affiliation Self

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Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government
Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital
Budget I support priority being given to the recreational facilities (Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, Hamill Rink) and needed work on fields (WMS, GHS). These Town facilities are at risk of being unusable if these capital projects are not funded. Even with these funds, it will still be a number of years before their improvements/restoration will allow them to be used as so many residents wish. In contrast, the project proposed for Roger Sherman Baldwin Park seems to be more of a luxury that we may have to put off. Residents can enjoy the park as it is, and the project seems to only propose an aesthetic improvement. The downtown Greenwich area has a number of open green spaces where residents can walk, the park between the Havemeyer building and Town Hall, Bruce Park, and the area around Julian Curitis School. The EGCC, WMS and GHS field projects are much, much more pressing needs. Second, I support the residents who have called for the Town to actively pursue the NW Fire Station project. While I live on the opposite end of town, one of my children and several others from the neighborhood spend their week in the NW part of town at school. All residents deserve to have an adequate level of public safety and as the recent study found, it seems that the NW part of town is not being equally served.

BOE Operating Budget The significant support expressed by residents in Feb-May of 2020 for the schools and their funding should signal to you that residents are asking for our schools to be better funded. Please

fund the very carefully constructed budget approved by the BOE in full. There is no longer any slack to cut. The draconian guidelines have resulted in this state of affairs where needed operating expenses have to be cut because budget increase limits have been set below what the District's annual contractual expenses are. Greenwich is so fortunate that GPS was able to realize savings from remote schooling last year to cover some necessary expenses for this year but those expenses won't go away. I am also concerned about the purported "transportation efficiencies". One of my children's bus ride has gone from 35-40 minutes to over an hour this year because the bus was combined with that from another school. This is not an efficiency, but rather cutting services to certain members of the community.

BOE Capital Budget

All of the items in the BOE Capital Budget are critical. These needs have been pushed to future years year after year. They are not going to go away, and the students of Greenwich (and residents' property values) are the ones who will pay the price for the next 10-15 years if you keep trying to push capital projects into the future.

Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments

Perhaps you might consider that a majority of town residents are not satisfied with the current level of services and quality of facilities provided by the Town and a number of us are expressing this concern to Town leaders. We know this doesn't come for free. With all the financial industry expertise in this Town, it is hard to understand that solutions to supporting the town's needs through long term financing cannot be found. Rather than just maintaining a low tax rate, you might consider what parents of school-aged children are increasingly articulating: current levels of spending are not providing the school system we desire for our families. The practices of the last several years are not providing the level of services and quality of Town facilities needed to maintain our property values.

Attach additional FY 2021-2022 Budget comments

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I am a Town of Greenwich resident.

I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

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Last Name duff

Affiliation Self

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Email Address

Phone Number

Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget	I've been a resident in Greenwich for almost 17 years, in the northwest corner of the town, by the Armonk border. I have lived in this beautiful part of town with my husband and four children who attend the public schools. The lack of fire coverage in our corner of the town is of utmost concern to me and so many others in our town. The Town spoke on the desire and need for a Northwest Fire Station through a SOMR in the fall of 2018 (vote: 126-55-3). The BET had put in money for a site survey in 2019, but the RTM removed it pending confirmation by the independent study of a need in the northwest (link to 5/19 budget hearing is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qJSBflZmj0). Matrix has confirmed the need for a professionally staffed engine company in the Northwest part of town. Per the Greenwich Fire Dept, the RTM and prior budget plans, the Town should properly put the funds in now - we cannot afford further delays.
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General Government Capital Budget	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

Other FY 2021-2022
Budget Comments *Field not completed.*

Attach additional FY
2021-2022 Budget
comments *Field not completed.*

I am a Town of
Greenwich resident. I agree.

BET Budget Committee January 26, 2021 Public Hearing Comment Form

Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name	Jill
Last Name	Oberlander
Affiliation	Self, Other
If "Other" please explain here:	Co-Chair, Sustainability Committee
Email Address	
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Your Organization	<i>Field not completed.</i>

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget	<p>Jill Oberlander Comments on First Selectman's Consolidated Fiscal 22 Budget, January 26, 2021</p> <p>Chair Tarkington, BET members, colleagues and friends. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening on Fiscal 22 budget proposals.</p> <p>As you begin your work evaluating next year's budget, I trust that you will keep front of mind that this community cares about its residents, its employees, the wonderful services provided, and our natural environment.</p> <p>During this unprecedented time, we need government to step forward to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens are protected – our children and our elderly.</p> <p>To that end, I urge you to support Greenwich Public Schools' budget as presented. In addition to providing a needed and excellent education to Greenwich children, all of our schools, public and private, are more important today than ever before to ensure the emotional well-being of our children.</p> <p>This is not the time to trim budgets to meet arbitrary financial</p>
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targets. Rather, this is the time to support our schools and our teachers and their efforts to educate and safeguard our children.

That is my first “E”. Now for my second, environment.

The Sustainability Committee has been hard at work this past year connecting our many organizations and talented volunteers on efforts to improve sustainability and enhance our lived environment. The Transportation and Air Quality Sector has been working on a variety of proposals to enhance access and safety for all bicycle riders – from the experienced to the beginner.

A critical component to moving forward with this effort - and to making Greenwich more bike friendly – is an updated Bicycle Master Plan. Unfortunately, the Conservation Commission’s request to fund this essential planning document - which notably was supported by the Public Works Department - was not included in the First Selectman’s budget submission.

I ask, on my own behalf, and also as one of the Chairs of the Sustainability Committee, that you grant the Conservation Commission’s request to include the Bicycle Master Plan study in this year’s budget. I have been told by DPW that even a pilot, recreational bicycle route requires an updated planning review. Further, without this document, Greenwich may be precluded from applying for grant funds for bicycle improvement projects.

We have learned through this pandemic that residents want to be able to ride bikes safely – for recreation and for transportation. Please make this possible by including the bicycle master plan as a funded priority.

As I near the 3 minute mark, I want to quickly support my third “E” – economic development. Please support a part-time hire to provide this critical function.

Thank you.

General Government
Capital Budget

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BOE Operating Budget

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BOE Capital Budget

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Other FY 2021-2022
Budget Comments

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Attach additional FY
2021-2022 Budget
comments

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I am a Town of
Greenwich resident.

I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Svetlana

Last Name Wasserman

Affiliation Self

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Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget Please restore funding for the site survey for a North West fire station. The RTM endorsed the need for a fire station in a SOMR passed in fall of 2018. The First Selectman and BET included \$100K for a site survey in the 2019 budget. That amount was removed by the RTM pending a need confirmation by an independent study. Now that study is complete, confirming, once more, the urgent need for a professionally staffed engine company to serve the North West. Please do not delay. Please restore the funding for a site survey as endorsed by the the GFD, the Matrix study, and the RTM. We cannot continue to risk loss of life and property in the North West.

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BOE Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments *Field not completed.*

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Brian

Last Name Peldunas

Affiliation Other

If "Other" please explain here: PTA Council of Greenwich

Email Address

Phone Number *Field not completed.*

Your Organization PTA Council of Greenwich

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget

Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this year's capital and operating budgets for the Board of Education. I am Brian Peldunas, president of PTA Council. PTA Council is the umbrella organization for the 15 public school PTA's. We have encouraged each PTA's to express their thoughts on the budgets, reflecting their individual needs.

We recognize that budget decisions in this on-going pandemic are more difficult than usual and we appreciate the thought and consideration provided by this committee. We also applaud the continuing work of the school district's financial team to discover and correct old issues and to find new savings. We are confident the surprise discoveries will decrease, and we hope the savings will increase. However, we continue to believe that the increasing portion of the budget spent on salaries and transportation must not crowd out other spending necessary to maintain and improve our student's academic performance.

General Government
Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government
Capital Budget

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BOE Operating Budget

The Board of Directors of PTA Council supports the operating budget as submitted by the BOE to the BET (I can work a few more acronyms in there if you want). Although the requested operating amount is in excess of guidelines, it is reasonable when viewed with the knowledge of current year Special Education expenditures, which would account for one-third of the difference, with the restoration of a baseline of spending on supplies accounting for most of the other two-thirds.

BOE Capital Budget

The proposed Capital Budget passed by the Board of Education addresses only some of the maintenance, safety, and ADA and soil remediation needs for the District's assets. There is a long list of other projects that are equally critical but which have not been proposed because of limited management bandwidth and money. Any projects delayed this year will merely push back other needs to future years. Specifically, recognizing the uncertainty around approvals for WMS remediation, we fully support whatever path guarantees that this project will be completed as soon as possible. We urge the First Selectman and BET to fully support the Capital budget as approved by the BOE.

Other FY 2021-2022
Budget Comments

Thank you again for your efforts.

Attach additional FY
2021-2022 Budget
comments

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I am a Town of
Greenwich resident.

I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Dan

Last Name Ozizmir

Affiliation Self

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Email Address

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Your Organization RTM District 5

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget The Town and BOE should show fiscal restraint on spending. Spending has exceeded inflation for years, increasing the burden on residents.

General Government Operating Budget Target costs including benefits. This year the BET in their guidelines showed more information on the cost of benefits by department.

General Government Capital Budget The BET should focus on keeping Capital spending within its guidelines.

BOE Operating Budget BOE should review its programs, a process that is long overdue and identify underperforming programs so valuable resources can be focused on.

BOE Capital Budget Plan should be reviewed given lower enrollment in the future. Enrollment projections have been too high versus actual. The plan should be amended with more realistic assumptions given longterm demographic realities. Priority should be placed on ADA, HVAC and security.

Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments The town should strongly support the FS's initiative to address TNW. We are the only town that owns a nursing home in New England. This creates a yearly financial burden of several million dollars a year for Greenwich tax payers. The only way to assure best practice is to free TNW from town ownership and management.

Attach additional FY 2021-2022 Budget comments *Field not completed.*

I am a Town of Greenwich resident. I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Robert

Last Name Andriano

Affiliation Self

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Phone Number

Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget I am strongly opposed to raising the Mill Rate which has been continuing to increase for many years past.

General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget Must adjust future budgets to keep debt levels and debt payments constant. Do not incur more debt - look for donors to fund any "nice-to-have" projects. Do not start projects based on wishful thinking that donors "might" step up. Focus on savings on big-ticket items.

Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments *Field not completed.*

Attach additional FY 2021-2022 Budget comments *Field not completed.*

I am a Town of Greenwich resident. I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Lorelei

Last Name O'Hagan

Affiliation Self

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Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

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General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget Why has the Master Plan for schools not been prioritized properly? Why are there interim appropriations for Central Middle School walls, when the whole school needs to be replaced? Why has there been so little movement on the projects that were outlined years ago?

Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments This year, I'm hoping to see a new level of commitment to the investments in services Greenwich residents have requested year over year without result. The North West Fire House study was completed in 2019, with recommendation for a professionally staffed engine. The Julian Curtiss renovations are long overdue and the early Ed space/program is necessary. Central Middle School is crumbling and ugly and old, while Old Greenwich isn't ADA compliant. The Western play fields/toxin remediation have not been addressed. It's as if the town under Republican leadership will wait for a crisis, an

emergency before acting and even then, under-deliver on capital projects and infrastructure if it's for public use. Kicking the can down the road for 50 years is the epitome of fiscal irresponsibility and it's so 2020. Deliver us a budget that truly invests in our future. Thank you.

Attach additional FY 2021-2022 Budget comments

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I am a Town of Greenwich resident.

I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Diana

Last Name Singer

Affiliation Self

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Email Address

Phone Number

Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget Good evening. My name is Diana Singer and I represent D10. Fire safety for North West Greenwich is the most important budget item - lives continue to be endangered
1 RTM passed SOMR in '18 with overwhelming support. D10 fire slides have data.
2 Reason the North West fire study was deleted in '19 was for a town wide fire study.
3 Representations made at the time by the BOC and Finance and others said that "IF A STUDY CONFIRMED NORTH WEST NEEDED A FIRE STATION THEY WOULD FUND IT. Including on an interim basis if necessary.
4 MATRIX the study that the town paid \$100,00 to trust experts WHO CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANT PRESENT DANGER.

General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments *Field not completed.*

Attach additional FY 2021-2022 Budget comments *Field not completed.*

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Melissa

Last Name Tynan

Affiliation Self

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Email Address

Phone Number *Field not completed.*

Your Organization Julian Curtiss School - PTA Member

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

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General Government
Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government
Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget Dear Members of the BET,

By way of introduction, I am a parent with two children in the GPS school system. My husband and I have a 7-year old son Paul who is a second grader at Julian Curtiss (JC) as a zoned student and a 3-year old daughter Claudia as a preschooler at North Street School as a lottery student. This evening, I write to implore the BET to approve the GPS/BOE budget, including \$1.7M in funds for design planning for the JC renovation project. JC is in dire need of critical improvements to meet ADA compliance and mollify HVAC deficits, as well as essential renovations and expansion to include its updated security, nursing/health, science lab, and new preschool. Our children deserve a building and campus environment that's not just

accessible and safe, but also facilitates 21st century learning, promotes wellness, and fosters community. Should you agree, then I hope that you also realize that every aspect of the current JC renovation plan speaks to each of those goals.

In case you are unfamiliar, please let me share the JC school motto: "60 countries, 30 languages, one great school." As part of this community, I can tell that JC is truly a rare, special place where children of many heritages and socio-economic backgrounds come together in school everyday—working hard, learning, and growing. Within the walls of JC, Principal McGuire has led her teachers and students to be their best, respect and value one another, all the while achieving state-wide recognition for student academic growth. So much of what is represented in our school is difficult to find elsewhere in any school in Greenwich. There is no better place that I would rather have Paul practicing his reading and math skills while learning about unity, acceptance, individual worth, and belonging. I genuinely look forward to the day Claudia will join her older brother at JC.

Our family is one of 200+ JC families...it is on behalf of all of those families that I write to share that our community fully supports the much needed renovation of our building, grounds, and the addition of preschool classrooms. Our school building is now 75 years old and stands much in its original state. The proposed budget is undoubtedly a large expense; however, it is a worthwhile investment in our children, JC community, and Central Greenwich. Please be forward thinking and vote "yes" to its renovation and revitalization now for the next 75 years ahead and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration. Be well and safe.

Sincere regards,
Melissa Tynan
Greenwich Resident, District 1
For Safety.
For Health.
For Educational Opportunity.
For Julian Curtiss School.
For 21st Century Education in Greenwich Public Schools.

Other FY 2021-2022
Budget Comments

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Attach additional FY
2021-2022 Budget
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I am a Town of
Greenwich resident.

I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

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Your Organization	Julian Curtiss PTA
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FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

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General Government Capital Budget	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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BOE Operating Budget	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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BOE Capital Budget	<p>When our family left active duty naval service a year ago, we chose Greenwich, CT as our new home for three reasons: professional opportunities, a tight knit yet diverse community, and outstanding schools for our young daughters. These schools are made strong for several reasons: dedicated faculty, parental involvement, and ample resources. As the son of a middle school teacher and someone who has visited elementary and secondary schools in all 50 states, the education opportunities and dedication we have experienced in Greenwich are second to no one. However, to continue as such, these three factors must remain strong and steady. This is why I urge you to continue forward with the budget necessary for the design work to enable security and facility improvements at Julian Curtiss. If we want families just like</p>
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ours to continue coming to Greenwich, building our community and seeking a better life for themselves, then all of our schools, and really our kids, deserve to have key necessities like an HVAC and proper security in order to create the optimal learning environment. If one school is below that standard then it weakens our entire community and cheapens what we say is most important in education. There are many upgrades and improvements which would be “nice to have” in all of our schools. In the case of Julian Curtiss, these are basic “needs” which we owe to every family attending any school in Greenwich. I urge you to enthusiastically approve them. Thank you for the tireless and thankless work you do on behalf of our community. In an era where partisanship is fashionable, your civility and selfless service is commendable.

Other FY 2021-2022
Budget Comments

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Attach additional FY
2021-2022 Budget
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I am a Town of
Greenwich resident.

I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Mimi

Last Name Duff

Affiliation Self

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Email Address

Phone Number

Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget	I am writing as a parent in the district, as I have four daughters that attend the public schools (GHS, Western Middle and Parkway). I fully support the proposed budgets for both operating and capital, as put forth by Dr. Jones. Dr Jones and her staff have proven themselves to be diligent stewards of town funds, and ask for necessary but not wasteful expenditures. Greenwich is a special place, with strong schools, but if the schools budgets continue on a scrimp-and-save trajectory, it will be a town of beautiful land and weekend homes, as no one will want to send their children to school here... Many of our schools are beyond their stated life and need capital improvements, not to mention the various ADA compliance issues which must be addressed without delay.
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BOE Capital Budget	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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I am a Town of Greenwich resident.	I agree.
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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Bob

Last Name Chaney

Affiliation Self

If "Other" please explain here: *Field not completed.*

Email Address

Phone Number

Your Organization Julian Curtiss Parent

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government
Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government
Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

Other FY 2021-2022
Budget Comments As a parent of 2 children who attend Julian Curtiss, I want to ask that the BET please vote in support of the 1.7 million dollars in the current budget. Julian Curtiss, after 75 years of only minimal renovation, is in dire need of essential construction and renovation to bring it up to code. Julian Curtiss has serious issues with accessibility, security and their HVAC system. These three items are not up to code and they need to be addressed now.

Attach additional FY
2021-2022 Budget
comments *Field not completed.*

I am a Town of
Greenwich resident. I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Joanna

Last Name Swomley

Affiliation Self

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Email Address

Phone Number

Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget

In 2018 the Town overwhelmingly agreed that fire coverage in the NW part of town was inadequate and by a huge margin (126-55-3) said it wanted the Town to remedy the situation. The FS and BET put funds in the budget for a site study which the RTM removed in 5/19 because it wanted confirmation of need from an independent study. At that hearing, the Finance and BOC Committees, as well as multiple others who wanted to delay the project pending receipt of the study, represented that if the study confirmed need, they would support adding the funds back in and moving to get a professionally staffed NW Fire Station. The link to that meeting where it is clear that the RTM supported proceeding with a professionally staffed NW station is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qJSBflZmj0>. We now have the results of that study and it confirms that the NW area needs 24/7 professionally staffed fire coverage. It is time to put the funds necessary to get one into the budget and stop what is essentially a decades-long delay. We are one event away from a catastrophic event that could be avoided or at least mitigated.

General Government Operating Budget

As discussed above, the Town supports expending (and we need) funds for professionally staffed fire fighters for the NW part of Greenwich 24/7.

General Government Capital Budget

As discussed above, the Town supports expending (and we need) funds for professionally staffed fire fighting engine company in the NW part of Greenwich 24/7. They will need a place to be housed so we need funds for building a fire station.

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments	To the extent the above remarks should have been directed to the Fire Department budget, please consider them restated fully herein in connection with that budget. Thank you.
Attach additional FY 2021-2022 Budget comments	<i>Field not completed.</i>
I am a Town of Greenwich resident.	I agree.

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Janet

Last Name McMahon

Affiliation Self

If "Other" please explain here: *Field not completed.*

Email Address

Phone Number

Your Organization GPS Parent, taxpayer, RTM member in District 8

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget I fully support the BOE's fiscally responsible budget in its entirety and encourage every member of the Budget Committee to do so as well. Any additional cuts to staffing and services would be extremely short sighted given our known exposure in Special Ed outplacements and staff deficiencies in Special Ed, not to mention the budget cut last year.

BOE Capital Budget When evaluating the BOE's capital budget, enrollment numbers must not be a singular driver in funding capital projects. Enrollment projections are just that - projections - and are subject to volatility and inaccuracy. Just because we have not seen increased enrollment this year - while currently in the midst of the pandemic - enrollment may very well still increase next year and in future years. The net effects of this pandemic are as yet unknown, far-reaching and are likely to be multi-

year. Capital projects must be viewed as a 50-75 year investment, not a 10 year one.

Other FY 2021-2022
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Our town's financial position and our town's grand list continues to grow despite the pandemic. See attached real estate report from my trusted real estate agent Bill Andruss (whom I highly recommend, BTW!). There is no need to continue to tighten our belts to the detriment of this town. Our town's most vulnerable residents are by and large NOT homeowners, but rather renters, who will be directly and disproportionately affected by our town's budget. Decreasing the mill rate in order to ease their financial burden is a strawman argument. While the millrate should be balanced against needs versus wants, the town needs a strong public school district to remain competitive against other peer communities in Fairfield and Westchester Counties, all of whom have much higher mill rates.

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I am a Town of
Greenwich resident.

I agree.

BET Budget Committee January 26, 2021 Public Hearing Comment Form

Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Pamela

Last Name Karetsky

Affiliation Self

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Email Address

Phone Number

Your Organization family council NW and sister of current NW resident

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Operating Budget I am Pamela Ribak Karetsky a lifelong resident of Greenwich.

I currently have a 51 year old handicapped sister at NW. I am writing to you on her behalf.

As you may know, the 1987 Nursing Home Reform Act provided for the establishment of volunteer family councils for the purpose of improving the quality of care and resident life in a facility.

In addition to being born and raised here, I have also raised a family here.

As a lifelong resident of Greenwich and family member of a current resident of NW I urge you to support the proposed budget for Nathaniel Witherell, as submitted by our First Selectman, and without further modification.

In The Nathaniel Witherell, Greenwich is fortunate to have one of the best nursing homes in the country. This is notable as the Town has articulated the goal of being an age friendly

community. A proper level of Town funding, strong community involvement and a top notch staff have worked together to make this a 5 star facility, the top government ranking for nursing homes.

Your support of the proposed budget is key to:

1. Enabling the new Witherell management team, in place since last spring, to achieve financial sustainability.
2. Being able to maintain a high level of end of life care for many of our residents, as well as short term rehab.
3. Attracting an exceptional level of volunteer support within the community.

Our town is one of can-do attitudes, privilege and possibilities. In the same way that we have recognized the importance of having exceptional public schools, well maintained infrastructure, top notch recreation facilities, accessible community centers and libraries, and outstanding public safety resources, let us please remember one thing: We will all get old and some may become sick...you or someone in your family may need to become a resident of Witherell one day.

Thank you.

Pamela Ribak Karetsky

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First Name Cheryl

Last Name Moss

Affiliation Self

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Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

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General Government Capital Budget Regarding NW fire station : 1) the Town spoke on desire and need for a NW Fire Station through a SOMR in fall, 2018 (vote: 126-55-3); 2) FS and BET put in \$\$ for a site survey in 2019; 3) BET removed it pending confirmation by the independent study of a need in the NW (link to 5/19 budget hearing is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qJSBflZmj0>); 4) Matrix confirmed need for a professionally staffed engine company in the NW; 5) Per GFD, RTM and prior budget plans and representations, the Town must put the funds in. We cannot afford further delays.

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BET Budget Committee January 26, 2021 Public Hearing Comment Form

Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Sheilah

Last Name Smith

Affiliation Self, Other

If "Other" please explain here: Please see below

Email Address

Phone Number

Your Organization Nathaniel Witherell Family Council

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Operating Budget I am Sheilah Smith, Co-Chair (along with Amy Badini) of the Nathaniel Witherell Family Council whose members have or have had family at Witherell. As you may know, the 1987 Nursing Home Reform Act provided for the establishment of volunteer family councils for the purpose of improving the quality of care and resident life in a facility. Also, I have lived and worked in Greenwich since 1984, and raised a family here. On behalf of the Family Council, I urge you to support the proposed budget for Nathaniel Witherell, as submitted by our First Selectman, and without further modification.

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First Name	Jill
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Your Organization	Julian Curtiss PTA
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First Name Gerald

Last Name Anderson

Affiliation Self

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Your Organization District 10

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

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General Government Capital Budget Matrix unequivocally agreed that the northern sectors of Town need enhanced fire response. (P. 112). They acknowledge that "a career staffed engine company" needs to be added in the area and they recommend adding them at the RHVFD. (P. 119). Additionally, Matrix proposed that in future years the Town should develop still another career firehouse on North Street. These were among twenty-two recommendations set out from Pages 95 through 125. It's time to move forward and fund Round Hill Fire Station.
see attached PDF "Important points from the MATRIX Study"

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First Name	Sandra
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BOE Operating Budget	Watching and expecting that Greenwich schools will be fully funded. My family moved here for the excellent schools.
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BOE Capital Budget	Watching and expecting that schools will be fully funded. My family moved here for the excellent schools.
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Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments	Given the town's strong financial position, I expect schools to be fully funded.
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General Government Capital Budget	If there are any planned road improvements in Greenwich, I ask that the BET consider including in the budget desperately needed road/sidewalk/curb repairs/replacements in the western part of Greenwich on Weaver Street.
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BET Budget Committee January 26, 2021 Public Hearing Comment Form

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General Government Operating Budget	I encourage the BET to carefully review any incremental spending given that our Town is still operating in a COVID recovery environment.
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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Vince

Last Name DiMarco

Affiliation Self

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Your Organization Pedal Greenwich

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

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General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget On behalf of Pedal Greenwich and as a founding member and last chairman of Greenwich Safe Cycling I wish to add the following perspective to other testimony in support of funding for the East-West Bike Study.

A bicycle network study was funded a little more than 20 years ago, and led to the creation of the Greenwich Bicycle Master Plan, completed in 2001 under a previous Public Works Commissioner and a different Administration. For a number of successive years, a line item was requested for gradual implementation of plan recommendations, but very little happened, until eventually our current DPW agreed a new study is needed to address the current conditions. The current bike infrastructure is very limited compared to the surrounding towns so it needs to be addressed in this year budget. To date, these have amounted to:

- (4) single bike route symbols on Sound Beach Avenue,
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- Permanent bike racks in some parking lots and parks, train stations and at some public buildings,
- Approximately (20) bike warning signs on major north-south roads.
- Temporary racks on and or adjacent to Greenwich Avenue,

The pandemic amplified the need for cycling and dramatically increased bike ownership. It should be noted that car affordability is not within the reach of all Greenwich residents, and some new bike owners are relying on them to commute to work, shopping, etc. Also, it is clear that the rising tide of electric –assisted bikes and other micro-mobility options must be addressed.

The proposed East-West Bike Route Study will:

- Provide needed education on rules of the road
- Improve safety for all road users
- Open the opportunity for cycling to become an alternative form of transposition especially to local shops, schools and work.
- Provide health benefits of exercise
- Improve mental health during stressful times.
- Support the economic recovery post-pandemic
- Decrease the use of motor vehicles, improving the air and storm water quality and decreasing noise pollution
- Ease parking demand
- Invigorate the neighborhoods with attractive and colorful bike infrastructure
- Increase affordability and equity in town.
- Solve the problems of riding on the sidewalks, busy and dangerous streets, and clearly define the use of bikes in public parks

Please pass this funding request on to the RTM for consideration for this year budget.

Vince DiMarco

BOE Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

Other FY 2021-2022
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I am a Town of Greenwich resident.	I agree.
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**Town of
Greenwich
Conservation Commission**

Town Hall – 101 Field Point Road - Greenwich, CT 06830
Phone 203-622-6461 Fax 203-622-3795

*Patricia Sesto
Director*

January 25, 2021

Michael Mason, Chairman
Board of Estimates and Taxation
101 Field Point Road
Greenwich, CT 06839

RE: East – West Bike Route Study funding request

The Conservation Commission would like to express their overwhelming support for the *East – West Bike Route Study* for the fiscal year 21-22. The Commission submitted this request as such a study is long overdue and now, as the community copes with and recovers from COVID, designated cycling routes are vital.

- Sales of adult bikes ballooned by 121% in March 2020, as compared to the same month the year before. The number would be even higher if not for the limited supply.
- According to UConn's Crash Data Repository, last year despite dramatically decreased traffic on the roads, there was an 11% increase in accidents involving bikes.
- Mobile sources are the single largest contributors to state greenhouse gas emissions (38%). Greenwich ranks the worst in Connecticut in terms of high ozone levels.
- Cycling should be embraced in Greenwich as an alternative transportation method because it generates zero emissions, avoids and decreases traffic on the roads, and curbs the need for parking.
- A vibrant and dynamic cycling community will boost the sales at local stores, attract tourists, and support local economy. The Policy Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts Amherst found public investments in bicycling infrastructure create more jobs per dollar spent than motor vehicle investments.

The creation of an east-west bike route network, the *East – West Bike Route Study* will be responsive to concerns of public safety, local pollution, and economic vitality. Commissioning this study in FY21-22 will be responsive to capitalizing on fundraising capacity and the potential for seizing grant opportunities.

The commission *currently* anticipates being able to raise 50% of the studies' cost. The expectation is largely founded on momentum triggered by COVID and changes in habit. The

success of securing federal grants is predicated on having “shovel-ready” projects that allow submissions in often short application periods. By pushing this capital request off, Greenwich will undercut our positioning to offset its costs as we lose existing fundraising momentum and let grant opportunities pass by due to a lack of preparedness.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William C. Rutherford". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

William Rutherford
Chairman

Patricia Sesto
Director

cc: Fred Camillo, First Selectman

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First Name John

Last Name Ryan

Affiliation Self

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Your Organization *Field not completed.*

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General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget I live at 61 Weaver Street. I'm in support of the sidewalk maintenance and repair, in the Highway Maintenance Budget, slatted for Weaver Street near the Greenwich Office Park. The unsafe sidewalk in this area has been neglected for years in such a high traffic and very visible section of town. It's important that sidewalk maintenance projects like this one are prioritized for the safety of our residents and our children.

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BET Budget Committee January 26, 2021 Public Hearing Comment Form

Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name Jane

Last Name Sprung

Affiliation Self

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Your Organization *Field not completed.*

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget

1. The town of Greenwich and CT are still suffering from an economic fallout from COVID. On behalf of my family and constituents, I request that the BET keeps the budget flat and mindful of the consequences of higher taxes.
2. Remove/postpone the \$27M Julian Curtis improvement due to the shrinking yearly attendance of the school.

General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget Revisit expenses

BOE Capital Budget Revisit capital budget based up on the recent HVAC replacement which was projected to be \$4.2M and will actually cost \$1.4M.

Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments *Field not completed.*

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I agree.

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Last Name	McNulty
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BOE Capital Budget	Dear Mr. Mason and the Members of the Board of Estimation and Taxation,
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of Julian Curtiss School.

I have been a Greenwich resident for 24 years and a proud Julian Curtiss parent for 13. Although our 3 children have graduated from Julian Curtiss, our youngest is at CMS, we still regard JC as an important part of our family and the community where we live and work. As a former member of the JC PTA Executive Board including 3 years as Treasurer, I have a keen understanding of the school finances and structural issues. I'm

so pleased the BET 2021-2022 budget includes funds to continue the process for critical renovations to JC. I'm writing today in support of this \$1.7M investment.

As a taxpayer, we see JC as a community anchor and key part of the downtown framework. Greenwich Ave and the surrounding neighborhood that includes JC is for many, the first introduction to Greenwich. Built in 1947 the school has had minimal renovations in nearly 75 years. The proposed updates are critical to bring this school into the 21st Century and most importantly to maintain a safe learning environment for JC students and staff.

While JC may not have the biggest school population it is the most diverse with a student body representing over 60 countries and 30 languages. Now more than ever diversity should be supported and celebrated. The JC community blends a wide range of cultures, languages, and economic levels-from Wilber Peck to Belle Haven. The investment in renovations at JC is an excellent way for the BET to showcase their dedication to supporting diversity in Greenwich.

As JC parent alum, taxpayer, and member of the community we want our children's former school to maintain the level of structural excellence Greenwich residents expect and taxpayers deserve. Please keep Julian Curtiss in the budget for these important improvements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Last Name	Castrigano
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Your Organization	Greenwich Country Day School
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General Government Capital Budget	I am the Assistant Director of Sustainability at Greenwich Country Day School. The Town should fund the East-West Bike Route Study.
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The planet has warmed approximately 1.2 degrees Celsius compared to preindustrial times. In order for humans to have a chance at limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees or 2 degrees Celsius of warming as outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, we must rapidly transform all aspects of society away from fossil fuels. Catastrophic warming has already become apparent in the last few years, with increased natural disasters, species extinction, melting glaciers, and ocean acidification.

We have to play our part here in Greenwich as well. What does that mean right now? It means prioritizing bicycle infrastructure so fewer people drive their own motor vehicles.

Imagine the joyful world we could create in Greenwich if all people, including children, could enjoy protected bike lanes on the Post Road. What an amazing place that would be.

Warm Regards,
Dan Castrigano

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Choose the topic and write your comments below.

First Name JP

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Affiliation Self

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BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget Dear Mr. Mason and the Members of the Board of Estimation and Taxation,

Good evening, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you in support of Julian Curtiss School.

The richness of the diversity at JC was a key factor when we purchased a home in the Milbrook section of Greenwich 20 years ago. Our four children attended Julian Curtiss as far back as 17 years ago, and as recently as two years ago. Two of our children are in college now; one a senior at the University of Michigan and one a sophomore at Dartmouth College. Currently in the

Greenwich Public School system we have a senior at GHS and an eighth-grader at Central. We very much appreciate the value of the Greenwich Public School system and the very positive impact it has had on our children.

We fully support the \$1.7M in the budget to create a plan for the renovation at JC in 2022-23. This will allow JC to address the sorely needed enhancements in security, ADA accessibility, and HVAC, and look ahead to the future for forward-thinking needs. As a Magnet School, JC serves the greater Greenwich population and in particular, those attracted to its diversity and its advanced language curriculum. In fact, 26% of the students in attendance come from outside JC's district. The investment in JC not only benefits the children, but as potential new home buyers evaluate options, it makes Greenwich an even more attractive value proposition for incoming families. In addition, it would also increase current homeowner's home values.

Please keep the \$1.7M earmarked for Julian Curtiss in the capital budget.

Thank you for your consideration,

JP Muir

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First Name	Marcia
Last Name	O'Kane
Affiliation	Self
If "Other" please explain here:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Your Organization	Greenwich Chamber of Commerce

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget	On behalf of Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, we endorse the funding for the East-West Bike Route Study in the town budget. New bike lanes in Greenwich will improve access to shopping centers and attract more tourists and business to town. Not only will bike lanes decrease congestion on the roads but will bring a vitality to our town.
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First Name Jaime

Last Name Patten

Affiliation Self

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General Government
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General Government
Capital Budget I am writing to express the importance and show support for the new East-West Bike Route Study.

Please consider the following and why the plan is so important:

1. The increase of bike sales, even though kept down by low supplies, had exceeded 121% in 2020 comparing to 2019.
2. Cyclist are not allowed in public parks or on sidewalks.
3. There is only one bike lane in Old Greenwich.
4. Increased number of cyclists results in conflict between other vehicles and pedestrians.
5. Greenwich's roads are not safe for bike riding
6. Cycling is a great way of commuting to school and work. Cycling is well established in other towns and used as an alternative transportation and important micro mobility.
7. Cycling decreases need for parking and paving
8. Cycling creates no greenhouse gases and is emission free.

9. Exercising and being outside is not only important for our physical health, but also mental health
10. Riding bike allows for social distancing.
11. Bikes are not expensive so they are important to those who do not own a car.
12. E-bikes make them easy to ride for elderly and physically challenged.
13. Cycling creates a sense of community and improves local economy.
14. Walking and biking should be the two major components of every transportation plan
15. Cycling is environmentally friendly and helps to cut down on air and noise pollution, protects the soil and limits the need for car infrastructures.

Thank you,
Jaime Patten

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

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Last Name	Paccione
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Your Organization	<i>Field not completed.</i>
FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT	
General Budget	<i>Field not completed.</i>
General Government Operating Budget	<i>Field not completed.</i>
General Government Capital Budget	I represent the Pheasant Run Condominium Association as President of the Board of Directors at 73 Weaver St. The Pheasant Run Association is supportive of this years Capital Improvements of sidewalks/curbs and roads along this neglected section of Weaver St (East End), which has heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. This is primarily a safety issue and portrays this area of Greenwich negatively.
BOE Operating Budget	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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First Name Stephanie

Last Name Cowie

Affiliation Other

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Your Organization GHS PTA

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General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget The GHS PTA respectfully requests your careful and thoughtful consideration of the GPS 2021-2022 Operating and Capital budgets as presented by Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent of GPS.

With respect to the 2021-2022 BOE Operating and Capital Budgets, we encourage the BET to support the operating and capital budgets as presented by Dr. Jones. We would like to personally thank Dr. Jones and her team for working tirelessly throughout the year to provide our children, faculty and staff a safe place to learn and to work.

Budget season seems to be a very contentious time for everyone. We are hopeful that cooler minds will prevail and make

the right educational decisions for our students as we move forward through the pandemic.

Technology and textbooks continue to be a priority at GHS. As technology needs continue to increase, we believe this is a very important part of the 2021-2022 operating budget. Education delivery is evolving, and our faculty and students deserve cutting edge technologies to meet these needs. While some feel the need for textbooks are obsolete, the importance of textbooks cannot be understated. Students simply cannot do everything on their devices. Textbook investments have been minimal in the last three years. This budget decision needs to change for the 2021-2022 school year.

We thank you for your support and for your consideration of these matters during these challenging times.

Terry Lamantia & Stephanie Cowie
Co-Presidents
GHS PTA

BOE Capital Budget

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We are pleased that both the Cardinal Stadium and the GHS Front Entryway projects are underway. We hope that the full completion of all phases of these projects continue to be a top priority for our District.

We thank you for your support and for your consideration of these matters during these challenging times.

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Affiliation Self

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BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget
Greenwich needs to step into the future and develop a safe bike plan to improve the quality of life for our children. Right now kids who ride bikes lives are at risk. That is unacceptable. A safe bike plan would allow children to commute to school, to parks and to commercial centers. A safe bike plan would reduce the emissions we put in their atmosphere and help to develop an economy that builds on a clean, safe and healthy environment for all children. It really is a question of equity. Cars hog the roadways at the detriment to everyone, especially children. Would you rather see your kids on a bike or in front of a video game?

1. Safe bicycle lanes encourage cyclists to ride instead of drive, keeping emissions out of the atmosphere.
2. Our children deserve safe, outdoor access to cycling recreation. It should be the right of all children.
3. Bike lane infrastructure attracts new, young residents to the Town, bringing new vitality, economic and cultural.

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Last Name Popp

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General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget RE: Julian Curtiss School
Remove \$27 million renovation/expansion from FY '21-22 capital budget

I am writing to recommend that the \$27 million Julian Curtiss School (JC) capital project be removed from the FY '21-22 budget. The following provides you with rationale.

Project expands capacity.
The new school will grow elementary capacity to 330 students

(PreK-5: 350). That represents an 8% increase over Actual Capacity of 306, as reported in the 2018 Facility Master Plan (FMP).

Significant JC enrollment decline.

Over the past five years, the number of JC students has declined from 361 to 272 (-89 students, -25%).

Looking forward, enrollment at the school is forecasted to continue its decline. In fact, in just seven years, projected enrollment is expected to fall below 200, bottoming at 199 students. That would suggest 40% of the new facility could be empty, and enrollment would have to grow 66% to reach full capacity.

Historical data inflated the need to build capacity.

Rapid demographic shifts are occurring in central Greenwich. The FMP reported JC's Planning Target enrollment as 342 students, a number reflecting a past era and far removed from today's reality. As a result, the ed specs significantly inflated capacity needs and erroneously recommended a larger-than-needed school. The 2020 GPS Enrollment Report (11/5/20, p12) summed up the concern nicely, "Over the ten-year projection period, I believe projected enrollment in the school (JC) could average about 215 students compared to the average of 328 students observed over the past ten year."

K-12 enrollment is in a decade-long decline.

The district is in an extended period of declining enrollment. Over the past four years, the district's K-5 enrollment declined by 350 students (-8%), a number that is greater than or close to the enrollment at eight of the district's elementary schools. And over the next decade, K-12 enrollment is forecasted to decline from 8,818 to 8,132 students, representing a drop of 686 students or -8%.

Abundance of excess elementary capacity exists.

An abundance of excess capacity exists in our elementary schools. According to the FMP, today's elementary capacity is about 4,300 students (taking into account larger New Lebanon School). Given current elementary enrollment of 3,804 students, the system has a surplus of roughly 500 available seats. And, according to a March 2017 document Interim Superintendent Sal Corda forwarded to CT Department of Administrative Services, elementary capacity was reported at 5,256 students, prior to the supersizing of New Lebanon School. Based on this document, the number of surplus elementary seats tops 1,450.

Spending on lavish features is not fiscally prudent.

The recent addition of a science room to the JC ed specs is an unnecessary luxury. For starters, a science room does not

support the JC's World Languages magnet theme, and the district's attempt to create "uniformed" elementary schools reduces the draw of JC's theme. Also, it's important to note that Riverside School, the highest performing elementary school in the district, doesn't have a science room. A few years back, an empty classroom was called a "Science Room." However, its primary use was for storage of abandoned science kits, outdated reading books, and used school supplies. In addition, outdoor courtyards add comfort and pleasure but are not essential. These spaces have no impact on standardized test scores, are little used by teachers, and require additional custodial attention to maintain.

End to neighborhood schools.

The district has been building larger-than-needed schools during an extended period of declining enrollment while excess classroom space is available. This is a one way journey, and the endpoint is clear. One, maybe two, of our elementary schools will have to be mothballed, and that is in stark contrast to our district's neighborhood school core principle.

Many schools are not ADA compliant.

It is hard to justify the cost of expanding JC when many of our schools have not been ADA compliant for decades. Prioritizing ADA issues would help avoid unnecessary lawsuits.

BOE's vote lacks consensus.

Last month the BOE voted in favor of the proposed new school's ed specs. However, the 5-3 margin of approval was not a vote of conviction or confidence.

Conclusion.

It would be prudent to withdraw the \$27 million JC plan from the capital budget. Expanding capacity while enrollment is falling and an abundance of excess capacity exists is problematic. It could result in the closure of a school.

Sincerely,

Alex Popp
Byram

Source:

2020 GPS Enrollment Report

2018 GPS Facility Master Plan

Elementary Square Footage, Enrollment and Capacity (March 2017)

2017 GPS Enrollment Report

2015 GPS Enrollment Report

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General Budget	Please keep the East-West Bike Route Study in the First Selectman's budget. Safe bike lanes in Greenwich are essential and we much prioritize alternative means of transportation. Greenwich is very congested with cars, and we need to provide and build out safe, secure biking paths.
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FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget

It has been almost one year since the COVID-19 pandemic came to Greenwich. With many unknowns, the BET, along party lines, decided to forgo the recommendations of the budget committee and instead implement an across the board 0% budget increase. Since then we have learned quite a bit. Most importantly, we have learned that the people most negatively impacted by the pandemic were low-wage earners, particularly women, most of whom do not feel the benefit of a 0% mill rate increase. We saw that our wealthiest residents made substantial gains in their portfolios and proportionally saw much less unemployment. We saw the real estate market explode, bringing with it conveyance tax revenue and more residents stimulating our local economy. We saw that the town's budget didn't really suffer. And we saw that the state's deficit has turned into a surplus while the state's rainy day fund reached its maximum, forcing the state to use the excess. We have also seen shockingly low rates on municipal bonds. We need to budget for the times and plan for the future. We need to support those in our community that are in great need and spend more to stimulate the local economy and job market. It is concerning to see the BET again, and along party lines, make the claim that more belt-tightening is needed, push

for a smaller than needed BOE budget, and provide inadequate capital funding for maintenance and much-needed upgrades to our town facilities. Greenwich is deteriorating and services we cherish are being undermined by a fixation on our incredibly low mill rate. I implore you to take a more thoughtful, data-driven, forward-looking approach to the town's finances starting with the FY21-22 budget.

General Government
Operating Budget

There are many apparent inefficiencies in our town operations. Please encourage and support the implementation of key performance indicators to aid in identifying where opportunities for improvement may reside and to celebrate and learn from our successes. It will take a few years to reap the results, but having a better understanding of our operations. I would also suggest that we invest in operations technology improvements that, for example, allow departments to share resident data or use a single vendor for credit card processing. Provide more accessible, consistent, and clear information to residents using town services to reduce the need for people to need assistance from employees who can then better focus on their other responsibilities.

General Government
Capital Budget

I would like to express my very strong support for funding the bike route study in the proposed capital budget. In 1999 I bicycled across the US from Oregon home to NYC. As you can imagine, I encountered a wide array of road conditions, trails, and routes across varied terrain. But here in Greenwich, I do not feel safe enough to ride and I definitely do not feel safe riding anywhere with my children unless they illegally ride on the sidewalk. Safe cycling infrastructure adds tremendous value to the communities that support them. Aside from the obvious health benefits, safe trails and routes provide an alternative to people commuting to the train, workplace, or school, which reduces traffic and pollution. They stimulate commerce and growth. It is a relatively inexpensive way to improve the quality of life in our community. I hope you will support this study and future implementation of safer cycling facilities in Greenwich.

I also want to note my support of the replacement of Dorothy Hamill Rink, although I would stress the importance of including the community in the planning process and urge that moving the location of the rink be a last resort. While the rink serves the local community with its classes and recreational skating opportunities, the property on which it sits is a valuable, multi-use open space containing multiple town assets. On the property sits a memorial to our local veterans which includes a grove of memorial trees, the Thomas Lyon House, the old Byram School (on the National Historic Register and now subsidized housing for elderly residents), McKinney Terrace, and Strazza Field. The view overlooking the Byram River and Port Chester is valued by the community. While I understand concerns about losing a

season or two of ice time, that alone is not a valid reason to reconfigure this property.

BOE Operating Budget	Please fully fund the BOE budget. Restore funding for supplies and books, professional development, and ensure that special education needs are met. District needs are not being met and it's showing.
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BOE Capital Budget	It's past time to make our schools ADA compliant. School buildings like CMS are in such poor shape they are a danger and a financial drain to maintain. We are facing lawsuits from people injured as a result of poor maintenance. If the initial plans from the consultants that developed the master facilities plan require revision, we should do it, but not at the expense of moving forward with the direst needs, which are plentiful.
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First Name Paul

Last Name Levine

Affiliation Other

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Phone Number

Your Organization Signature Cycles

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General Budget Please approve the study for the east-west bike route study. This will enhance the life's of many residents and tourists.

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First Name Robert

Last Name Koshar

Affiliation Other

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Your Organization Greenwich Bicycles

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

General Government Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Operating Budget *Field not completed.*

BOE Capital Budget *Field not completed.*

Other FY 2021-2022 Budget Comments As the owner of Greenwich Bicycles, I would like to add my support to the efforts of the Greenwich Conservation Commission to support the East-West Bike Route Study. The pandemic has resulted in a huge increase in bike riders and the need for bike friendly, safer routes in town. I can report that our 2020 bike sales more than doubled from 2019 despite a national bike shortage that has resulted in us turning away many would be bike buyers. We also had over a 1000% increase in pedal assist electric bike sales. Many of these new riders will use their

new bike instead of a car to make trips into town. This has the potential to impact the lack of parking in downtown Greenwich as every bike trip is one less parking space that will be taken up by a car as well as less air pollution and less traffic on local roads. The pandemic has resulted in more kids discovering cycling. We had a 90% increase in kids bike sales in 2020 vs 2019. These kids need safe routes to ride to school and to their friends.

Sincerely, Rob Koshar,

Greenwich Bicycles
35 Amogerone Crossway, Greenwich, CT

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FY 2021-2022 BUDGET TOPICS FOR COMMENT

General Budget	I am writing to urge your support for the East-West Bike Route Study that is included in the First Selectman's agenda. Safe and improved bicycle travel is essential for quality of life in Greenwich and for meeting our climate challenges. Bike sales have surged by 121% in 2020 and riders need safe options. Cyclists are not allowed in public parks or on sidewalks, and we currently have only one bike lane in Old Greenwich. Greenwich's winding and narrow roads are not safe for bikers. Please help promote cycling as an option for commuters and recreational cyclists by supporting this important study.
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