

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
500 TODD ROAD, WOLCOTT, CT
MAY 16, 2023
7:00 P.M.
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PUBLIC HEARING:

Town of Wolcott: FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget

Chairman Wisler called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rachel Wisler, Vice-Chairman Donald Charette Sr., Sean Hughes, Michael Macary, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Guerrera Jr., Terri Sheehan, Joseph Skerritt Jr. & Kaitlynn Styles

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas G. Dunn; Taxpayers: Janet Tynan; Peter Kaminski; et al.

CALL OF MEETING:

Mr. Hughes read the following legal notice into the record:

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**Dated Wolcott, CT
8th Day of May 2023
Rachler Wisler, Chairman
Wolcott Town Council**

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Monday, May 8, 2023**

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time, Chairman Wisler advised that the purpose of this hearing is to hear public opinion on the proposed budget and requested that anyone coming forward please sign in and state their name and address.

- 1. Janet Tynan, 3 Chandler Drive, Wolcott,** came forward and expressed her support of the proposed Library budget. She advised that she is President of the Friends of the Library and also a member of the Library Board of Directors. Mrs. Tynan spoke at length with regard to staffing, volunteering, and maintenance of the aging building. She stressed that reading is a very important lifelong skill. Lastly, she noted that the Library is an extremely valuable resource to residents of all ages.

Chairman Wisler inquired if anyone else would like to come forward to comment on the proposed budget.

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2. Peter Kaminski, 103 Coe Road, Wolcott, came forward and stated that although he is a member of the Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance Association, he is not speaking solely in support of its budget. He began by thanking the Town Council Members who have the unenviable task of trying to provide taxpayers with the same level of services while not raising taxes. A summary of his comments is as follows:

- He is a taxpayer in the Town of Wolcott; everyone can agree that expenses are through the roof (e.g., food, electricity, fuel, materials, etc.)
- He is the father of seven children, three of which are currently working their way through the Wolcott Public School system
- The educators and administrators of the Wolcott Public School system are among the best in the State
- Wolcott's first responders, (i.e., Fire, Police, Ambulance & Public Works) are the best he has ever worked
- He has worked in EMS in other states and there is no comparison as to the level of service, dedication, and professionalism that he has experienced in the Town of Wolcott
- Wolcott has the best ambulance service that he has seen bar none; the Ambulance employees, and the Fire, Police, and Public Works staff are teamed with dedicated experienced members, who work together seamlessly, many times in the worst weather
- Lastly, he expressed that although nobody wants their taxes raised, he is willing to pay more to continue to receive the outstanding services that the town provides

At this time, Chairman Wisler inquired several more times if anyone else would like to come forward, at which time there were no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Donald Charette, seconded by Joseph Skerritt, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the Public Hearing 7:09 p.m.

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APPROVED:

**Elizabeth Gaudiosi
Commission Secretary**

**Rachel Wisler, Chairman
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SIGN-IN SHEET

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FIRST & LAST NAME (Please Print) **ADDRESS (Please Print)**

1. Janet Tynan 3 Chandler Dr

2. Peter Kaminski 103 Loc Road

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