



**Town Council
Council Chambers
Windsor Town Hall
FEBRUARY 3, 2020
PUBLIC HEARING**

APPROVED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Mayor Trinks.

Present: Mayor Donald Trinks, Deputy Mayor Joe McAuliffe, Councilor Nuchette Black-Burke, Councilor Lisa Rampulla Bress, Councilor James Dobler, Councilor James Govoni, Councilor Donald Jepsen, Councilor Michael Tustin and Councilor Kenneth Wilkos

Mayor Trinks read aloud the notice of the public hearing to hear public comments on the FY 2021 budget development.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally Grossman, 106 Niles Road, and Rebecca Jacobsen, 54 Lighthouse Road, both parents of students at Poquonock School and members of the Poquonock School PTO gave the following comments.

Ms. Grossman stated that this summer Poquonock School will have renovations to its parking lot. The employee parking lot would be moved to where the existing playground is and the playground would have to be moved. Unfortunately, the existing playground can't just be moved to a new area, but would have to be replaced. The cost for a new playground is much greater than anticipated. Ms. Grossman hoped that the new playground could be more accessible to students with different needs or abilities.

Ms. Jacobsen stated that more accessibility to the playground would benefit Windsor. She stated that the school is the most easily accessible playground in town. Having a more accessible playground would behoove us. Ms. Jacobsen noted that in West Hartford, there is an accessible playground called Jonathan's Dream that attracts people far and wide and makes West Hartford look good. We do not have that kind of budget though. She expressed that she wanted this for Windsor.

Ms. Grossman stated that she heard the Town Manager say there was a \$40,000 price tag for the playground. She stated that she worked with various companies to get quotes and \$150,000 would get a playground that isn't crazy. It's not going to be cheap. Ms. Grossman noted that since the parking lot would be getting paved, various areas near where the playground would go would be paved for better accessibility. We are hoping that the town budget includes enough money for a new playground. Ms. Grossman

added that the new playground would not just be wheelchair accessible with ramps and platforms, but it should have sensory boards and items like. She stated it's a bigger process than was realized when they started this endeavor. It is hoped that the Council takes this all into consideration when crafting the budget.

3) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trinks declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ozaki
Recording Secretary