To provide an opportunity for interested electors and/or taxpayers* to express their views regarding the Town Manager’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Mayor DelBuono called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.

- Town Manager Chapman reviewed his budget in detail. The Town Manager’s proposed budget for 2022-2023 is $132,903,968, an increase of $3,499,060 (2.7%) with the increase attributed mainly to debt service payments, capital improvements and salary increases for both the Town and Board of Education budgets. The Town Manager’s presentation/proposed budget are available on the town’s website.
- Mayor DelBuono stated the council will be reviewing the budget in detail over the next several weeks. Budget schedule is available on the town’s website.
- Town Manager Chapman complimented the entire staff for all the work they have done on this budget.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that the staff has done a great job.

Public Participation

- Walt Zaplinski, 35 Whiteside Street. Liked idea of thinking out of the box. Unfortunately in the box thinking are continual cuts to education bothers me; need to rethink and add more money to education budget.
- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive. Came here tonight to see what was done in this room and budget presentation. Saddened to see this room is not accessible with television, technology, etc. Most interested in CIP. Regarding Kellogg Eddy and American Legion - what are they responsible for? Shook my head when I heard multi-use development on Cedar Mountain; 4th project proposed for that area. Would love to get out of my single family house into Senior Housing; but Newington offers nothing. Would like to see you get developers in here with affordable housing for seniors, nothing high end. What is planned for Kenney Manufacturing? Apartments may be good for town. Good luck with budget.

Mayor DelBuono adjourned the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon
Council Clerk

*Pursuant to §805 of the Town of Newington Charter