



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 19, 2024**  
**Town of Bethel, Connecticut**  
**Recommended Budget - Fiscal Year 2024 -2025**

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**Present:** Board of Finance members: Chair, Nick Ellis, John Lennon, and Cynthia McCorkindale, Will Duff, and Bob Manfreda. Dalene Foster was in the audience.

**Absent:** Bobbi Jo Beers

First Selectman Dan Carter, Selectman Terzian, Comptroller: Brad Heering, School Superintendent: Dr. Christine Carver, Director of Finance and Business Operations: Jen Variale, and Board of Education Chair: Scott Clayton. Selectman Straiton was in the audience.

Chair Nick Ellis opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Billy Michael (spoke twice), 27.5 Fleetwood Ave., among other comments, hard to support a tax increase

Jason Atkins, 7 Hollyberry Drive, spoke in support of pickleball in Bethel

Rob Jackson (spoke twice), 26 Deepwood Drive, among other comments, asked for clarification on parts of the budget

Tim Beeble, Registrar of Voters, addressed the issue/cost of Early Voting

Allison Kennedy, 13 Settlers Road; among other comments, supports the budget

Penny Kessler, 22 Spring Hill Lane, among other comments, supports the budget

Myra Drucker, 24 Wolfpits Road, among other comments, question on the fund balance

Hannah Patten, 199 Walnut Hill Road and a student at Bethel High School, comments on the tennis courts

Gabriela Hernandez, 114 Knollwood Drive, among other comments, questions regarding taxes, mill rate, and development

Paul Toaso (spoke twice), 4 Briar Ridge Drive, among other comments, question regarding grants for pickleball courts, and asked for updates on two projects

Paul Szatkowski, 24 Winthrop Road, among other comments, questions regarding items with a zero percent increase from BOE budget

George Dausch, 7 Cedar Drive, among other comments, keeping Bethel affordable

Allison Lynch, 14 Elgin Avenue, among other comments, planning and zoning comments

Brad Koltz, 1 Fairchild Drive, among other comments, questions on possibility of ordinance to help elderly or disabled

The meeting ended at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill

Recording Secretary