



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES MEETING ROOM
3 MAIN STREET, NEWTOWN

**These minutes are not finalized until approved
At the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

Chairman Paul Mangiafico called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Brian Budd, Joel Faxon, Andrew Sachs, and Paul Mangiafico.

ABSENT: James Viadero

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Michael Kehoe, Police Captain Jose Rios, Police Union President Scott Ruszczyk, 3 members of the press, and 5 members of the public

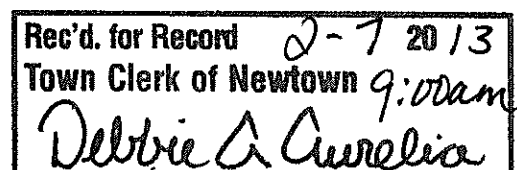
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none

POLICE UNION PARTICIPATION: Union President Ruszczyk thanked the Town for the negotiations with the Union with regard to the sick time usage for the officers involved in Sandy Hook. He added that this was a step in the right direction and a beginning.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION OF THE MINUTES FOR: REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 8, 2013: Commissioner Faxon moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2013 as corrected. Commissioner Budd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Correction: page 1, line 1 add the word "be" in between the words "would" and "very"

CHIEF'S REPORT: Personnel - Chief Kehoe told the Board that personnel were experiencing PTSD issues as a result of their involvement December 14. He indicated that the department had 5 officers out and hoped they would be back soon. The Chief noted that one was a long term issue. **Budget** - Chief Kehoe reported that they were experiencing high Over Time for a variety of reasons that they didn't expect. He noted that he had spoken to Finance Director Bob Tait about it. The Chief thanked Chairman Mangiafico, Commissioner Faxon, and Captain Rios for going to the last Budget meeting with the Board of Selectman while he was in Washington, DC. **Fleet** - Chief Kehoe indicated there was nothing new to report. **Training Report** - The Chief stated that they were keeping up with the training. **Letters of Gratitude** - none. **Correspondences** - Chief Kehoe indicated there were a lot and asked that they be attached to the evening's minutes. He noted that many of them were in support of the SRO's. The Chief informed Commissioners that they had just received a News Release from the School Security



Committee. He told the Board that the Committee meets at least once a week. He added that they are planning for the future and suggested that there are many physical changes and personnel changes that will occur. **Annual Report** – Chief Kehoe reported that the final version of the Annual Report was in the Commissioners packets.

Commissioner Budd told the Chief that he has read a lot about his visit to Washington, D.C., and his meeting with the President. The Commissioner asked the Chief how this might impact Newtown.

Chief Kehoe reported that several weeks ago his presence was requested by the Major Cities Chiefs and the Major Counties Sheriffs. He noted that they were able to speak with the Congress and he was invited to a Homeland Security Meeting.

The Chief stated that the last invitation he received was from the Vice-President to sit at a Round-Table discussion with the President and Vice-President. He suggested that the main question they entertained was “How so we strategize to make America safer?”

Commissioner Budd said that he heard the Chief did an excellent job representing the Town and the Country. The Chairman and other Commissioners all agreed.

Chairman Mangiafico reminded those in attendance at the meeting that the Board submitted its proposed budget right before December 14. He indicated that all the numbers they put in the budget did not reflect what happened in Sandy Hook. The Chairman added that one of the items that were most significantly impacted was the Over-Time.

In regards to the Annual Report, Chairman Mangiafico indicated his amazement with regard to the 30,700 calls that came in to the agency in a year. Commissioner Budd noted that the number includes self-initiated activity. Chief Kehoe told the Chairman that the number also includes Fire Department and Ambulance calls. The Chief added that the number was given to them by the Newtown’s Director of Communications.

CAPTAIN’S REPORT: Incident Analysis Report (December 2011/December 2012) –

Captain Rios told the Board that the number of building checks increased significantly. The Captain noted that since December 14 how the department does business has changed. **Traffic Unit Report** – Captain Rios suggested that the report was self explanatory. **Detective Division Report by Lt. Robinson** – The Captain said that the report Commissioners had was an overview about what’s going on in the Bureau. **Check Point** - Captain Rios reported that a Check Point was held in the Hawleyville area at Exit 9 from 7 pm this past Friday until 3 am Saturday officiated by Sergeant Cole and Sgt Kullgren. The Captain noted the following results of the check point: (3) minors arrested for possession of alcohol, (1) DUI for Marijuana, (2) infractions for possession of Marijuana and numerous other infractions.

Commissioner Faxon asked how many stops were made and Captain Rios said typically 500 to 800 vehicles. The Commissioner asked how many officers were needed and the Captain indicated that typically 7 to 8 officers and 1 supervisor.

School Security Update – Captain Rios suggested this update was not necessary as the Chief had already updated the Board on it.

Chairman Mangiafico informed the Captain that the First Selectman Pat Llodra wants a comprehensive report from the Committee and he asked the Captain if he had any idea how long that would take. Captain Rios said that was a good question and said the committee was trying to meet its short term and long term planning goals. The Captain added that they were trying to sort through a lot of material.

Chief Kehoe suggested they will be able to address the budget figure within the next couple of weeks. The Chief suggested that a critical part is getting all the information in.

Commissioner Faxon stated that they had received 30 emails - possibly more - many from people who have children in the school system, unanimous in supporting the SRO and trained police officers in all the schools in Newtown. That level of support from the Town is extraordinary, he

added. Commissioner Sachs noted that residents are in support of increases in the budget and taxes for the SRO's and extra officers. Commissioner Faxon agreed indicating people have expressed their support to do whatever it takes.

Commissioner Budd reminded the Board that manpower pre- December 14 was already down 2 officers. He added that with the PTSD the department may be down 5 or 6. He suggested that there needs to be a discussion with Mrs. Llodra to get extra officers to supplement and respond to calls just to survive.

Budget Presentation - Chairman Mangiafico stated that they presented the Department's Budget to the Board of Selectmen last week. He said that although the Budget was prepared prior to the incident on December 14 the presentation went smoothly. The Chairman suggested that the presentation went smoothly because the preparation job was exceptional and the fact that he and the Chief had met with the First Selectman for a pre-budget meeting. Chairman Mangiafico noted that prior to December 14 the agency was reduced by 3: 2 sworn personnel and 1 civilian. He added that they are dealing with a reduced work force despite increasing demands after Sandy Hook. The Chairman stressed that they need to do something about manpower.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Emails - Chairman Mangiafico suggested they have all received them. He noted that the emails were all very positive and stressed the need to strengthen security at the schools.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Mangiafico reminded the Board that the Board of Selectmen will present its budget - which includes the Police Departments - to the Board of Finance within the next couple of weeks. The budget will then go before the Legislative Council and the voters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none

COMMISSIONER'S PARTICIPATION: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:04 pm, Commissioner Faxon made a motion to move into executive session under General Statutes 1-210B3 to discuss an ongoing police investigation and General Statute 1210B8 to discuss strategy and negotiation of personnel matters and collective bargaining. He invited Chief Kehoe and Captain Rios to attend for a portion of the executive session. Commissioner Sachs seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

At this time the clerk left the meeting.

The Board exited executive session at 9:45 pm. No further business was conducted. Commissioner Buss moved to adjourn. Commissioner Budd seconded the motion was unanimously approved at 9:45 pm.

Ted Swigart, Clerk



NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

PRESS RELEASE
February 1, 2013

Newtown Security Committee

The Newtown Public Schools, in cooperation with the Newtown Police Department, has established a Security Committee to address immediate and long-term goals associated with building safety, personnel training, physical security measures, and recommendations for district security policy. The committee consists of members from local law enforcement, district administration, building administration, information technology, facilities, security, Newtown Federation of Teachers, educational assistants, teachers, and the Newtown Board of Education.

Members of the committee have visited each of the schools and have worked collaboratively with building principals to address immediate security needs. Procedures for emergency events, building access, and substitute teachers have been reviewed and updated to reflect increased levels of accountability and responsibility. As an example, all buildings already have a single controlled point of entry during the school day and this has been extended to include before and after the school day as well. Specific building access procedures for non-school groups have been distributed, updated expectations for parents and students will be sent home, and appropriate signage will be put in place.

Additional security personnel are being screened and selected so that at least one trained individual is at each school in the district. Newly hired security personnel will be trained internally before being deployed to their permanent post. As the additional personnel are activated, the presence of law enforcement officers at the buildings will be adjusted, resulting in the full-time presence of one police officer and at least one trained security officer at each building during regular school hours. This deployment is expected to take place shortly after the winter break.

school security

Tue 2/5/2013 5:12 PM

From: Kpmcheh

To: kpmcheh@aol.com, pjm215@aol.com, andy.sachs@cbmoves.com, jimvee1@aol.com, boedebbie@gmail.com, lrocheboe@gmail.com, codym.boe@gmail.com, whartboe@gmail.com, r.gaines.boe@charter.net, kalexander.boe@gmail.com, View All (45)

We are writing as Newtown residents and parents of a student at Reed Intermediate School and a student at the Middle School. We know that both of our children have expressed that they feel more comfortable and secure with a police presence in their buildings. Our daughter was reading in the library at the NMS (she was sitting out of gym class because of an injured finger) and was reading an assigned book from her English teacher-sitting alone in the library with the big glass walls, she got scared. Our son tells us every time he hears of another shooting or child kidnapping. Our kids are scared. We believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, and administrators is of utmost importance. We want to express our support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools, including the presence of School Resource Officers at all Newtown schools.

We will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

Patty & Keith Cheh

11 Middleton Road

2013-2014 school budget

Tue 2/5/2013 5:14 PM

From: James Carpenter

To: faxon@strattonfaxon.com, pjm215@aol.com, andy.sachs@cbmoves.com, jimvee1@aol.com, boedebbie@gmail.com, lrocheboe@gmail.com, codym.boe@gmail.com, whartboe@gmail.com, rgaines.boe@charter.net, kalexander.boe@gmail.com, View All (44)

Subject: Request for increased school security in 2013-14 budget

I am writing as a Newtown resident and parent of a student at Head O' Meadow Elementary School. I believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, and administrators is of utmost importance. I want to express my support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools, including the presence of Police Officers at all Newtown schools.

I will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

Cricket Carpenter

17 Taunton Lane
Newtown

Request for increased school security in 2013-14 budget

Tue 2/5/2013 4:19 PM

From: Claudia Sieber

To: jfaxon@strattonfaxon.com, pjm215@aol.com, andy.sachs@cbmoves.com, jimvee1@aol.com, boedebbie@gmail.com, lrocheboe@gmail.com, codym.boe@gmail.com, whartboe@gmail.com, rgaines.boe@charternet, kalexander.boe@gmail.com, View All (44)

Good Day,

I am writing as a Newtown resident and parent of students at Reed Intermediate and Newtown High School. I believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, and administrators is of utmost importance. I want to express my support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools, including the presence of School Resource Officers at all Newtown schools.

I will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

Claudia Sieber
7 Pinnacle Drive

School security

Tue 2/5/2013 3:42 PM

From: Irene nolan

To: jfaxon@strattonfaxon.com, pjm215@aol.com, andysachs@cbmoves.com, jimvee1@aol.com, boedebbie@gmail.com, lrocheboe@gmail.com, codym.boe@gmail.com, whartboe@gmail.com, rgaines.boe@charter.net, kalexander.boe@gmail.com, View All (45)

I am writing as a Sandy Hook resident and parent of two students at Reed Intermediate School (past students of Sandy Hook Elementary School). I believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, and administrators is of utmost importance. I want to express my support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools, including the presence of School Resource Officers at all Newtown schools.

I will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

Irene Nolan

16 Honey Lane

Request for increased school security in 2013-14 budget

Tue 2/5/2013 11:40 AM

From: Lauren Connor

To: jfaxon@strattonfaxon.com, pjm215@aol.com, andy.sachs@cbmoves.com, jimvee1@aol.com, boedebbie@gmail.com, lrocheboe@gmail.com, codym.boe@gmail.com, whartboe@gmail.com, rgaines.boe@charter.net, kalexander.boe@gmail.com, View All (44)

To whom it may concern -

I am writing as a Newtown Board of Education employee. I believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, administrators and myself, is of utmost importance. I want to express my support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools, including the presence of School Resource Officers at all Newtown schools. I know I have felt much safer going to work each day knowing that there is an officer at the front of each of the 4 schools that I service. Not only are they present, but they go out of their way to get to know the staff, are kind and courteous.

I will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,



Lauren Connor (McCusker)

Behavior Analyst

203-426-7683

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Request for increased school security in 2013-14 budget

Fri 2/1/2013 4:06 PM

From: Donna Lorenz

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Cc: Tom

*As Newtown residents, we believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, and administrators is of utmost importance. Therefore, please consider this evidence of our strong support of increased security measures, including the presence of a minimum of **two** School Resource Officers (a police officer with a sidearm who is dedicated to a school) at all of the Newtown schools.. We request that such measures be included in the 2013-14 town and education budgets, as appropriate, because they are essential to the short- and long-term health of our schools and community.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna & Tom Lorenz

Concerned Parents & Community Members

PTA support for increased school security in 2013-14 budget

Sat 2/2/2013 7:18 PM

From: Laura Terry

To: pjm215@aol.com, andy.sachs@cbmoves.com, jimvee1@aol.com, Debbie Leidlein, Laura Roche, codym.boe@gmail.com, whartboe@gmail.com, rgaines.boe@charternet, kalexander.boe@gmail.com, John Vouros, View All (44)

Cc: Cynthia Iaropoli, Laura Terry

Dear Newtown Representatives,

As a Newtown resident, parent and PTA Co-President at Head O'Meadow School I am writing to inform you that on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 the Head O'Meadow PTA unanimously voted YES on the following motions:

1. The Head O'Meadow PTA will advocate for increasing the town and BOE budgets to provide improved security measures at all schools.

2. The Head O'Meadow PTA will advocate for increasing the town and BOE budgets to provide improved security measures including but not limited to two School Resource Officers (SRO's) at Head O' Meadow School.

Sincerely,

Laura Terry

64 Robin Hill Road

support for increased school funding in 2013-14 budget

Mon 2/4/2013 7:25 PM

From: Cynthia Iaropoli

To: Cynthia Iaropoli

Cc: pjm215@aol.com, andy.sachs@cbmoves.com, jimvee1@aol.com, Debbie Leidlein, Laura Roche, codym.boe@gmail.com, whartboe@gmail.com, ngaines.boe@charter.net, kalexander.boe@gmail.com, John Vouros, View All (35)

Dear Newtown Representatives, I am writing as a Newtown resident and parent of students at Head O' Meadow Elementary School and Reed Intermediate School. I want to express my support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools. I would like to see funding for all necessary security improvements. In addition, now is the time to fully fund our educational needs. Every student in Newtown deserves to be safe and receive the best education in the State of CT. I will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish these goals. I will also encourage my circle of influence to do the same. Sincerely, Cynthia S. Iaropoli, 34 Equestrian Ridge, Newtown.

Request for increased school security in 2013-14 budget

Tue 2/5/2013 9:42 AM

From: Donna Lorenz

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Cc: swimjim11@gmail.com, jkearney19@aol.com, jkortze@mac.com, roparowski@aol.com, james2785@sbcglobal.net, harrison.waterbury@sbcglobal.net, pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov, SugrBrk@aol.com, okjt@aol.com

To all Newtown Officials,

Thank you for all your efforts to maintain a sense of calm and security in our community and schools.

We are writing as Newtown residents and parents of a 4th grade student at Head O' Meadow Elementary School who will be a 5th grade student at Reed Intermediate School next year. I believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, and administrators is of utmost importance. I want to express my full support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools, including, but not limited to the presence of at least 2 School Resource Officers at all Newtown schools.

We will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish this goal. In good conscience, we can not support a town budget that does not include the presence of at least 2 SROs at all the Newtown schools. Safety of all our children must come first.

Sincerely,

Donna and Tom Lorenz

Concerned Parents

Request for increased school security in 2013-14 budget

Tue 2/5/2013 10:27 AM

From: Kelly Kennedy

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I am writing as a Newtown resident and parent of a student at Middle Gate Elementary School. I believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, and administrators is of utmost importance. I want to express my support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools, including the presence of School Resource Officers at all Newtown schools.

I will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kennedy

11 Split Rock Road, Newtown

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Fwd: Newtown Security Committee

Tue 2/5/2013 10:19 AM

From: Joanna Zachos

To: Janet Robinson, John Vouros, pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov, michael.kehoe@newtown-ct.gov

Cc: Nicole Hockley, gzachos60@gmail.com, Donna Norling, Jo-Ann Peters

This was supposed to be sent to the 'Newtown Security Committee'

Sent from my iPad

Dear committee,

I feel it necessary to voice my opinion and concerns on an event that happened a couple of days ago. Last Tuesday, I went to pick up my son and daughter from Hawley School. They are walkers so I pick them up from the office. There is an empty police car parked at the front entrance of campus, and an empty car outside the actual office. The two officers are helping with dismissal, one stands by the buses, and one goes to the gym to assist with pick ups. This is all fine. I am buzzed in the main entrance and am waiting in the office.

The next thing I know, one of building maintenance men who also assists with security, as I am told, brings a man into the office. He intercepted him outside the office, he has no appointment, and wants to talk to someone about an art program. He is unusually dressed, and carrying heart shaped wands made out of tree branches. He is also wearing a large poncho. That covers most of his body.

Let me be clear that the staff at Hawley are exceptional. However, this man had no place being there, and that worries me. I believe we were all taken aback a bit.

The questions remain: How did this man even get on campus? How does he even get in the building without an appointment? He easily could have been nutcase. He did come all the way from Nevada. It actually made me think i might be better off, picking up outside. He could have done anything. I'm not sure if he was checked for weapons outside, but it was all right as all the kids came running up the hallway dismissed. He also could have just waited outside, and done anything when all the kids came out to the buses.

If we are going to go through all the financial and physical effort on having security at the schools, I have a few suggestions.

- 1) It is my opinion that there needs to be a gate and a guard at the front entrance of every school, checking Ids and confirming appointments. When I went to New Canaan high school, no one could get on and off campus, unless they passed by the gate and guard.

- 2) The glass and windows around the main office should also be bulletproof. Maintaining the safety of front desk personnel, who would also be the people to act and contact authorities in an emergency.

- 3) No one should be allowed in the building unless they have an appointment or are a parent for pick up. This goes without saying surely.

I know we cannot avert every situation that could fathomably arise, but this is what makes the most sense, and offers the most protection to our staff and students

My intention is to help, and certainly not complain. I hope you take my letter as constructive feedback, in support of our wonderful school, police officers and staff.

Many thanks,

Joanna Zachos,
203 246 6271

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 1, 2013, at 4:39 PM, Newtown Security Committee <noreply@newtown.k12.ct.us> wrote:

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SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.

Update to my November letter re Queen Street Kevin Fitzgerald

Tue 2/5/2013 10:49 AM

From: Kevin Fitzgerald

To: michael.kehoe@newtown-ct.gov

Cc: pjm215@aol.com

Please share with members...

Kevin Fitzgerald

24 Old Farm Hill Road

Newtown, CT 06470

To: The Newtown Police Commission

Cc: Police Chief Michael Kehoe; Public Works Director Fred Hurley; First Selectman Pat Llodra; Others

Date: February 4, 2013

Dear Newtown Police Commission Members;

I am sending this letter as a follow up to my original letter sent in November. While I do not support the decision to place speed bumps on Queen Street for most of the reasons outlined in my letter; I feel owe it to you to modify my reasons because the speed "humps" that were installed after you received my letter do not create the disruptive conditions I had expected from my experience with the speed "bumps" that were in place previously on a temporary basis.

Reason #6 no longer applies as the current humps do not require the "near stop" action or the jarring effect on my car that I had expected.

Reason #3 is still valid, however; since the inclining and declining style of the humps have not diverted me to other roads, I'm guessing fewer cars divert than I anticipated. Yet I do know traffic has diverted due to the speed humps.

Having said that, I also believe the less problematic humps have allowed the average speed to increase significantly since your study with the temporary bumps in place and that's something you will have to consider.

It's possible you may be less concerned with the speeds now that you have finally installed traffic-calming devices on Queen Street.

In the meantime, I hope you will now give some attention to the other roads in town that represent similar or more dangerous speeding hazards to ensure your concern for public safety is equitable.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Newtown,

Kevin Fitzgerald

24 Old Farm Hill Road

Re: Request for increased school security in 2013-14 budget

Tue 2/5/2013 9:57 AM

From: Geoff Curtis

To: jfaxon@strattonfaxon.com, pjm215@aol.com, andy.sachs@cbmoves.com, jimvee1@aol.com, boedebbie@gmail.com, lrocheboe@gmail.com, codym.boe@gmail.com, whartboe@gmail.com, rgaines.boe@charter.net, kalexander.boe@gmail.com, View All (44)

Dear Town and School Officials:

I am writing as a Newtown resident and parent of a student at Head O' Meadow Elementary School and Reed Intermediate. I am extremely thankful for everything you have done for our community over the past few months. As a parent, living in this day of age, I often did think about the safety of my children as they boarded the bus for school, even before the Sandy Hook tragedy. How could you not with all the tragedies that happened before, the news coverage, etc? Nevertheless you find ways to put it out of your mind, saying it could never happen here - or the possibilities are slim. But it did happen in Newtown and it is our job to make sure that it does not happen to other children and parents. Newtown must be remembered for the CHANGE that came about in this state and country in response to the tragedy.

Saying that, I believe the safety and security of our children, teachers, and administrators is of utmost importance. I would like my children to go to school to learn and socialize with others and run around freely, laugh, be merry! I also want them to feel safe and secure. I do not know if all these proposed school safety measures will prevent every act of violence in our society today - probable not. But I do want to express my support for increasing the Town of Newtown and Board Of Education Budgets to fund improved security measures at all schools, including the presence of School Resource Officers at all Newtown schools.

Finally, I will fully support the tax increases that will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

Julie and Geoff Curtis