

Town Hall Meeting at: Hyde Community Center

Date: 02/21/10

of Attendees: 71

of Groups: 7

Keep:

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 - Quality of Schools
 - Library resources
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 - Maintain roads and infrastructure
 - Maintain quality of buildings (school, fire department, etc.)
 - Examine relationships (city management & school management) (facilities & budget)
 - Commuter parking- long term (8-10 hours) for Newton residents
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 - Policeman and fireman
 - Sewer line clearing
 - Maintaining high standards for teachers
 - Special education
 - Low class sizes
 - Library
 - Green space
 - Business permitting processes
 - Retiree benefits
 - Energy efficiency
 - Metco
 - Preventive maintenance
 - Philanthropy
 - Long term solvency
 - Review salaries and benefits

Reduce Costs/Increase Revenue:

- By reducing cost of Metco program
- By increasing wage fees including schools
- By encouraging business development

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 - By reducing cost of special education
 - By making trash self-paid
 - By reducing an increase in fees (school, trash, and library fees)
 - By reducing debt exclusion for capital
 - Enforce ordinacies (snow shoveling, picking up after dogs)
 - By issuing citations
 - By eliminating Metco/ diversity
 - By unions taking a more flexible stance
 - By making self serve public services an option
 - By not selling properties
 - By polling resident about salary increases and/or decreases
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 - By re-negotiating employee health costs and contributions
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 - By evaluating how frequently we plow snow
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 - By increasing user fees (parking, permits, space rentals)
 - By consolidating offices with other cities
 - By educating pedestrian/ traffic control instead of police on site
 - By redistricting schools to balance staff
 - By increasing the services done by volunteers
 - By reducing the # of Aldermen
 - By cutting back on the frequency of trash collection
 - By increasing productivity of work crews
 - By outsourcing work, to cut health care costs
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 - By increasing regionalization
 - By leasing or selling unused city buildings
 - By cutting city funding going to Crystal Lake
 - By using more PILOTs and SILOTs
 - By adding grade clusters in schools