

Town Hall Meeting at: Ward School

Date: 02/07/10

of Attendees: 44

of Groups: 5

Keep:

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 - Quality of Schools
 - Model of education
 - Healthy school lunches
 - Keep class sizes small
- 2
 - Maintain infrastructure(roads, buildings, etc.)
 - Life cycle costing of capital expenditures
- 3
 - Libraries
- 2
 - Parks/Green Spaces/Recreation
 - Community Input
- 3
 - Public Safety: Police and Fire
 - Responsiveness of government
 - Value-driven management
 - Cultural Activities

Reduce costs/Increase Revenue:

- By lowering administrative expenses
- By capping pensions
- By adjusting disability pensions
- By assessing our disability insurance
- By eliminating the top-heavy structure on school budget
- By encouraging high tech businesses
- 2
 - By streamlining the zoning processes to make it easier for businesses to come to Newton
 - By improving energy efficiency
- 2
 - By consolidating roles in City Hall - i.e. payroll
 - By switching away from weekly pay
- 2
 - By renegotiating the health care cost split

- By renegotiating health benefits
- By consistent/preventative maintenance of buildings
- By decreasing the city workforce
- By replacing police details with civilian flaggers
- 2 - By having a tax override
- 2 - By decreasing salaries
- By assessing the costs of educating non-Newton students = Metco, teachers' children
- By taking contributions to help with special education
- By selling naming rights in City buildings(NNHS)
- By retaining the old NNHS to sell spaces
- By charging a fee for culture and arts services
- By regionalizing services and purchases
- 2 - By using more PILOTs and SILOTs
- By implementing a pay as you throw trash system
- By merging school and municipal maintenance and facility management
- By allowing parents to help with school tasks currently prevented by union contracts
- By increasing rental of school and city buildings
- By using technology to increase efficiency
- By partnering with universities/businesses on projects to increase sustainability
- By reducing the amount of snow plowing