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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT  
MARCH 20, 2019  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chris Eide, Chris Smith, Jordana Bloom, Judit DeStefano, Dan Wiedemann, Paul Lundquist, Phil Carroll, Kelley Johnson, Jay Mattegat.

**ABSENT:** Robert Pickard, Ryan Knapp, Dan Honan.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 5 public, 1 press.

**AGENDA:** 2019-2020 Annual Budget of The Town of Newtown.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lundquist called the Public Hearing to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

**VOTER COMMENT:**

*Ron Bossio, 58 Watkins Drive, Sandy Hook* – Mr. Bossio spoke to a senior program in Ridgefield that provides assistance for seniors and disabled, he encouraged Council to look at similar tax break program for seniors in Newtown. Program was developed in part to help keep seniors in town and had additional benefits of diffusing issues related to school and municipal funding.

*Kenneth Schaefer, 4 Castle Meadow Road, Newtown* – Mr. Schaefer expressed concern with how taxes work in Connecticut in comparison to California, from where he recently moved, taxes such as real estate taxes, car taxes continue to increase. Instead of increasing taxes, it would be better to deal with stable budget and make cuts as necessary rather than raise real estate taxes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:12 pm. Second by Mr. Wiedemann. All in favor. Motion to adjourn passes. (9-0)

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AT THE NEXT MEETING.**