

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

ADDENDUM (3)

Received: June 19, 2020 (after 9:00 am. – June 22, 2020 (4:00 p.m.)

June 15, 2020 Council Meeting - Continued June 22, 2020

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Richard Holzer ([richard@dolphinseye.com](mailto:richard@dolphinseye.com)) on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 20:41:32

-----  
address: PO Box 4652, Portsmouth, NH

comments: I understand that it is possible to create a safe swimming environment in the Portsmouth Outdoor Pool.

As a member of the indoor pool for many years and a swimmer in the outdoor pool, I encourage you actively be involved in creating a summer outlet for all of us who swim regularly and depend on swimming to keep us healthy.

Thank you,  
Rich Holzer

includeInRecords: on

-----  
Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Marie Nelson ([Mnelsonports@yahoo.com](mailto:Mnelsonports@yahoo.com)) on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 06:33:05

-----  
address: 20 Doris Ave

comments:

Dear Portsmouth City Council,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter. Had you told me we will still be discussing bike lanes for this amount of time I would not have believed you but here we are.

I think maybe I should give you a little background on myself so you can get the picture from where I sit on the subject. I am a lifelong resident of Portsmouth. I grew up on the corner of Middle and Lincoln. My father worked for the city as the City Engineer, Public Works Director and also served on city council. I live on Doris Ave now and I am raising a daughter that just finished at the middle School. I work at two local restaurants for and although I am not the most educated person writing this letter my common sense and knowledge of the city is probably more than most.

I also feel it's important to share that I had a niece who was 16 years of age that was killed on a busy road in Hooksett crossing the street so Safety is of utmost importance to me..

I would like to acknowledge and thank whoever brought the forward thinking foresight of deeming it necessary to right the grant and have the bike lanes built. As I do understand that is the way the world I progressing. Trying to sell me it is a "Safe Route to School" and anything else about the bike lane being safe is not believable to me. I travel that road everyday and I also talk to several people that live and work around our beautiful town. And I will say that most feel the same as me. I have personally witnessed near accidents and over and over I get told speed is the factor. Well if that's the case then speed should of be addressed. Listen I will reiterate to you that I live here in town and travel by car, foot and bicycle as well as scooter on all the roads and unfortunately this bike lane missed the mark on so many aspects.. so let's fix it. Please Do Not put but the bollards back. And do yourselves a bigger favor .. Talk to people who travel that road to do the things the grant was written for, not for extreme cycling. It's worth it.. Talk to the kids, talk to the people that live on Middle, Fireman, DPW and Police.

Put more crosswalks in PLEASE. And please do not scare the taxpayers about the monetary part ..We didn't deem the bike lane necessary to begin with. I think the taxpayers are being mislead on how the monies will need to be refunded if their is change in the bike lanes.. and adding to that maybe the poor design should fall back on the group that initiated the grant to begin with. As it is we have spent close to \$100 grand on

something that was supposed to be gifted. It is a great idea in theory but the design is dangerous and as pointed out by several possibly illegal built to scale which is very concerning on other levels.

Thank you,  
Sincerely Marie Nelson  
Sent from my iPhone  
includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Margaret A. Marie Cowgill ([mariecowgill@gmail.com](mailto:mariecowgill@gmail.com)) on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 18:03:58

-----  
address: 88 wibird St

comments: Dear Counselors, I'm for the bike lane. I use the bike lane and it encourages people to exercise safely outside. There could be some improvements with sight lines but it is a great thing for the community

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Steve little ([Slsurfaol@gmail.com](mailto:Slsurfaol@gmail.com)) on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 06:08:31

-----  
address: 2 Moebus terrace

comments: Please and finally will you set a policy for the short term rentals. Given the financial collapse of the hospitality industry short term rentals allow family groups to be relatively safe from the virus spread and not exposed to larger public interactions. They can still access Portsmouth activities without risking infections or spreading them.

Kittery has been refining their short term policies. City licensing and three substantiated complaints of inappropriate or disruptive behavior will cancel the license to operate an SRT .

The need for additional sources of income will emerge and is emerging as a big problem... please establish a policy and finally resolve this issue!

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Steve little ([Slsurfaol@gmail.com](mailto:Slsurfaol@gmail.com)) on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 06:12:13

-----  
address: 2moebus terrace

comments: Please find a way to open the pierce island pool. There are so few public opportunities for recreation and this is a big one. My kids haven't been able to swim for months and I want them off the couch and away from their screens!

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Samantha Collins ([SAMANTHA.C.WRIGHT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SAMANTHA.C.WRIGHT@GMAIL.COM)) on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 10:15:06

-----  
address: 820 Middle Rd.

comments: Dear Portsmouth City Council,

I would like to preface this letter by first applauding the work our Portsmouth Police does to keep us safe, and the professional manner in which they have operated during these particularly extraordinary times. However, if these recent national and global events have taught us anything is that we cannot be complicit and that even OUR police and public safety systems can greatly benefit for deep self-evaluation and change.

It is my hope that as a progressive city we can be pro-active and a violent police interaction is not what we will need to be the impetus for change.

It is clear from the volume of overtime hours and the allocation in their 2021 budget to hire more officers and dispatchers that our police department is overworked. This is not in response to increased crime, which we would all agree is the greatest responsibility of the police, but rather seemingly in response to the growing number of time consuming menial tasks that police officers are charged with carrying out, particularly in a city with a growing population. It seems the police department has become a catch-all of responsibility when no one else will do the job. Many of these tasks are either well below our police officers pay grade or are much better suited for and carried out by specifically trained and equipped city departments or local organizations. On any given day (as evidenced in the police logs) our officers pick up roadkill, respond to lost animals, make traffic stops, respond to burglar alarms, make welfare checks, direct traffic, detail road construction crews, collect and make reports on lost/found/stolen property, accompany the fire department on calls, investigate mischievous activity, fill out vehicle accident reports, and respond to scenes where mental health, drugs, and homelessness are the root cause for the calls, among many others. That is on top of responding to more serious calls where violence has occurred or has been threatened.

From this partial list of daily tasks, it should be obvious that not only is the police force wearing too many hats, but many of those hats, like in a business, should be delegated to employees at lower pay grades or outsourced to different departments and organizations, again better equipped to handle them such as incidences involving animal control or public health issues.

In this city and county, we have wonderful public health resources, though like in many cities across the country, are sorely underfunded. I feel the police department budget could not only be better allocated within our community, but also within the police department, itself. I would like to see our police department receive more and ongoing de-escalation, sensitivity and conflict resolution training as well as more education on how to handle mental health issues that they may come upon in the field. I would also like to see other city departments as well as local organizations receive a portion of the police department funding in exchange for taking certain responsibilities off of their plates. I want the police to be able to focus on serious, violent crime. That's where they are needed and that's what they should be specifically trained to handle. You wouldn't pay a CEO of a Fortune 500 company the same salary to work in the mailroom. To the same point, I don't want to pay our officers x amount of dollars to pick up roadkill, detail road construction crews, and respond to lost animal calls, for example. However, I absolutely would pay them that amount if they had a background of extensive and on-going sensitivity training as well as highly specialized training in proven techniques and strategies that focus on de-escalation and limiting the use of force that can be applied in more serious, threatening situations.

It's more important what officers do than how many there are and studies have shown there is little connection between staffing numbers and crime. – USA Today, 2019 (link below).

While I understand this may be too late to make a change in the 2021 FY city budget, I still encourage the City Council to look closely at our city's Police Department structure as well as budget, not from the perspective of "cutting funds", but more from the outlook of fund reallocation, "outsourcing" particular tasks, and getting a more highly trained, specialized, concentrated police force for the salaries they command.

Thank you for your time,

Samantha Collins

Portsmouth Resident

Vice Chair of the Portsmouth Conservation Commission

[www.google.com/amp/s/amp.usatoday.com/amp/2818056002](http://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.usatoday.com/amp/2818056002)

includeInRecords: on

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Joe Mulqueen ([njmulqueen@msn.com](mailto:njmulqueen@msn.com)) on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 15:31:37

---

address: 38 Fells Road

comments: In an exchange of Letters to the Editor concerning the City budget, Councilor McEachern refers to "the process of government." This is an important concept and gets to the root causes for many of the disagreements and problems with government programs.

There are two fundamental reasons that so many government programs cost more than originally projected and fail to deliver the promised benefits. On the spending side there is the separation of cost and consequences. On the funding side is the lack of choice that taxpayers have to pay or not to pay for any particular "service" because government taxes and fees are not voluntary.

These two concepts are illustrated in the following two Portsmouth examples:

The first example is the Foundry Place garage. At the time this project was proposed there was a mixed reaction with many people, myself included, opposed. The City commissioned an independent study that found that "Compared to the ideal occupancy ... these results indicate that for the majority of the time, Portsmouth has more than adequate parking supply to satisfy its demand." Michael Manville said that the Hanover garage is only full 4% of the time. He also suggested changing the prices for the garage to match the nearby street prices. At the time there were statements by Mr. Bohenko and some councilors that the new garage proposal would not affect the city's property tax rate because the garage would pay for itself. The garage cost more than originally projected and failed to deliver the promised revenues. Mr. Bohenko and councilors do not have to pay the Portsmouth taxpayers for the failed promises – the separation of cost and consequences. And those taxpayers that opposed the project still have to pay their taxes.

The second example is the Portsmouth public school budget. Briefly, the proposed school budget has a direct tax cost of about \$62 million. This is for the 2,210 Portsmouth children attending the schools. There are actually about 3,000 Portsmouth children in the PK-12 range that are eligible to attend but about 800 do not. In order to compare apples-to-apples, we can use the tuition costs for St. Patrick's Academy and St. Thomas Aquinas schools. The students attending these schools receive an equivalent education to Portsmouth public schools. For all 3,000 eligible children the costs are as follows: sending them to SPA and STA, including the cost to administer the program, would be \$32 million, while the direct taxpayer cost for all 3,000 in the public schools, at the current rate, would be \$84 million. This would cost Portsmouth taxpayers an additional \$52 million with no educational benefit to our children. Once again we see that the city employees have no incentive to lower the costs and the taxpayers, including those not sending their children to public school, have to pay these exorbitant amounts. This is clearly a separation of cost and consequence on the one hand and a lack of choice on the other.

Until "the process of government" changes there will be no change in results.

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Cathy Baker ([catherinejbaker@yahoo.com](mailto:catherinejbaker@yahoo.com)) on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 16:12:15

---

address: 127 Gates St.

comments: Across the nation cities are slashing budgets due to the Coronavirus economy. Municipal workers are being furloughed, programs cut, and capital projects shelved. A search on "city budgets coronavirus" returns thousands of cities slashing spending. Cincinnati has furloughed 1700 workers, Fort Collins more than 600, and LA will furlough all civilian employees for 26 days, a 10% wage cut. Despite some assistance from federal funding, tough choices is the mantra of the day.

And in Portsmouth, NH? Spending as usual is our mantra of the day. How can that be? Because Portsmouth is funded primarily by property taxes rather than sales or income taxes it is not seeing an immediate drop in revenues. Most property taxes have been paid to date, so the city manager is feeling flush and even refused councilors' request for worst case scenario revenue estimates.

Nationally 52% of homeowners are struggling to pay mortgages, do property tax receipts reflect our residents' economic immunity? No. Lenders frequently pay taxes, adding the amount onto the mortgage along with hefty fees, and in many cases leading to foreclosure.

Economic reality HAS hit Portsmouth taxpayers, perhaps more than those in many other cities, as our economy is extremely dependent on tourism. Taxpayers are bearing the pain and protecting city revenues from near-term economic declines. In refusing to reassess the budget, city management is acting with a callous disregard for our residents.

Ultimately this pain will filter through to our property tax revenues as well. Already smaller revenue items ARE falling: the state has no rooms and meals taxes to send, ambulance revenues are down, parking fees have plummeted...

Our middle class residents are suffering and many will ultimately be forced out if our mantra does not change. All around the country cities are scrapping 2020 budgets. And Portsmouth is spending as usual. includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Michael De La Cruz ([Mike@FranklinBlock.com](mailto:Mike@FranklinBlock.com)) on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 17:27:08

-----  
address: 75 Congress street, suite 203

comments: Dear City Councilors,

I have spoken to the five retailers located at the Franklin Block Building, 75 Congress street, concerning the proposed changes to the street in front of the building. All of them are in favor of keeping the street functioning as the commercial loading zone it is now. It is not cost effective or secure to run both an inside shop and outside shop. Even the retailers in the Vaughn Mall and Fleet Street find the same situation. They do support getting restaurants that want seating in the street to obtain that seating but it can't block curbside pick up access or the commercial loading zones. Everyone agrees that we need to get more dining activity going outside if it can be made to work financially. The foot traffic helps both the retailers and the Hotels. They all work symbiotically together. I am available by cell most times at 603.475.3510 if you have questions. Warmest Regards, Mike De La Cruz

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Mark Brighton ([markbrighton1@gmail.com](mailto:markbrighton1@gmail.com)) on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 20:57:14

-----  
address: 99 Hanover St #503

comments: Words mean things.

As of yet there has been NO cut to the budget. We won't cross that threshold until the proposed budget is actually reduced to below last year's. Until that point it is an increase. So, please don't use the term "budget cut" until we actually get to that point.

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jim Bolton ([ezbikin@gmail.com](mailto:ezbikin@gmail.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 08:03:39

-----  
address: 1173 Woodbury Ave

comments: Several years ago we had a drought situation which resulted in water restrictions, which were badly mishandled at the outset of the dry period, giving free rein to large users and shutting out homeowners raising their own food in gardens. That situation was eventually remedied through input by the City Council at the request of residents like myself, but it is my fear that this lesson may be forgotten in this situation. The ongoing pandemic has prompted a significant number of residents to start their own "victory gardens", both as a defense against food insecurity due to layoff, or simply to stay out of stores and avoid possible virus exposure. I would ask that the City Council take the needs of these individuals into account should water restrictions become necessary. A nice duck pond or green lawn at various city businesses may be pleasing to look at, but will not help you if you are hungry. I would not want to be the politician who had to tell the folks who food garden that their efforts must be allowed to wither and die. There are various sound watering

methods available to minimize waste, such as soaker hoses, and hand watering with a hose and wand directly to the root zone, rather than overhead watering which is wasteful and can cause damage to plants through encouraging fungus and disease, not to mention that it waters pathways as well as growing areas, making it doubly wasteful. Might I suggest that a request to the UNH Cooperative Extension Service could be beneficial in procuring informational materials, which could then be disbursed to residents to help them conserve water while still keeping their gardens in good condition.

I hope you will consider the above if and when restrictions become necessary, and I thank you for your time.

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Andrew Bagley ([acbagley@yahoo.com](mailto:acbagley@yahoo.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 08:39:08

-----  
address: 40 Chauncey Street

comments: Last night I ate at a restaurant downtown that has only two tables available for each seating. I also spoke with several restaurant owners downtown who complained things are moving slowly with the task force. This continued budget discussion and punting to save pennies on the dollar will backfire. The city does not have enough resources and you continue to stretch them with unrealistic budget proposals. Let's address the current crisis first. and to do that you have to free the time of the City Manager and employees to address it, not continually go over the budget in minutia. Every day that our restaurants lose during our short summer will have an impact.

Best regards,

Andrew Bagley

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Anne Poubeau ([Jalognes@hotmail.com](mailto:Jalognes@hotmail.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 08:41:44

-----  
address: 160 Bartlett Street

comments: I am writing in favor of the "Recommended Modifications to Middle Street/Lafayette Bike Lanes. » I am a novice cyclist and there are few place in Portsmouth where I feel safe riding my bike and Middle Street is one of them. In the past couple of months bike sales have reached all time highs as was noted in the front page story in last Sunday's Herald. There are literally hundreds of new cyclists on Portsmouth streets these days all looking for a safe place to ride and Middle Street is one of few places to do so.

The data shows that the bike lane has resulted in fewer crashes. This is a good thing. Drivers are forced to slow down and pay attention. I can remember at least three instances when before the bike lane was built when cars crashed through garden gates or into people's living rooms. Middle Street was dangerous for everyone before the bike lane was installed. Now it is less so.

Covid-19 makes crowded sidewalks unsafe. We are living through an unprecedented health crisis and people want to get outside and enjoy the weather. But walk in and direction on any sidewalk and you soon run into pedestrians coming from the other direction forcing someone into the street. Because of the bikelane it is much safer for pedestrians to step off of the curb.

The bike lane hasn't earnestly existed for very much time. Although it was initially installed at the end of October 2018, the bollards were removed early that winter and not replaced until fall of 2019 to be removed for winter and haven't been placed back since. So really, it's only existed for two seasons. Why not give it a chance? Try it out for a full year, study the hell out of it. And then, if it really makes the street less safe and there isn't much usage then scrap it. But give it a chance first.

It took six years of lengthy studies and public input sessions to finally build the thing. It follows best practices. Let's trust the experts and the process.

Removing it will cost a lot of money. We built it using grant money from the Safe Routes to School Program. We will likely have to pay back that money if we remove it. The city is facing a major financial crisis and City Council is looking for ways to save money. Wouldn't it be wise to save money for the the city by not taking away vital cycling infrastructure?

Thank you, Annie Poubeau

includeInRecords: on

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by john tommasini ([to3c@hotmail.com](mailto:to3c@hotmail.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 09:36:09

---

address: 162 Mill Pond Way #3

comments: Strongly against the proposal to turn the top two floors into an public entertainment venue. The noise pollution across the North Mill Pond is too much. Especially at night.

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Ashley Parsons ([Ashley@parsonsnh.com](mailto:Ashley@parsonsnh.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:42:09

---

address: 95 Nathaniel Drive

comments: Tonight's vote will have a giant impact on the youths education this year. I implore you to continue supporting the school system with the current budget and not make cuts for the upcoming year. With next school year possibly being remote for a period of time I feel that every resource should and needs to be available. Without this possibility I also support continuing the current budget. Let's continue to put the youth first to develop our community.

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Phillip Thanas ([Philipthanas@aol.com](mailto:Philipthanas@aol.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:52:53

---

address: 95 Market Street

comments: I think the reputation of the fine education s provided in our school system speaks for it self . Education funding is one of most important parts of our community. We should always be promoting more support for education not cuts .

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Robin Husslage ([rhusslage@hotmail.com](mailto:rhusslage@hotmail.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 11:48:36

---

address: 27 Rock Street

comments: Dear City Councilors,

I wholeheartedly support our vibrant arts community, amazing and innovative restaurants, and independent retailers -- all of which define what our city is and is why I chose to live here in close proximity to downtown. We absolutely have to do all we can to support our local businesses through this extraordinarily challenging time so they can survive until things return to normal. I also fully support exploring as many options as possible to not only help our businesses to survive but to thrive. Unfortunately, the idea of creating a venue on the top of the Foundry Garage isn't a viable solution for many, many reasons, the least of which include:

- Location: This location is not suitable as an entertainment/dining venue, even temporarily.
  - o It is in close proximity to 3 very dense residential neighborhoods causing a huge negative impact to the quality of life for a large number of Portsmouth's residents
  - o It is away from downtown so few, if any, other businesses will benefit from the venue's attraction of crowds except for those located at the venue (which is a very small number of businesses/organizations)
  - o Since the garage has never been used for this proposed purpose, there are numerous unknown impacts and risks to the surrounding neighborhoods, the organizations and businesses participating, visitors to this unusual venue, and to the City
- Noise: Noise from this venue will carry to the surrounding 3 neighborhoods with some residential homes being within 20 feet of the garage. Why should the City allow a violation of the neighborhood noise

ordinance (proposed 90dba vs. 55dba limit) it wouldn't grant to any establishment located here? Have any tests been performed to see what the noise impact would be in the surrounding neighborhoods from this location?

- o Noise from amplified performances
- o Noise from crowds of people
- o Noise from a larger number of cars driving in/out and opening/closing doors
- o Noise from generators
- Parking: The surrounding Islington Creek Neighborhood is already experiencing critical parking issues which this venue will exacerbate.
- o Due to COVID, the Neighborhood Parking Program (NPP) has been put on hold and crowds drawn to the venue will naturally seek easy, free parking. This will bring our neighborhood to the breaking point unless a huge effort is put into actions which will likely pose challenges to the neighborhood.
- o Proposed solutions include incorporating the cost of parking into pre-sold ticket sales. What this doesn't take into consideration is those people that arrive prior to purchasing tickets and those coming just to go to the restaurants, visit the retail stores, or congregate in the neighborhood and park to listen to the music.
- Cost: Will the cost to the City of Portsmouth taxpayers who are currently facing an uncertain impact on their future tax bills be worth the unknown financial benefit to the few arts organizations, restaurants, and retailers who will benefit from this venture?
- Frequency & Duration: 4-5 days, 3-10pm is proposed which is too often and too long for residents to endure given the likely 11pm timeframe for clean-up and lingering crowd noise to dissipate. In the impacted neighborhoods are families with young children who will be in school with early bedtimes in September and October.
- Spillover Issues:
  - o Rock Street Park: This newly renovated park abuts the parking garage and is a natural location for partiers to congregate before, during, and after the performances
  - Trash: The top of the garage is very windy and it's very likely a large amount of trash will blow down to surrounding areas from off of dining tables and dropped items.
  - Air Quality: The air quality will be impacted by the use of generators and increased automobile traffic which will exacerbate the issues which already exist at this site from the trains' diesel exhaust and the site's own large generator.

I think you would all agree that attempting to use a space intended for one purpose (parking vehicles) for another, unintended purpose poses many, many challenges and risks, the least of which I've highlighted above, especially when there are numerous other viable options, the most obvious of which is the existing Prescott Park venue used for decades for this very purpose - perhaps the Gundalow or the much larger Thomas Loughton could be considered as the bar area? Will you be willing to decide for the City to make this huge financial investment with an uncertain financial benefit for the few businesses/organizations with the resulting negative impact on a significant number of citizens just because alcohol can be served at the garage but not in Prescott Park? Does this really make any sense at all given the impacts and risks proposed by using the Foundry Garage for a performance/dining/retail venue?

Respectfully,

Robin

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Primo J. Tosi ([primo40@aol.com](mailto:primo40@aol.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 12:22:50

-----  
address: 2 Ruth Street

comments: I just heard there is going to be a meeting to discuss allowing food and drinks to be served as well as entertainment on the top two floors of the Foundry parking garage. I for one am against this idea. My family has lived on the north side of the North Mill Pond since 1969. We have noticed over the last several years that we have had to put up with a lot more noise coming from the downtown area as well as the south side of the pond. I assume you all know how well sound travels across the water. We have had to put up with



the noise from construction of the parking garage, 3s Art Space events, Great Rhythm brewing events and scenic helicopters flying over the mill pond. We had to fight to get the lights turned down at the parking garage because they were so bright looking across the mill pond.

The city denied permits for outdoor functions to Great Rhythm Brewing because how the noise would effect the neighborhood. It also rejected 3S Art Space for the same reason as well as how the noise would effect the hotel under construction next door. I was at the meetings.

Again I am opposed to this idea for many reasons. We live on Ruth St. which is on the northern side of the mill pond about the half way Point between Bartlett St. and Maplewood ave. The sound travels such that we can hear the construction workers talking on the south side of the pond. I would be willing to bet that the majority the the people that would go to these events do not live close enough to the mill pond to be effected.

Does the cities insurance cover serving drinks on public property? What about open container laws or the impact on our police and public works department? I don't want my tax dollars going to pay for this.

Please protect our neighborhood and do not approve the use of the parking garage for anything other than what we built it for, PARKING! Why don't you consider using Bohenko Park?

Respectfully

Primo J Tosi

includeInRecords: on

---

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Elizabeth George ([eciesluk@yahoo.com](mailto:eciesluk@yahoo.com)) on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 14:11:40

-----  
address: 134 Lincoln Ave Portsmouth

comments: Hello,

I am writing to implore the City Council to preserve the school budget as proposed, rather than make additional cuts, which will no doubt make it harder for our schools' educators and students to thrive and adjust to the ever-changing learning landscape, especially during a national health crisis.

Our kids need school programs, teacher support and clubs and creative outlets more than ever and I hope the City Council can recognize this need to support the future of our community by protecting, rather than taking away the funds critical to the well-being and development of Portsmouth's youngest citizens.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth George

includeInRecords: on

---