

**From:** Robert Walter <rkwalter@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 4:31 PM  
**To:** Robert Tarlov  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Proposed Residential Property Tax Changes

Mr. Tarlov,

Are you aware that the link provided in the email below appears not to be from the Town of Colchester? Why does the link below use the domain <http://r20.rs6.net> vice the towns domain? I found the document via the towns website but my computers consider the link suspicious. Is it a valid link?

Robert Walter  
Ashley Ln.  
Colchester

TOWN OF COLCHESTER

Proposed Residential Property Tax Changes  
are Posted on the Town Website

The Town Referendum for the proposed 2017-2018 Budget will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 6am-8pm.

As properties have been reassessed as a result of Revaluation (every 5 years), a list of residential property tax changes based on the proposed budget and current revenue assumptions can be found on the Town website using this link:

[http://www.colchesterct.gov/Pages/ColchesterCT\\_BComm/BOF/Tax%20Impact%20Web%20Site.pdf](http://www.colchesterct.gov/Pages/ColchesterCT_BComm/BOF/Tax%20Impact%20Web%20Site.pdf)

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**From:** Robert Tarlov  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 10, 2017 6:06 AM  
**To:** rkwalter@att.net  
**Cc:** Tricia Dean; Art Shilosky; Mario Colagiovanni  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Proposed Residential Property Tax Changes

Mr. Walter,

With my limited tech knowledge I cannot see the domain you refer to when clicking on the Town's link. I did not risk clicking on the domain in your e-mail that you are seeing, as concerned it may be a problem.

Neither of my computers considered the link from the Town's email suspicious when I clicked on it. Both links, the Town's home page and the Town's e-mail, take me to the same document with this address at the top: [http://www.colchesterct.gov/Pages/ColchesterCT\\_BComm/BOF/Tax%20Impact%20Web%20Site.pdf](http://www.colchesterct.gov/Pages/ColchesterCT_BComm/BOF/Tax%20Impact%20Web%20Site.pdf).

I am not involved in the actual sending of these e-mails or in uploading documents to their site. I assume it is a valid link as it does take me to the document without a warning from my antivirus software. Your antivirus software may be picking up something that mine is not, so I understand your concern. I do not know what domain the Town uses for document storage. You would have to call the Town's IT person or the First Selectman's office as to if, or why, they may be using an external domain for document storage.

Rob

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From: Robert Walter <rkwalter@att.net>  
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2017 2:51 PM  
To: Robert Tarlov  
Cc: Tricia Dean; Art Shilosky; Mario Colagiovanni  
Subject: Re: Fwd: Proposed Residential Property Tax Changes

Mr. Tarlov,

Thank you for the reply.

For some reason when I "hover" my mouse cursor over the link provided in the BOF distributed email, I get this:

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001D9PWPeF5a1kWcfKD6uyYiZA9h\\_3mEM-Q57606z1R3Bd8a7n3wGi5gVBSi89mvh51kmUIXH2D08pJO\\_QJH0AQJxzMn8mQh6L-M6Tw1rkkoFuT7d-QGm5tGx5xvb9JYUk9hdB3dPP\\_Cou1zoZf5vaBQyHyI6SGIO0JmEp0pJujBI9wEkPCRRQonfjEFnklepmrL52i\\_Qx7RW-2eqE3j8p0IZxskYPiqZ1cCwNODH1EoQ34aLiY8a5mN31u5dcqFTxqt9RGjlbKh0BHQ-69\\_8ZdQ==&c=Qdiu4hB4BGgf5CCKggWN7qGZUZkZMr0dWur2IUm5Ds4M5U1CRWIZmQ==&ch=Gck1wpOSoMggy5y51rh7IOaNcTCDshMfl8wQ7LyO9Kv3Orssm5nbA==](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001D9PWPeF5a1kWcfKD6uyYiZA9h_3mEM-Q57606z1R3Bd8a7n3wGi5gVBSi89mvh51kmUIXH2D08pJO_QJH0AQJxzMn8mQh6L-M6Tw1rkkoFuT7d-QGm5tGx5xvb9JYUk9hdB3dPP_Cou1zoZf5vaBQyHyI6SGIO0JmEp0pJujBI9wEkPCRRQonfjEFnklepmrL52i_Qx7RW-2eqE3j8p0IZxskYPiqZ1cCwNODH1EoQ34aLiY8a5mN31u5dcqFTxqt9RGjlbKh0BHQ-69_8ZdQ==&c=Qdiu4hB4BGgf5CCKggWN7qGZUZkZMr0dWur2IUm5Ds4M5U1CRWIZmQ==&ch=Gck1wpOSoMggy5y51rh7IOaNcTCDshMfl8wQ7LyO9Kv3Orssm5nbA==)

I get a little concerned with different domains appearing links and them having lengthy "hieroglyphics". My companies IT people are constantly on edge with network security and educating the workforce on what to look for. I've adopted some of the computer security awareness here at home so hence the concern towards you and the town.

I deemed the domain minimal risk after doing a little research into <http://r20.rs6.net/>. As far as I can tell the domain is a commercial outfit that maintains a database. The town may use their service as a way to keep in contact with residents. So all is good. And of course the link actually goes to the PDF document published by the BOF. False alarm I guess.

Thanks again for your reply and of course the notice sent out by the BOF.

Robert Walter

**From:** Robert Tarlov

**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 10:03 AM

**To:** Art.Linares@cga.ct.gov

**Cc:** Melissa.Ziobron@cga.ct.gov; Linda.Orange@cga.ct.gov; Art Shilosky; Board of Finance Members; Ronald Goldstein; Brad Bernier

**Subject:** Re; A New Direction for Connecticut

Art,

Thanks for sending this out.

Focusing in on the ECS as it is the most critical issue for our town (in addition to the Governor's teacher pension proposal), I think this is the fairest approach to implementation that I have seen or heard about.

Not commenting on the formula itself or on the funding level, the 10 year phase and 1<sup>st</sup> year hold harmless is the fairest approach and the most fiscally responsible proposal for the towns to work with.

The formula has been underfunded for years and has continued to decline as a percentage of our budget. Towns have been adapting, but to hit the majority of towns with immediate reductions, many like Colchester, multi-million dollar reductions, with no time to plan and implement will devastate local education.

Conversely to hand some cities 20, 30, 40 million dollar immediate increases, with no requirements to use the money for education, will not improve education results in the receiving cities to offset the damage done in the losing towns. Even if they had to use it only for education, there would be no practical way to immediately begin spending that money in ways that produce the desired results.

Unless others have a different agenda for this money, I can't understand how any legislator other than those whose towns profit from an immediate implementation, could be against a phase in as proposed here.

I cannot comment on the formula as I have no frame of reference and there are just too many different proposals. Although the governor's new wealth rating system for ECS puts Colchester in the 73<sup>rd</sup> percentile on his scale, with 116 towns ahead of us, we still stand to lose several million dollars!

While I support a plan to phase in any formula changes, I am still confused as to why formula changes are being debated with so many critical budget issues to be solved. The Governor's original ECS formula change proposed in February was of no help in solving the state's fiscal problems and although his second try was of limited help, it was because it made cuts in an already underfunded education system and formula changes were not contributors. The formula changes by themselves are not budget issues unless the money received by the cities in the changes are offsetting state dollars that some feel would be needed for local bailouts. If so, Colchester taxpayer dollars should not be used for this purpose.

To me, in addition to disrupting the towns' budget processes, the current debate over ECS formula changes is a distraction from solving the real State fiscal problems and should be temporarily removed from the table and solved after the budget has been passed.

Robert Tarlov

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**From:** Roberta Avery [mailto:roberta.avery@snet.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:50 AM  
**To:** Tricia Dean <tdean@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Residential Property Tax Changes

Not all residences are listed. What happened???  
Please advise. Thank you.

Roberta Avery [roberta.avery@snet.net](mailto:roberta.avery@snet.net)

**From:** Robert Tarlov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:15 PM  
**To:** roberta.avery@snet.net  
**Cc:** Tricia Dean; Art Shilosky; Joan Campbell; John Preisner; John Chaponis  
**Subject:** Fw: email regarding tax impact report

Roberta,

Attached is a list of missing residences.

After having the Assessor's office research the lists I was provided, some of the condos appeared on a separate list, some of them showed on both lists.

After getting the explanation, I created a new list with just the missing residences and have attached them.

Rob

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**From:** Roberta Avery <roberta.avery@snet.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** Robert Tarlov  
**Subject:** Re: email regarding tax impact report

Thanks Rob

Roberta Avery [roberta.avery@snet.net](mailto:roberta.avery@snet.net)

Request From: Will Stickel  
Email: wstickel@snet.net  
Source IP: 73.218.138.106

Address: 3 choma lane  
City: Colchester  
State: Ct  
Zip: 06415  
Phone:  
Organization:

Budget Info - Tax Impact.  
Choma Lane is not listed.

**From:** Robert Tarlov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:16 PM  
**To:** wstickel@snet.net  
**Subject:** Fw: website comment

Will,

Attached is a list of missing residences.

After having the Assessor's office research the lists I was provided, some of the condos appeared on a separate list, some of them showed on both lists.

After getting the explanation, I created a new list with just the missing residences and have attached them.

Rob

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**From:** Lynette Dimock <sldimock@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:57 PM  
**To:** Robert Tarlov  
**Subject:** audio files

Hi Rob,

When will the audio files for the special meeting on May 23rd be posted on line?

Thanks,  
Lynette

**From:** Robert Tarlov  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:13 AM  
**To:** Lynette Dimock  
**Cc:** Art Shilosky  
**Subject:** Re: audio files

The meeting was recorded on Andrea M phone as the Town's recorder would not function. She and several staff members have unsuccessfully attempted to transfer the file. Andrea has requested an appointment with the Town's IT person to try again.

I will let you know when we have had a successful upload.

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**From:** Meaghan <meaghanerin@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:12 AM

**To:** Robert Tarlov

**Subject:** May 23/25 meeting files

Hello Rob,

A couple people have been asking me what will be happening with the budget depending on how the state budget goes. In order to answer them correctly, I went to listen to the audio files for the May 23rd and 25th meeting since I remember there being a revenue discussion at those meetings. I want to make sure I don't spread incorrect information. Unfortunately those audio files are not posted. Can those be posted?

Thank you!

Meaghan Kehoegreen

**From:** Robert Tarlov

**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 8:21 AM

**To:** Meaghan

**Subject:** Re: May 23/25 meeting files

Hi Meaghan,

On both nights the Town tape recorder was not working, but Andrea M taped the meeting on her phone. She and the Town Clerk attempted to transfer the audio files, but being technically challenged were unsuccessful. Andrea will be meeting with the Town IT person to attempt it again.

The 5/25 meeting is on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6WtODMoLN0>

I don't think you will find the answer you are looking for in the tapes as I do not believe it was discussed at those meetings. Once we learn of our State revenue numbers, I believe the first step would be a Tri-Board Meeting to discuss and decide on the options we would move forward with. I think the Town will likely communicate the possible options shortly.

Rob

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