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**From:** Robert Tait [mailto:robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2009 1:18 PM

**To:** pomurray@charter.net

**Subject:** RE: Budget deliberations tonight

Hi Po,

The parking debt payment is in the debt service budget.

Bob

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**From:** Po Murray [mailto:pomurray@charter.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2009 10:30 AM

**To:** Paul Mangiafico; Joseph Borst; Herbert C. Rosenthal; Robert Tait

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**Subject:** Budget deliberations tonight

Dear members of the Board of Selectmen,

This e-mail represents my personal concerns.

I would like to thank you for working diligently on the budget last night. You made some difficult decisions. Most citizens have no idea how much time you spend deliberating on the budget. While I would love to join you tonight, I will be at the LC meeting therefore I cannot attend. Please consider the following questions/ thoughts/concerns prior to taking action on the budget tonight.

After attending the FFH infrastructure meeting back in September, I requested information from Fred Hurley and Joe Borst. To date, some of my questions remain. Please review my note to Joe Borst and Mr. Hurley's response to my inquiry. Unfortunately, I cannot find my original inquiry to attach for your review.

Last night, I asked about the FFHA budget request being essentially the same as last year (3% increase). Most of the budget appear to be earmarked to fund \$470K for DaMarco Consulting to manage the property. Almost \$150K is for road/grounds maintenance (50% increase) and \$112K for security . Since the FFHA has turned the roads over to the town, I am wondering why the adjustment has not been made for the road/grounds maintenance. Should the Public Works budget account for this item?

Please consider evaluating if there will be cost-saving by restructuring the Public Works Department to manage FFH or hiring a part-time/full-time personnel to manage the FFH property rather than paying the consulting fees.

Also, I forgot to ask last night, which account is slated to fund the Peter D'Amico Greenwich Hall Demolition/Parking payments?

I want to express that I am not against the Public Works department performing work on FFH. I believe labor and equipment use should be considered budgetary items and not in-kind contribution so that we can keep track of the dollars expended.

Please contact me at 270-8774 if you have any questions re: my inquiries.

Thank you for your time.

Po Murray