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From Anne Keith, 21 Hobbs Dr, New Gloucester. Homeowner.
2 Grandchildren in middle schools. 2 older that came up through schools. Retired nurse.

Thanks to the staff, budget committees and subcommittees that have produced this detailed and careful plan. I did read the entire budget carefully and have experience in planning complex projects so that I feel like I could understand it.

And now I have read the message that came through about the trimmed down school department budget which is critical for our families and also for the community and is a major part of the town budget.

Unfortunately, we do not know what the impact on revenues is going to be in this year of the plague, and therefore we really don't know how to construct a realistic budget. However I think they work that's been done is reasonable. I also think that the school department method of trimming a lot of smaller items while sustaining teacher salaries is an effective method and very helpful to support the education of our next generation.

Our family supports maintaining the library and if possible the recreation program and a planning department even if not at full strength.

Our family does expect to pay higher taxes to support a town budget and we also anticipate that community volunteers may be necessary to sustain various projects that need to get done. I think we Mainers should be able to accomplish this.

Sincerely. Anne Keith, RN