

Draft Revision of Board of Finance Jan. 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes pertaining to Jon Joslow's quote

This is the relevant part that was said. There were several additional Joslow comments interspersed that were not quoted.

Jon Joslow asked for "an understanding on the non for profit status of the Guest House and Masonicare [...] [It] is a material piece of property [...] and [he wants ] to understand . [...] I know they charge a lot of money to rent it on the for profit side. [...] I want to satisfy myself that it is being handled appropriately as a taxpayer. [...]"

The Clerk's quotes:

Jon Joslow requested additional information on the tax status for the Guest House and Masonicare.

Lauren responded

Jon Joslow requested additional information regarding the tax status of the Guest House. He stated that it is a "for profit" business.

Suggestion for consideration:

Jon Joslow requested additional information on the tax status for the Guest House and Masonicare.

Lauren responded

And [he Joslow] expressed concern regarding the taxation of the for-profit component of the business of the Guest House.

Draft Revision to minutes of Feb 13, 2020 BoF Special Meeting

Under section titled "Discussion regarding communications of the Chester BoF members on positions relating to public issues"

The Board had a discussion of a recent article in the CT Examiner regarding Regional District 4 in which included information provided to the reporter by Virginia Carmany. The article implied that Virginia had a negative view of the recent work done by the Superintendent of School and the R4 board of education. It resulted in a letter from Superintendent Brian White to Virginia reflecting his concern that the article did not accurately reflect progress that has been made and could have a negative effect on the work that he and the R4 BoE are doing. Virginia responded in writing, indicating that the quotes in the article were (1) taken out of context from an interview that was informal and lasted more than 30 minutes and (2) did not include positive statements she had made about Superintendent White and the R4 BoEd.

Members of the BoF expressed their support for the work that the R4 Superintendent and BoE over the past year. The First Selectwoman and the Fire Chief both cited examples of where they had been quoted out of context and had "learned their lessons the hard way". BoF members agreed that public officials are often quoted out of context need to be aware of this risk.