

Roxanne Maher

From: Timothy Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 9:36 AM
To: April Brunelle
Cc: Town Council Group; Fred Allyn, III; Roxanne Maher
Subject: Re: Finance Committe Optics

April;

You are more than welcome to your opinion.

Let me be clear, I am deeply concerned - both as a resident and town councilor - with the plight faced by our residents when it comes to energy costs, as well as keeping Ledyard an affordable town to live in. Any accusation to the contrary is clearly not based in any sort of factual observations of my contributions to the finance committee over my last 2+ terms.

To that end, I am disturbed that you - a sitting town councilor and member of the community relations committee - are not more concerned with the fact that said post was not remotely accurate in its portrayal of the true nature of what Ledyard Residents and businesses are struggling with in regards to energy prices.

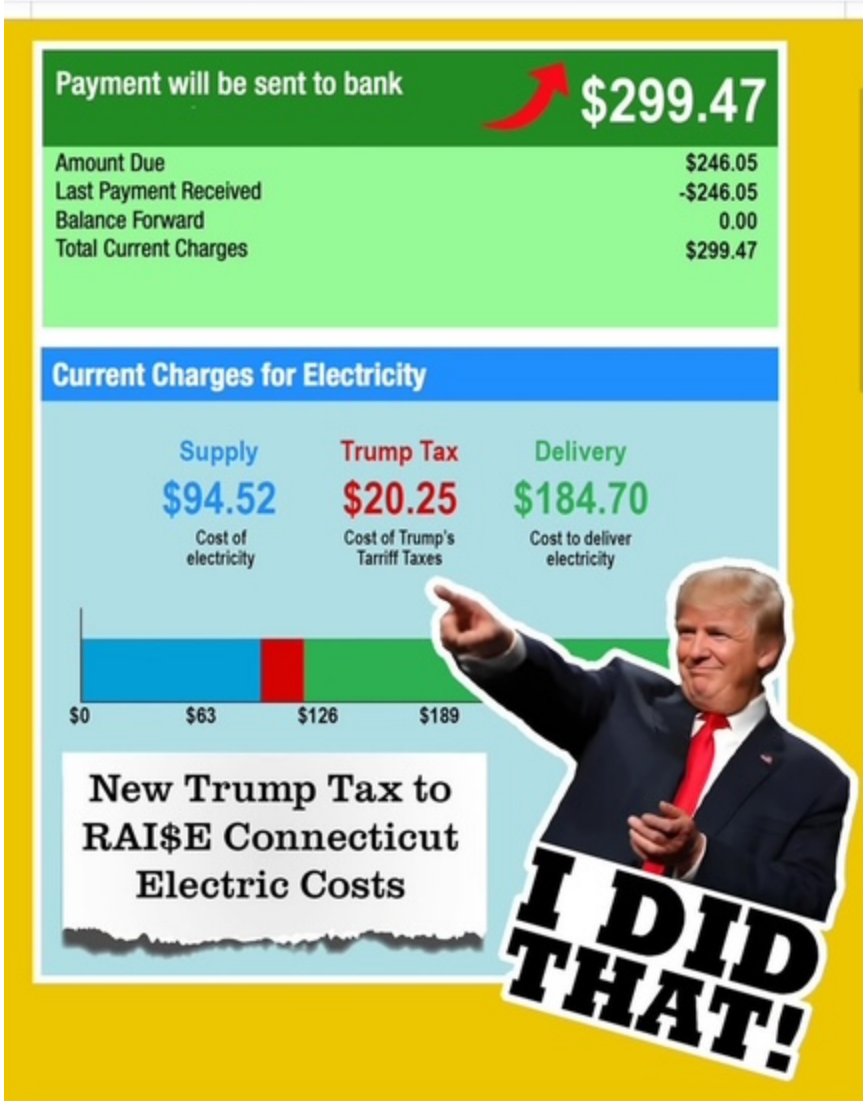
The post (pictured below) displays a purposely edited portrayal of an electric bill, omitting the second biggest driver for electric bill costs - the public benefits charge.

As a member of the community relations committee, I find it reprehensible that you would find it acceptable to re-distribute false, incomplete and divisive/politically charged information.

Furthermore, as members of Town Council, we are charged with representing ALL residents of Ledyard, and your promotion/defense of a politically charged post such as this is in direct conflict with this mission.

I would suggest that the Town Chair look into whether your promotion and defense of politically divisive, as well as purposely and blatantly inaccurate data to our residents should cause reconsideration of your role on the community relations committee.

-Tim



The graphic displays a utility bill breakdown. At the top, it states 'Payment will be sent to bank' with a red arrow pointing to a total amount of \$299.47. Below this is a table of charges:

Amount Due	\$246.05
Last Payment Received	-\$246.05
Balance Forward	0.00
Total Current Charges	\$299.47

The 'Current Charges for Electricity' section is broken down into three categories:

- Supply: \$94.52 (Cost of electricity)
- Trump Tax: \$20.25 (Cost of Trump's Tarriff Taxes)
- Delivery: \$184.70 (Cost to deliver electricity)

A horizontal bar chart below these categories shows the cumulative total of \$189, with the 'Trump Tax' segment highlighted in red. A sticker of Donald Trump pointing is overlaid on the chart, with the text 'I DID THAT!' written in large, bold letters below it. A text box at the bottom left of the graphic reads: 'New Trump Tax to RAI\$E Connecticut Electric Costs'.

Timothy Ryan

On Feb 5, 2025, at 8:18 AM, April Brunelle <ABru@ledyardct.org> wrote:

Good morning Councilor Ryan,

I am writing as you are a sitting member of the town's Finance Committee. Scrolling through Facebook last night I was quite surprised to see you interacted with a Ledyard Democratic Town Committe post. While just the fact of following opposing political parties does not bother me generally, the fact that your interaction could be seen as trolling does.

The post, whether you agree with it or not, was showcasing a town's person's concern for a possible increase in our already heavy electric bills in this state and town. As a representative for the town, we must be open to hearing opinions and be empathetic to all town's people's thoughts and opinions and more especially their fears and concerns.

What really bothered me is that this post was a highlight to a person's concerns over taxes and finances and somehow you found that funny. Your only interaction on that post was to click the laughing emoji and thus laughing at the town's persons concerns. Not only is that unacceptable it is also a bad reflection on the Town.

Since you are sitting member of the Finance Committe I am very concerned over this and thought it only right to bring light to this as it is most unacceptable. I would suggest the Town Chair should seriously look into this and reconsider if you are a good fit for the Finance Committe.

Sincerely,
Councilor April Brunelle