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**TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR
TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager 

DATE: September 2, 2016

RE: **Crumbling Foundations**

There have been numerous indications that the Town of South Windsor could float bonds in order to correct crumbling foundations. I want to inform the Council that this is not accurate. I have spoken to David Panico at Robinson and Cole, and he has advised me that the Town cannot use bonding funds for this situation as it deals with individual homeowners. A change of State law would have to be made to allow private use of public funds. There are various bonds that can be used for housing authorities, construction of infrastructure, and economic development purposes, but there are no bonds for repairing houses of individual homeowners. My suggestion is that if someone wishes to use bonds as a form of relief, a change would be needed in the State Statute to allow this type of bonding to be utilized in the future.

Also, there were various discussions about the Town hiring engineers to perform work for individual residents. The Town cannot hire those engineers unless the State Statutes would allow this type of expenditure. Public monies cannot be used for private purposes unless allowed by law.

I wanted to clarify this because a few residents have called me regarding this issue. I will also put this information on the website so if anyone does call in, they will have the proper information.

I want to thank you for your support on this issue, and hopefully we can make some legislative changes to help alleviate this serious issue in the State of Connecticut.

MBG/ab