

# **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council**

**From: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager**

**Subject: Town Manager's Report for 7/19/21 Town Council Meeting**

**Date: July 14, 2021**

COVID-19 Update- I will have numbers to report at the time of the meeting.

Storm Elsa and previous weather events- I would like to first recognize our Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department for their outstanding work over a four day period where the Town was inundated with storms and damage. Mr. Stetson did an excellent job managing the storm response on all of those days with the staff responding to close to 200 trouble spots across Town. While the Town issued a Declaration of Emergency due to the considerable damage from the storms earlier in the week and the concern of compounding issues; the State and Federal Governments do not seem to be issuing any type of declarations or funding. At the time of writing this report, the debris management site is open through Sunday, July 18, 2021. We have not finalized the cost to the Town for debris removal and tree management, but are expecting it to be multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars. Once final estimates are in, I may be coming to the Council to look for fund transfers to cover the overages.

West Nile- A mosquito in South Windsor has tested positive for West Nile. Like in previous years, we are encouraging residents to go to the Health Department for dunks that they can use in any standing bodies of water around their home. Additionally, we are advising residents to take the appropriate steps to keep themselves and family safe including:

- Minimize time spent outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Be sure door and window screens are tight fitting and in good repair.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods, or when mosquitoes are most active. Clothing should be light colored and made of tightly woven materials that keep mosquitoes away from the skin.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure and to protect small babies when outdoors.
- Consider the use of mosquito repellent, according to directions, when it is necessary to be outdoors.
- Eliminate standing water as much as possible on your property to reduce the mosquito population.

American Recovery Act Funds- Town Staff have finalized and submitted their project proposals for the ARPA funds. I have reviewed and approved all of them. We are in the process of getting the webpage together for the public to be able to see, review and track the progress of those projects.

Transparency Report- See attached