

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

**From: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager**

**Subject: Town Manager's Report for 1/19/16 Town Council Meeting**

**Date: January 15, 2016**

### **Bond Counsel**

I have contacted David Panico, our Bond Counsel, who will be reviewing our resolutions, bond referendums, and all documents pertaining to the referendums that were passed for open space acquisition. Hopefully I will have an answer before Monday night's meeting, but he is reviewing these items to make sure that the Town can purchase open space using development rights. As soon as he gets back to me, I will pass the information on to the Council.

### **Fiscal Year 2016 Municipal Aid**

CCM has provided the estimated revenue reductions for Fiscal Year 2016 Municipal Aid. The State Legislature and Governor's Office completed this item in order to meet their budget shortfalls. South Windsor will be affected by ECS funding and PILOT. ECS funding will be reduced by \$124,031 and PILOT by \$12,473 for a total reduction of \$141,509. CCM is still pursuing the State Legislature as they feel this is inappropriate, and we will continue to monitor that situation as we move forward.

### **Orchard Hill School**

I would like to inform the Council that the bids have been received for the Orchard Hill School Project. At the first February Council meeting, Chuck Warrington from Colliers will give a presentation to the Town Council on the project timeframe.

### **Concrete Issues**

Ashley Summers has updated the link on our website for the concrete information. As we receive more information, I will have Ashley update the link so that residents will be apprised of the issue.

### **CCM Video**

A YouTube link was posted on the website from CCM. I sent this link to the Council earlier this week. This video will educate the residents of the State of Connecticut about the hardship that Hartford puts on local leaders when creating budgets and giving unfunded mandates. Unfortunately, local government needs to follow and pay for those unfunded mandates. Also, when the State of Connecticut reduces spending, it is usually on the backs of local government. This video was endorsed by all CCM Board Members, and both parties agree that this video needs to send a message. We cannot tolerate this behavior anymore, and we need to be a partner with the State of Connecticut in order to make Connecticut the best state in the country.

### **STEAP Grant**

The STEAP Grant for the Wapping School to be used as a Recreation/Community Center has been submitted. We will continue to monitor the application process and ask our State Representatives to endorse this project.

### **Complete Streets Program**

I have had a conversation with Jeff Doolittle about a Complete Streets Program. I know the Sidewalk and Bikeway Subcommittee has not met recently, but the Walk and Wheelways Subcommittee has had considerable input for this Program. Ray Favreau is working with the Park and Recreation Commission to create a final plan, and we will get back to the Council when the Program is ready to move forward. Other towns that have created a similar program have made them very complicated, and we are trying to simplify the Program for South Windsor.

### **Share the Road**

Town staff have placed signs saying "Share the Road" around Town. As cars drive by, they will know to share the roads with cyclists. I would like to thank the Public Works staff for their help in making this happen.