

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 10/16/17 Town Council Meeting

Date: October 12, 2017

Revaluation

I sent to the Town Council a notice from our Assessor that the revaluation will be finished on October 31, 2017. This will be used for taxes in 2018. I want to remind the Council that this is a valuation issue, and notices will be going out in the first week of November to all residents so they can see their assessed value. This will give them plenty of time to discuss assessments with the Assessor, appeal if they wish, or provide additional information. We are trying to give the residents a lot of time because this is a revaluation required by law every five years. State Statute gives us a timeframe to have this project completed so we can have a proper budget for next year.

The Assessor's Office has told me that some areas have been stagnant and others have been reduced, but the overall increase in assessed real estate is about 3%. Cars are depreciating every year, so those may fluctuate from year-to-year.

I want the Council to understand that this is not a tax issue, but we are required to perform a revaluation every five years by law in the State of Connecticut. I will keep you apprised as this process moves along so that we can make sure residents have more than ample time under State Statute to discuss their revaluation with the Assessor.

Crumbling Foundations

The Crumbling Foundations Committee held a meeting with Representatives Currey and Delnicki in attendance, as well as Mayor Mirek and Councilor Anwar. The turnout was light, but we did share with people in attendance some information from the State of Connecticut. Pauline Yoder from CRCOG also attended to provide an update from her organization, which was very helpful in bringing to light the situation that has

devastated residents throughout eastern Connecticut. We will continue to monitor the situation, and I thank the Representatives for coming to the meeting as it lets the residents know we support them in this difficult time.

Cybercrime Agreement

I previously sent the Council some information on our cybercrime agreement with other police departments. This is a very important issue not just for South Windsor, but the department as a whole. The Police Chief will be attending the Council meeting to discuss the matter, but I hope the information I sent you will help to clear up some of the issues and enhance our discussion on Monday night.

Mayor TV

We have met with CGI Communications and created some scripts for the Mayor TV video. I am meeting this Friday with various people who will participate in this program. Once we have the outline of the video program completed, I will send it out to the Town Council so that we can fully inform you on the specifics. This video will be posted on our website and will help promote the Town of South Windsor.