

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 2/20/18 Town Council Meeting

Date: February 15, 2018

Local Government Funding

Earlier this week, I attended the CCM Legislative Committee meeting. The DOT Commissioner gave a presentation on some of the issues that he is having with funding local road government projects. The issue is that they have to float bonds for some of their projects, but in order to pay for those bonds, they have to take away a lot of the projects that have been earmarked for municipalities throughout the State of Connecticut. Although the Governor's budget has put in those programs for Fiscal Year 2019, there is still a question whether revenues will be coming in as they anticipate to keep those programs going. As we look towards April, we will probably get some indication regarding Town Road Aid, LoCIP, and other outside funding. My concern is that these are projects and program funds that enhance our projects, and we do not budget for them. However, it has been helpful in taking care of some of our capital items.

Ordinances

There is an item to discuss the Veterans Ordinance regarding the solicitation of funds for veterans. I believe that staff and the Patriotic Commission have reviewed and made comments on this Ordinance, and the Town Attorney has made adjustments. I believe that the Ordinance is ready to move forward. There will be discussion first, and then we will set a Public Hearing. I want to thank the Town Attorney and staff that have reviewed this Ordinance and provided comments.

The second Ordinance before you will be the Tax Stabilization Fund. This Ordinance has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and Town staff, and it is ready to move forward to the Town Council.

Food Waste Digester Plant

I have met with Mr. Mike Curtis from Quantum Biopower regarding the food waste digester plant. We are looking at having an informational meeting sometime in April for companies who may be interested in moving their food waste to such a facility. Mr. Curtis and I will be inviting various food companies from around the region to participate in this meeting. We may be able to sign some companies up for this project. I will let you know when we have finalized the invitation, and Mr. Curtis will be helping to fund this program. It will be a shot in the arm to the Town of South Windsor, and it will help food industries on this side of the river that need to reduce their waste while simultaneously generating electricity.