

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council
From: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager
Subject: Town Manager's Report for 5/21/18 Town Council Meeting
Date: May 17, 2018

Robotics Team

Although I will not be at the May 21 Council Meeting, I would like to recognize the Robotics Team and the wonderful job they did. I am proud that the students from Timothy Edwards Middle School worked so hard to receive a very fine distinction in the robotics world.

Food Waste Recycling and Anaerobic Digester Facility

The Council requested an update on food waste recycling and the anaerobic digester facility. I know West Hartford is starting a food waste recycling program, but it will take some time to review. We would also need to have discussions with the Public Works Department as they handle refuse and recycling.

We held a meeting with some local vendors to discuss the impact of an anaerobic digester facility in South Windsor. We will continue to put that program together. It was disappointing because many facilities were invited and only a few attended. We may need to hold one more meeting so that people understand the process.

Road Maintenance Fund

It is my understanding that there is a discussion on a protected road maintenance fund in yearly budgets. The Mayor and I have briefly discussed this, and I will be bringing a proposal to the Town Council on June 4. Every year, there would be money set aside for road maintenance so that we can continue to keep our community safe.

Budget

I would like to have a discussion on June 4 regarding the planning timeline for the 2019/2020 budget. The governor's race this year could have an effect on the ensuing budget. I want to thank the Council for approving the 2018/2019 budget as this will put us in a position to better handle possible future cuts.

Referendum

Scott Roberts will be giving an update on the infrastructure referendum. We will have Robinson and Cole prepare documents after your discussion to ensure that any selected programs are appropriately drafted into resolution form.

Ordinances

I would like to make sure that the vote on the portable classrooms is passed so we can move that project forward. There is also a vote on the Fire Department Ordinance and Health Ordinance changes. We would like to resolve these issues quickly as well. As you know, ordinance changes do not take effect until 15 days after the passage of the ordinance by the Town Council.

Proposed 4th R Committee

It is my understanding that the Mayor is proposing a resolution creating a Town Committee to oversee and strengthen the 4th R Program. I have no problem with the Committee as long as the Committee focuses on the fact that it is not a 4th R problem, it is a Town-wide problem. There are certain areas in Town where we cannot get children to their respective daycare centers, and there is overcrowding in the 4th R program that the Town provides to the community. I want make sure that the Committee stays focused in order to resolve this issue and help the residents of our community.

Tax Abatement

There is a resolution for a tax abatement for the Phoenix All Stars Training Center. The Council has already received and reviewed information regarding this abatement. I hope

the Council will approve this abatement as this project will have a positive impact on the community and our local economy.

When I was in Dallas, Texas, there was a huge cheerleading competition. The entire city was inundated with young kids trying to promote their school or organization which was fantastic. The influx into the local community was huge. Although this will be on a smaller scale in South Windsor, projects like this will have a positive impact on the community. The property, which used to be farmland, will also be put on the tax rolls along with the new building.

ICSC Conference

During the week of May 21, I will be in Las Vegas at the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference. There are over 38,000 vendors that participate in this Conference. I have already set up four meetings next week to promote our Town. Hopefully we can successfully entice businesses to our Town.

460 Miller Road

The Town Attorney will be at the Council Meeting on May 21 to discuss 460 Miller Road in Executive Session. I know the situation has been a plague in that area of Town, and it has taken an enormous amount of time to bring this to some sort of conclusion through the court system.