

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 9/17/18 Town Council Meeting

Date: September 13, 2018

Barber Hill Station

As the Council may recall, the Barber Hill power station was improved with heavy generators which created a tremendous amount of noise for nearby residents. The power company has installed the appropriate sound barriers, and the noise situation will continue to be monitored. Some residents have felt that the power company has done a good job, and we may have finally resolved this issue. It may take some time before the readings are official, but then we can determine if the station is able to operate successfully without disturbance to the residents.

Blasting Regulations – Local Ordinance

The Council asked the Fire Marshal some time ago to review the blasting regulations for local ordinance. I have enclosed for you a memorandum from the Fire Marshal that is addressed to myself and Scott Roberts, regarding the blasting regulations. The memorandum is very clear. Although it is not recommended that we do anything more than what the State has asked for, I will leave that up to the Town Council. I am putting this out there for informational purposes and further discussion.

Moody's Report

I have enclosed for the Council a hard copy of the Moody's Report concerning our financial status. I have also emailed the report to the Council. The report is quite favorable. We have kept our Aa2 rating. This is good news for the Town. There are some items mentioned in the report that we still need to work on if we want to get to the Aa1 rating, but the Town of South Windsor is very strong financially and is in stable condition.

Rye Street/Farnham Road Gunfire

It has come to our attention that an individual has purchased a property on Rye Street near the Farnham Road area, comprised of approximately 30 acres. They have used some of that acreage to practice shooting firearms. I received calls from residents in the area who are concerned. The Police Department did go to the individual's house and they were quite cordial. Through our ordinance the resident does have the right to participate in practicing firearms as long as they are 500 feet away from any residential area. Although they have a right, I am having the Town Attorney look into this, due to the concern of nearby residents. Being as the property has a commercial portion to it as well as a residential, we are looking to find out if the zoning would allow such use in that area. I told the concerned residents I would get back to them, but unfortunately there is nothing I can do at this point until we do further research.