

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

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

**Subject: Town Manager's Report for 1/22/19 Town Council Meeting**

**Date: January 17, 2019**

### **Government Shutdown**

The Governor is looking to change legislation to hold off the taxes that federal workers are required to pay on their homes until the government shutdown is complete. CCM has put out a notice, and the Mayor has also brought this to my attention. It is not on the agenda for this Town Council meeting, but I think it should be discussed as part of the Town Manager's Report as a direction that we want to move in. I have to let CCM know whether or not the Town will be participating if the State statute does change. It would help the citizens who are being financially impacted at this time, and it would only be for the duration of the shutdown.

### **I-291 Corridor**

The Redevelopment Agency will be meeting on a regular basis, as more projects are slated for the I-291 Corridor. We will be updating the plan of development over the next 35-45 days. We want to make sure that we meet the objectives of those who are applying, as well as the objectives of Planning and Zoning and the goals of the Town Council. You will be seeing notices of some minor changes being made in order to ensure that the I-291 zone matches the Planning and Zoning Regulations.

### **Special Education Cost Model Task Force**

I am still Chairperson of the Special Education Cost Model Task Force. We are moving forward with some meaningful solutions. The final report is not out, but I have made presentations to COST, CCM, and other agencies to show what this means for municipalities and the predictability of special education cost. Once that report is finished we will be presenting it to the legislature, hopefully in February. When it is finalized I will be giving a copy to the Town Council and the Board of Education, so that

you can be fully informed of what we are trying to accomplish for our special education needs.

### **Financial Statements**

We will try to have a separate discussion on our financial statements for FY 17-18. I think this will be very important to review. If the Council has any questions, I will be happy to address them at the Council meeting.

### **“Pay-As-You Throw” Trash Program**

Our staff has been working on the “pay-as-you-throw” project. They did go up to Worcester to look at some other communities who participate in this program, and they have obtained lot of information that we will put into an educational piece to bring to the Council at a future meeting. We may also put this information on our website.

Representative Delnicki has recently put together a bill to prevent communities from having to do the program. We are going to analyze that particular piece as well to see how this will affect the Town of South Windsor.

### **Budget**

I am preparing for next year’s budget. Vanessa Perry and Scott Roberts will be the lead on the budget, and bring to me some of the items that will need some major decisions. I hope to provide the Town Council with a new way of looking at the budget, so that everyone is fully aware of the wants, the needs, and the items that are necessary in order to keep our community running. There will be two budgets prepared: the regular budget that we prepare for the GFOA and our financial people S&P and Moody’s, and then there will be a summary of those numbers in the way that the Council would like to approach the budget this year, with fixed cost and variable cost and how that relates to the Town’s operations.

### **Beaver Presentation – Ray Favreau & John Caldwell**