

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 4/15/19 Town Council Meeting

Date: April 10, 2019

Tax Fixing Agreements – Costco and Daycare Center

I will be attending a special meeting of the Economic Development Committee on Thursday, April 11th, to present a tax fixing agreement for Costco. The Council has received the information in advance, and if the agreement is approved by the EDC I will be looking for approval at the Town Council meeting. Costco seems to be committed, I know there has been a lot of site work and testing going on at the property. Hopefully things will work out in favor of us all, as I think this would greatly benefit Evergreen Walk, and it would provide good jobs and a facility that will service the public in the Town of South Windsor.

The EDC will be also be discussing a tax fixing agreement for the daycare center that is looking to build in the Pleasant Valley School area to accommodate the need for before and after school programs. If this is passed by the EDC I will be looking for approval from Town Council. This will hopefully help to move this project along as quickly as possible, although it is still subject to the rules and regulations of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and still has to provide some information on traffic control and some of the other issues that the PZC has raised.

Upcoming Economic Development

At the March 27th Economic Development Forum I outlined many projects that are coming in the future for the Town of South Windsor. This includes some projects in the I-291 area, some projects in Evergreen Walk, and the Geissler's supermarket. I will be on top of those issues, and I am already in negotiations with the potential project down on I-291, which is being developed by Scannell. Their principals have now contacted me, and I will be working with them through their process. Some of these projects are

confidential in nature, as the one down on I-291 is a Fortune 100 company. They are asking me to sign a non-disclosure agreement, which I am having the Town Attorney review first. If we cannot do this agreement, the company will have to follow the normal FOIA requirements under the law. Much of the information sent to the Town is confidential until a deal is made, after which the information becomes public.

We will continue to work on and monitor these upcoming projects, and I will supply whatever information I can at the time to the Town Council, provided that these companies will allow us to release information as we go along.

Town Council Budget Question

During the last budget session with the Town Council, there was a question about a miscellaneous category containing \$9,500 within the Town Council budget. It seems that the two items in the miscellaneous category are for the Metro-Hartford Alliance, which is a regional group that we participate in for regional development, and the other is the Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Committee, and we do have people serving on that committee to work on ensuring that South Windsor has reliable bus transportation for Human Services programs and for the general public.

CCM

At the last CCM meeting, we had discussions with Jonathan Harris, and it was determined that the teacher's retirement proposal that was to put the pension cost burden on local communities has been eliminated from that bill. We are still watching that particular item, only because it could be put on an implemented bill. At this point we are not being required to make those payments, but we will continue to monitor this until the end of the session.

During this meeting we went through many bills. Jonathan Harris confirmed that there is talk of regionalizing, but there will need to be discussions with local government and the State to see which items really make sense, and which do not. The verdict is still out on

that proposal, but there is a lot of discussion between CCM and the Governor's office. I will keep the Town Council apprised as this evolves.

Municipal Unity Week

CCM has started an event called Municipal Unity Week. We would like to get out to all the various towns on a regional basis to make sure that their issues are being taken care of. The closest meeting to South Windsor will be Wednesday April 17th from 9 am – 11 am, at the Glastonbury Boathouse at 252 Welles Street, Glastonbury. I think that this would be a good opportunity for elected officials, such as the Town Council, to participate if you can. As you know, I sit on the Board of Directors of CIRMA and CCM, and although I am quite involved, this will give you an opportunity to get updated as well and feel comfortable as to what CCM has been doing for us by lobbying at the State level.

Eversource Report – Barber Hill Station

I sent out to the Town Council a notification from Eversource about the readings taken at the Barber Hill station. According to that report the readings are within State and local guidelines after Eversource put up the barriers around the transformers at that facility. If any resident is interested in viewing the report, it is available on the Town website, under the Town Manager's page. This project has been a long time coming, and hopefully the residents of the area can finally have some peace and quiet.