

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council
From: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager
Subject: Town Manager's Report for 5/20/19 Town Council Meeting
Date: May 15, 2019

New Town Manager

I recently met with Michael Maniscalco, the new Town Manager, to go over some things so we can have a smooth transition moving forward. We have talked about succession planning, and we are both in agreement at this point on how that will transition. What I think will happen is he will be here on July 15th to take over from me at the Town Council meeting, and for the following two weeks I will be here to show him around Town and introduce him to different people in the community. I have also updated him on some of the projects I am working on, as well as some of the projects that will be coming his way. I will be finished as Town Manager on August 2nd, and then on September 1st I will start the economic development program with Michael so that there can be a seamless transition. Michael is very excited about South Windsor, as I am very excited to have him here, and to continue to push forward your economic development programs.

Pleasant Valley School Property Purchase

As you know, we have been trying to purchase the property next to Pleasant Valley School. I would like to let the Council know that those contracts are signed, sealed, and delivered, and the next step is moving forward on a closing date. Hopefully that will be coming soon, and the project will be all wrapped up. Once that happens, we can begin the process of determining where the new Pleasant Valley School can be built. This information will be made available to the public.

Purchase of DiLoreto Property

The DiLoreto property adjacent to the Public Works facility is scheduled for closing. That project is moving along well and will be an asset to the Public Works facility.

Budget

I would like to thank the Town Council for your support this year in producing an excellent budget. As we move forward we will continue to monitor the teacher's pension issues at the State level, as well as other issues including tolls and marijuana distribution as they could all have an effect on the taxpayers of South Windsor.

I-291 Corridor Project NDA

I have signed a non-disclosure agreement for a project we are working on for the I-291 Corridor. The agreement was redrafted by the Town Attorney. I felt very comfortable in moving forward with the agreement. As we go on, information related to this project will have to be sent to the Council in confidential form, or given in executive session updates. As it stands right now things are moving in the right direction and we are hoping to have a lot of the items from DEEP finalized by September 1st. After that we should be able to move the project forward as quickly as possible.

Economic Development Incentive Program

I have sent a memorandum to the Economic Development Commission, as we need to re-examine the policies and procedures for our economic development incentive program. Some of the logos on the paperwork need to be changed, and I would also like to have the EDC review the policies to make sure that they are still appropriate to meet the market demands before us today. In the memorandum I have also explained to the EDC how I would like to move forward on certain projects, and that it would be helpful if they would like to set parameters. As we move forward I would like to be able to make commitments to various development proposals, and make sure that the EDC, PZC, and IWA will all support these projects that will have a strong financial impact on the community. Once the program changes are adopted by the EDC, they should come back to the Council for your review and adoption as well.