TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN HALL

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Mirek called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

4. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Carolyn Mirek
Deputy Mayor Janice Snyder
Councilor M. Saud Anwar
Councilor William Carroll
Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Matthew Riley

Members Absent: Councilor Cindy Beaulieu
Councilor Edward Havens

Others Present: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

Mayor Mirek presented a proclamation to Mrs. Anjeli Sabade who was the logo contest winner for the Priest Property project.

5. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

Mr. Galligan reported on the following items:

- The 8-24 referral for the Bark Park was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Town will continue to work with the plaintiffs to help mitigate their concerns regarding sound.
- A budget was approved by the Senate, and it now is in the hands of the Governor. The Governor can veto the budget, sign the budget or sit and do nothing with the budget. If the Governor does nothing, after fourteen days the budget would be in effect. If the budget stays as approved, South Windsor will receive more money than what is proposed through the Governor's budget.
- There have been thirty-two requests for recycling bins since the July 3, 2017 Town Council meeting. There have been twenty recycling carts delivered, eight requests have been denied, and four requests are still

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pending. It is the company's discretion if residents will get a second recycling cart. The company will go twice to the property of the resident requesting the additional recycling bin on recycling collection day and if there is no cross-contamination in the container and it is full both days, the resident will get an additional recycling container.

- The Town has closed on the Collins Sledding Hill and is now the owner of this property.
- The Festival of Lights was held on Saturday, September 16th. It was a great event, and Mr. Galligan thanked the Diverse and Strong Committee, any company who supported this event, and Town staff who did a great job.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that he has been in contact with Senator Larson, Representative Currey and Representative Delnicki regarding the budget. He does not know how everyone voted on the budget but would find that out and report back to the Council.

Following is the Verbatim for this portion of the conversation

Carroll: Have you had an opportunity to speak with our representatives, Currey and Delnicki.

Galligan: Mr. Delnicki and Currey have been very close in talking to me. I did speak to Senator Larson just the other day. I gave him a call, we talked about it. He was also in a position to push things along. He thought they were going to have a close budget, but I have been in contact with them. I am trying to move that budget along.

Carroll: Matt, I guess what I am specifically asking is will we know which way the vote went and who voted.

Galligan: I can get that for you.

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Carroll: Right, but I mean if it goes to a veto and goes back to the General Assembly we really want to talk with our representatives, tell them how we feel and make sure they understand an act of not overturning the veto and so on and so forth. I just wanted to make that statement because I think it is very important that if the veto happens, there is an opportunity to overturn the veto and it is based on the way the votes went the first time, it is not too far off, it would not be that hard of an obstacle I would think if people saw the light and wanted to take that route versus the impact that we are going to get with the Governor, not with the plan he has already put in place which is a disaster.

Galligan: That is what would have to happen, it would have to go back to the legislature. I think you need 101 yes votes in the representatives and I think it is 26 more, there is a certain number that they have to get in order to make that happen but yes I think we should have the representatives come in and speak to the Council at that point and figure out what the game plan is if it does get a veto on it.

Carroll: The only issue is that the deadline is before next meeting so I don't know if we need to draft a letter. I think we should, as a Council consider, I know we wrote one letter before but I think we should consider doing it again and getting their feedback and let them know how we feel about this.

Galligan: If the Council wishes I could draft a letter for the Mayor and have the Council kind of endorse it. I could email something out to all the Council members, look at it, and then if it is ok we can send it out.

Snyder: So to follow through a little bit with Billy's comments. I think that the letter and actually that is what I wanted to suggest also, was to write a letter to our representatives, to the three of them, just to let them know that we support this as a Council. Hopefully we have a majority of us here and I believe you can do that on a consensus, Matt.

Galligan: Yes

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Snyder: If a majority of us want to do that and I think one of the most important points of the budget is that this budget that was approved by the House and by the Senate, it implements systemic change over a long period of time because I believe everyone understands that we can't go on continuing to do the business that we are doing now at the State level and trying to think outside of that box and changing things systemically. Things are not going to get better overnight but it allows us to look down the line to see how Connecticut will get its fiscal house in order so I think that is why a big proponent of it and hopefully we can get enough people on Council to give you a head nod on that and we can get that letter out, I would think it would have to go out as soon as possible Matt.

Galligan: Oh it will, yes.

Snyder: Within a few day and I think the quicker we get on there and talk to our representatives and I also want the people at home, ya know, the people that are listening or people that are concerned to give your senator and your representative a call and let them know how you feel about it and we need to have a budget in place and working together at that level is the way to do it. Thank you.

Riley: Want to circle back to the point that Councilor Carroll and Deputy Mayor Snyder were addressing. We have a budget that has passed both the House and Senate so the Generally Assembly has passed a budget. The Governor has suggested that he is going to veto it so we will see if he vetoes it, signs it, or does nothing as you indicated but in order to override a veto, you would need 2/3rds on both sides right, and in the Senate that is only 3 votes if I am not mistaken.

Galligan: Correct.

Riley: So and our Senator voted against the budget so that could be one if we could impress upon him the urgency and the need to do that because quite frankly if the Executive Order goes into effect October 1st, that cuts our ECS funding to zero correct?

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Galligan: Correct.

Riley: and in the budget that was passed, our ECS funding is at $12.8 million.

Galligan: Correct.

Riley: That is a 12.8 million dollar swing. About each million dollars in lost revenue, which is really what I am viewing, that as is about a 1% tax increase to (inaudible) all other things being equal.

Galligan: Yes, it would be more than that as a tax increase.

Riley: So it's a significant number and I think it is important that we all go on record, it was talked about getting a consensus and getting you to draft something because we really don't have another meeting before October 1st so I think we need to actually formally do that, make sure there is that consensus because I think it is important that our representatives know that our community is going to be significantly negatively impacted by the Executive Order and the elimination of the ECS funding and that we really need this budget that has been passed to be executed by the Governor and if he doesn't, that members of both the House and the Senate and certainly our representatives need to think about looking to override that.

Galligan: Well, and I agree and I think the Governors comments were just low key. I think he is thinking about the same issues that we are all thinking about, impact. The Governor is not a stupid man by any chance. He has been running this for a while, he has been in a deficit situation and I think he has to evaluate and talk to the Speaker of the House and everybody and I think those discussions are going to go on but I am hoping something will come out of that and I think you are right, if we can talk to every one of our representatives to put pressure on the Speaker and the Senate Pro Tem to make sure that stays in-tact, that would be the best maneuver. I think the Speaker the other days said that if the Governor's budget stays, there is

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going to be a lot of communities that are going to hurting and a lot of them are going to be down- graded and stuff and not be able to do education. We all know is that it is a tough time. I would tell you, the 22 years I have been here, this is the first time I have seen people cross the isle because they knew it was that important. They knew it was that important to keep the State going and to keep education in the forefront so I am just hoping that spirit of cooperation will continue because I think it sets a new tone maybe for how Connecticut and local governments are going to work with each other with the State.

Riley: Yes and we all hope that and we will try to remain optimistic but October 1st is looming and so I do think it is important that the Council go on record with our legislators, well Tom is here but certainly with Representative Currey and Senator Larson and Representative Delnicki who is here to listen first hand.

Galligan: I can draft something tomorrow and send it out to all of the Council people so you can all see it, make comments, anything you would like to add to that.

Riley: Is that the procedure?

Galligan: Yes I want to make sure all of the Council people see it before I send anything out.

Mirek: Do we have a consensus?

Anwar: Actually let me just – so if, I am not going to say yes or no, I need to explain what needs to be heard.

Mirek: Let Matt finish first and then I am going to speak.

Anwar: Sure.

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Riley: Maybe to Councilor Anwar's point, I am looking for there to be action taken by you Matt and looking to give you the direction from this body that says yes you needs to do this and you need to communicate with our representatives and explain to them how important it is for our community that the budget be adopted and I think quite frankly that our representatives recognizing particularly the massive reduction in ECS funding that goes into effect if the Executive Order goes into effect on October 1st and that simply can't happen so we need them to understand the importance of their position and frankly if there is a veto, I think both the House and the Senate should vote to override that and I think our legislators should know that is the view of this body. Hopefully we have a consensus that's indeed the case.

Galligan: Ya know if I am going to reference the Town Council, I would like to make sure that you all get a copy of it before I send it.

Mirek: This new budget with 20 million in it for the year 2018 and $20 million for year 2019 and bonding. The $2.7 million from the Department of Economic and Community Development for 2018/2019 and I believe that is on top of the $5 million that the Governor already approved for the testing but all that money is in this State budget so if this State budget doesn't get approved, we get nothing. So this is really important to tell our legislators. We have so many citizens here in dire straight with their homes and we need money for our schools so we really need to get this budget passed and if it gets vetoed, I want a strongly worded letter for any legislators that voted against it to think twice because they are hurting our community.

Anwar: I wanted to circle back on the question that has been asked for us. First of all I want to know what the letter says before I would give a blank check to anybody to sign my name on a letter, it is probably a safer thing to do it that way but I also feel there are pushes and pulls on both sides. The good news is, with respect to our ECS funding, there is support from both sides. The issue is the timeline, the timeline is the concern that we have. I think the letter that needs to go is if there is a veto that the timeline that the two parties need to sit down together and identify.

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I think if I look at their perspectives and I study there are like 1,087 pages so it is a lot of pages for both sides. I know that there is alignment on 75-80% of the things and those 75-80% of the things actually are truly going to be helping the municipalities and (inaudible) but at the same time there are differences and those differences some of those are very important to me and I wanted to make sure that rather than give a blank check, I actually mentioned, I am looking at some things I had written, wish I had printed it out but there is reduction in special education and people with special needs. Today I actually had a mother of a child with special needs reach out who was actually very upset and sad at what was going to happen and that was actually devastating for her and a child. The University of Connecticut is going to lose 300 million dollars of funding so there will be a campus that may potentially get closed. There will be a lot of teachers and students that will be impacted so education is not up to high school, education is higher education as well and I think when a community college is going to be devastated, when a University of Connecticut actually our very important institution is going to be badly hurt, I think I have a concern about that as well. In the same way I think, I wish there was funding for crumbling foundation situation to the level that is needed and I think that is missing in the picture which is a problem. I wish there was a surcharge of the $12 that we talked about, that would have helped out. We will still, with this budget be in a multi-billion dollar deficit in the next many years, multi-billion dollar deficit. I think that is something that we need to recognize. The budget essentially also allows that there is an understanding that nobody can use the funding for clean election or election funding in an inappropriate manner. Those protection of clean elections are going to go away so people would be allowed, it you will, because the law won't be there for the embezzlement of any funding for the elections, so that again is a concern. The new

Mirek: Point of Order – I think we are getting away from the point.

Anwar: I listened to you guys, you got to hear it.

Riley: You are reading off of your phone, can we have a copy of that.

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Anwar: I don't have a copy but I can send it to you.

Mirek: This is just about sending a letter and you're requesting that Mr. Galligan send us a proof.

Anwar: I am allowed to speak.

Mirek: Actually we are past the point and I said we had to wrap it up when I came on.

Anwar: So, but I am allowed to speak.

Mirek: I told you, it is past being over so you could wrap it up.

Anwar: I will, so again there is elimination of school bus seat belt funding. There is elimination of clean air fund. There is defunding of new born screening in hospitals. Again, these are some of the things that are a concern to me and we are looking at a calculation using at a revenue from 2027, how does that make sense if we actually say we are going to use the funding from 2027. If we did our budgets in this manner, so I think it is important that we cannot give a blank check to anybody, the devil is going to be in the details and we need to have a mechanism to look at this. Again, it is important for us as a community to push the two parties, to come together on issues that are going to have an impact on us as a community and that is what we should do rather than give a blank check to and push for (inaudible).

Galligan: I can agree that the budgets that are being proposed by the two parties here are geared towards trying to protect municipalities, but not to be against what you are saying because there are some things that are being hurt in that budget, people and stuff like that but the problem has always been in the State that they don't manage their expenses well. They don't manage it and the problem that I have is in a local government, this Council here, sits very hard to manage your expenses, to work with the unions, to work with all that stuff and they don't do that at that level and the bottom line is because they want to get elected, that is the bottom line. Now what happens is the State of Connecticut is caught in a position where rather than

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cut their owns things that they are controlling, DECD, all those programs, cutting back the years, getting rid of the pensions, doing all those things, they don't do it and now the price has to pay but I don't think the local government should have to make that payment.

Anwar: I do think there are two opinions on that. As far as I am concerned (inaudible).

Galligan: I agree there are two opinions which is being in local government for 22 years here, 38 years, I see it all of the time and it is the same in New York, the same in New Jersey, the same everywhere. Nobody wants to make that hard core statement where locally we have to make it. I could not make those changes or I let those contracts runs so somebody else is going to pay for it but I agree, I don't like the hospital situation, I don't like some of the things I read in the budget either, it is going to affect some of the people I know, that I am close with and I think they have to work on those thing, I agree with you 100% but they can't do it on the backs of the local taxpayer. They have to figure out at that level, how do we make this happen, what other areas do we cut to make this work.

Anwar: Thank you.

Mirek: the other issue is the time constraint because October 1st the Executive Order goes into effect and if the Governor decides to wait it out we are going to have a real problem.

Carroll: I understand what Councilor Anwar is speaking about, but the problem is we are facing, our Town is going to be caught with a 12 million dollar deficit. To me that is very important, that is what we need the letter to state. There has been a budget passed by both sides of the, by the General Assembly, ok so that has been passed, that is all that has been passed, nothing else has been passed so you have what you have. Whatever way the Governor goes, that is up to him, but what I am saying is we need to impress upon our representatives who represent South Windsor to look at us and look at our situation before other situations. That is my whole point. We

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go on and on about political themes and reading off of the budget. I understand where you are coming from but that doesn't solve the problem for South Windsor. The problem for South Windsor currently is we are going to be in a 12 million dollar hole if nothing is passed, plain and simple, which means according to what the Town Manager says, per one million your taxes are going to go up 1% so right now what are we currently planning for?

Galligan: When you passed the budget I think it was 1.98%.

Carroll: 1.98% so we are going to go up to a 12% tax increase, that is it, simple. If you don't want to support the resolution, or the consensus then you could put that on record. What I am saying is we need to impress upon our local representatives who represent South Windsor and tell them how we feel because it is very important that we look at our town and then it is up to the legislators up at the State – they are the ones to decide where the money is going to lie and where it is going to fall but for our town we need to look at this deficit. It is hugely important. Sorry for carrying on but it really gets my goat.

Mirek: Ok so right now I am only looking for consensus for drafting a letter to the legislators.

Anwar: Point of clarification.

Mirek: There is no clarification, the Town Manager will do a draft, send it out and we can give feedback on it and you can give all of the feedback you want.

Anwar: So point of clarification, Matt the question, there are two letters. One was saying to give a blank check to whatever is being proposed and the other one was to the two parties to work collaboratively to have a budget before October 1st.

Galligan: I think the letter that you want is to go to the two parties and say we have concerns and here they are and we want you to work hard to make these concerns (inaudible).

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Anwar: So it is not a blank check.

Mirek: Nobody said a blank check.

Galligan: I am under the impression that it is going to the two parties and then going from there to (inaudible).

Anwar: Ok, I will support the letter, thank you.

Pendleton: Clarification, that is all. Clarification because you just said letter going to the two parties. The letter is coming to us first, so that is the clarification I am looking for that it is a draft to us which then in turn it will go to the two parties, that is all I want to clarify that it is not automatically going to go from Matt to the two parties.

Mirek: No.

Pendleton: Got it thank you.

Riley: This is a letter that will be sent to the folks that represent South Windsor in the General Assembly. This is not going out to the leaders of the Republican or Democrat party. These are the people that represent us. To Councilor Carroll's point, this is about South Windsor and how we are being impacted by their actions and they need to understand that and we need to go on record with the folks that are representing this community. That is what this letter is about.

Galligan: There is a protocol, you want to work with your rep and you're State and then they go out.

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Mr. Galligan explained that it had been decided that the Town will use 37 mill rate for motor vehicles. If a 32 mill rate was used and the State came back with a 37 mill rate, the Town would then be approximately $1.1 million dollars short in the budget.

Mr. Galligan then explained to the Council that Ashley Summers is in the process of setting up a meeting regarding crumbling foundations. The meeting will be for the public also. If the approved budget passes, there would be $20 million dollars in the first and second year. The one item that needs to be determined is who would control the funds.

Councilor Anwar informed homeowners with crumbling foundations to contact the Assessor's Office before October 1st so their house can be reassessed. Due to the crumbling foundations, homes are being assessed at a lower value, and therefore the amount of taxes would decrease. If the approved State budget does not get vetoed by the Governor, homeowners can also get reimbursement for testing of their concrete.

Answering questions from Councilor Pendleton, Mr. Galligan explained that the residents should contact the Assessor's Office for the reassessment of their homes.

6. Public Input (Items Not on the Agenda)

Mr. Mark Cabbot, 37 Kelly Road came before the Council to thank them for the Festival of Lights event that took place over the weekend. It was wonderful to see so many people with diverse backgrounds come together.

Mr. Tiernan Cabbot, 37 Kelly Road came forward and thanked the Council for their support of different events in Town. He has been able to have a table at each event trying to help individuals who are less fortunate. He has sent supplies to Texas and will be sending supplies to Florida.

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Mrs. Rita Goel, 80 Cornerstone Drive thanked the Town Council for the Festival of Lights event and requested that the resolution addressing bigotry be brought back before the Town Council. Mrs. Goel informed the Council that she would not have a problem paying more in taxes to help people with crumbling foundations and would like the $12 surcharge put back into the State budget. Mrs. Goel then announced that the South Windsor Alliance for Progress would be holding a seminar regarding the future of food waste in Connecticut. The event will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the South Windsor Public Library, Friends Room.

Mr. Doug Nation came before the Council and stated that the Festival of Lights was an unbelievable event and he looks forward to this event next year

Mr. Sudip Bhattacharjee, 77 Clearview Drive stated that being at the Festival of Lights event was a great way to show support. It was a great event, and he thanked the Town Council for their support.

Mr. Manu Mazumdar, 33 Stonehenge Road, stated he was honored to have been asked to Chair the Festival of Lights event, but this event would not have happened without the partnership with the Town. Mr. Mazumdar thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Tom Delnicki, State Representative, came before the Council and discussed the State budget explaining that the budget that was approved holds South Windsor harmless for the first year. Crumbling foundations is a critical issue and is in the bipartisan budget. The issue is being addressed, and even though it will take additional resources, it is a good start. State Representative Delnicki requested that the approved budget from the State be put on the Town's website.

Councilor members gave consensus to extend the Public Input by ten minutes.

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Mr. Andy Paterna, 301 Strawberry Lane requested that the Town Council look at the entire budget because there are cuts to higher education that could affect South Windsor residents.

Mrs. Nancy Yario, 20 Andreis Trail came before the Council and stated that there are homes on Andreis Trail that are being affected by crumbling foundations. Mrs. Yario then explained that she has spoken to the Council for years about the Bark Park which is an issue that affects her quality of life every day. There is an error on the Special Minutes from August 28th, which states there was no cost to the Town for the Bark Park. Mrs. Yario stated that there were different costs to the Town.

Deputy Mayor Snyder made a motion to suspend the rules to go to Item 15. B. on the agenda. Councilor Anwar seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

15. New Business

B. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of a 1988 Emergency One Cyclone Pumper

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sell, through an invitation to bid process, a 1988 Emergency One Cyclone Pumper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign and execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate the sale of this fire engine.

Was made by Councilor Anwar
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Fire Chief Kevin Cooney came before the Council and explained that since this resolution was drafted, there have been discussions regarding the

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opportunity to donate this vehicle to Houston, Texas who has lost a lot of their equipment during Storm Harvey. The Town could receive between $5,000 to $12,000 for this truck, but it is felt that donating it would be a better option. The Town's goal is to get rid of the truck which will save money.

Mr. Galligan informed the Council that it would cost the Town $1,500 to advertise for the sale of this truck so he would be inclined to go with Chief Cooney's recommendation of donating the fire engine to Houston, Texas.

Councilor Anwar made a motion to amend the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sell, through an invitation to bid process, a 1988 Emergency One Cyclone Pumper **or donate it to a community in the United States in need**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign and execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate the sale **or donation** of this fire engine.

Councilor Pendleton seconded the amendment

Answering questions from the Council, Chief Cooney explained that the truck is in decent shape and is still usable. South Windsor presently has a new truck being built, and it would save the Town money to get rid of the 1988 pumper. This is just a suggestion. The final decision can be made by the Town Manager after all options are explored.

Councilor members discussed the option of donating the fire engine to Houston, Texas and all felt it was a good idea.

Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the amendment; it was approved, unanimously

Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the amended resolution; it was approved, unanimously.

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7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meetings: Special Meeting of August 28, 2017; and Regular meeting of September 5, 2017.

Was made by Councilor Pendleton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Snyder
The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6 to 0 with Councilor Carroll abstaining.

8. Public Petitions

None

9. Communications from Liaisons, Officers, and Boards Directly Responsible to Council

None

10. Reports from Standing Committees

None

11. Reports of Temporary Committees

None

12. Public Participation (Items on the Agenda)

Mr. Roy Normen, Homestead Drive came before the Council and stated that the property on Clark Street would be a great addition to open space for the Town. This property abuts Wapping Park, and the Open Space Task Force feels this is a desirable piece of property. Mr. Normen then stated that he would hope that when someone is proposing to sell any property to the Town, that the person would seek advice from someone who can explain the tax implications.

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13. Consent Agenda

Councilor Carroll made a motion to approve Agenda Items 14. A. through 14. B. as the Consent Agenda. Councilor Anwar seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution Reappointing John Phillips (R) to the Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints John Phillips (R) to the Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission for a term ending June 1, 2021.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

B. Resolution Appointing James MacDonald (R) an Alternate to the Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints James MacDonald (R) an Alternate to the Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission for a term ending December 1, 2019 to fill the unexpired term of Daniel Seypura.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

15. New Business *(Continued)*

A. Resolution Approving the Transfer of $18,000 from the Contingency Account to the Public Works Rental Leases Account

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the transfer of $18,000 from the Contingency Account to the Public Works Rental Leases Account to cover costs associated with the repair and replacement of the current crosswalk signal on Rte. 30 at The Mill on the River Restaurant.

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Mr. Galligan requested that no action be taken on this item. The Department of Transportation is reviewing this project so the cost could change.

Mayor Mirek requested that this item be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

C. Discussion Item: 625 Clark Street (Kelley Property) (requested by Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan)

Mr. Galligan explained that Mr. Bruce Kelley offered this property for sale to the Town. The property abuts the Wapping Park. The Open Space Force has reviewed this property and feels it is a good piece of property for the Town to purchase.

Mrs. Pat Botteron, 34 Victor Lane came before the Town Council representing the Open Space Task Force. Mrs. Botteron reviewed the property for the Town Council and explained that the Open Space Task Force is enthusiastic about this property and highly recommends the property for Town acquisition.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that negotiations for a purchase price would begin and then at the next meeting the Council will be apprised of the cost and make a decision whether to move forward with the purchase of this property. Mr. Galligan informed the Council that there are approximately two million dollars left in the funds to purchase open space.

D. Resolution Adopting a Tax Rate for Motor Vehicles

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a tax rate of 37 mills for motor vehicles to be levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2016 for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2017 and terminating on June 30, 2018.

Was made by Councilor Maneeley
Seconded by Councilor Carroll

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Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that it would be prudent for the Town to use the 37 mill rate. If the Governor passes a budget using the 32 mill rate, South Windsor would be over one million dollars short in our budget.

Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

E. Resolution Approving the Transfer of $14000 from the Contingency Account to the Human Services Department, Senior Bus Service Division – Department Equipment Account

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a transfer of $14,000 from the Contingency Account to the Human Services Department, Senior Bus Service Division – Department Equipment Account to cover costs associated with the purchase of a new bus.

Was made by Councilor Riley
Seconded by Councilor Pendleton

Mr. Galligan explained that the cost of a new bus is $65,000. The Town will be receiving a grant from the State and will pay $14,000 for a new bus. There is approximately $114,000 left in contingency after this purchase.

Mrs. Andrea Cofrancesco informed the Council that this purchase would replace a bus that is about ten years old, and no additional staff is necessary.

Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

F. Discussion Item: On-Line Permitting and Payment for Department Fees (requested by Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan)

Mr. Galligan explained that on-line permitting and payment of Department fees would save time for residents and contractors by allowing them to make payments for various Town services without having to come to Town Hall.

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15. F. ***(Continued)***

Mr. Galligan informed the Town Council that CRCOG has a program called, Back Office Program, which could be used by the Town. The process should begin with commercial first, and then the Town can see where it goes from there. This is felt to be a great program.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that the Town would have to first ensure that MUNIS is compatible with the CRCOG system. If the systems are not compatible, the Town would have to search for another program that would be compatible.

Councilor members discussed the charge that is applied to credit card users, and there were concerns expressed regarding that charge to residential users.

Mayor Mirek stated that this would be a business-friendly approach because there are times when it is difficult for people to come to Town Hall.

G. Resolution Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Surplus Vehicles

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby declares the vehicles to be "Surplus Equipment", as shown in attached **Exhibit A**, and authorizes Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan to sell, or otherwise dispose of.

Was made by Councilor Pendleton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Snyder

Answering questions, Mr. Galligan explained that the Ford Crown Victorians that are on the surplus list are police vehicles that have already been replaced. These vehicles do a lot of idling all year round. The Town had looked at the new hybrid cars for police vehicles but after all of the equipment necessary for police vehicles are put in, the car loses its efficiency.

Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

ITEM:

15. New Business *(Continued)*

H. Discussion Item: Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Commission Ordinance (requested by Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan)

Mr. Galligan explained that this Ordinance had been reviewed by the Town Attorney. The proposed changes are trying to get the appropriate amount of people to serve on the Commission. Another concern with the Ordinance is the makeup of the Commission with certain backgrounds that would be appropriate and be able to be fulfilled.

Council members reviewed the Ordinance, as shown in attached, **Exhibit B**. A lengthy discussion ensued, and Council members requested clarification or changes to the following items:

- The number of members should be less, possibly ten rather than twelve.
- The Council feels that the number of members at large should be less than six, feeling that four would be better.
- Council members requested clarification of Item c.
- Number 5 should read "A resident of the town, preferably employed by or associated with a banking or other financial institution." This would make this item consistent with number 4.
- The number of members that make up a quorum should be corrected.

I. Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Gary Bazzano (R) from the Planning & Zoning Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts with regret, the resignation of Gary Bazzano (R) from the Planning & Zoning Commission, said resignation to be effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council extends its thanks to Gary Bazzano for the time he has dedicated to serving his community by his membership on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Was made by Councilor Carroll
Seconded by Councilor Anwar

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15. I. ***(Continued)***

Council members thanked Gary Bazzano for his service to the Town

Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

16. Passage of Ordinance

None

17. Public Input/Participation (Any Matter)

None

18. Communications and Petitions from Council

Deputy Mayor Snyder informed the Council that she had the pleasure of bringing a proclamation to the Residence at South Windsor Farms recognizing National Assisted Living Week stating it was a fantastic experience. The Residence at South Windsor Farms presented the Town with a certificate. Deputy Mayor Snyder requested that the Clerk of the Council have the certificate placed on the wall of the Council Chambers.

Councilor Carroll reported that there was a 9-11 service held that was sponsored by the Fire Department. The service was great, and he hopes that the Town continues to hold this event.

Councilor Anwar stated that the South Windsor Chamber of Commerce had an event for Business Person of the Year. It was a great event, and Councilor Anwar congratulated Tim Shepard on being named Business Person of the Year.

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18. Communications and Petitions from Council ***(Continued)***

Deputy Mayor Snyder also reported that the Wapping Fair opened its gate at the Barton Property which was a perfect fit for the fair. A proclamation was read which recognized the 125th Anniversary of the Wapping Fair. Also held was the Festival of Lights which was a terrific event. Councilor Carroll added that it is a pleasure to see that the new location of the Wapping Fair is conducive to those who have trouble with mobility.

Mayor Mirek announced that there would be an event to raise money for the South Windsor Public Education Fund on September 30, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councilor Anwar announced that the South Windsor Police Department had to deliver a baby. He would like to see the Officers come to the next Town Council meeting to be thanked publicly.

19. Executive Session

At 9:46 p.m. Deputy Mayor Snyder made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue (Town Manager's Evaluation; and to discuss a draft agreement which would result in disclosure of public records for information which is exempt from disclosure at this time pursuant to C.G.S. §1-210(b)(1) and §1-210(b)(4). Councilor Pendleton seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Mirek, Deputy Mayor Snyder, Councilor Anwar, Councilor Carroll, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Pendleton, Councilor Riley, and Town Manager Matthew B. Galligan (for item 19. B.).

At 11:00 p.m. Councilor Maneeley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilor Carroll seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

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20. Adjournment

At 11:00 p.m. Councilor Maneeley made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilor Carroll seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid

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Clerk of the Council

Exhibit A

Surplus Equipment 2018

2095	1999 International 4700 4x2 VIN # 1HTSCABM3XH603237 Mileage 75,252	Poor Condition Frame Rotted
7036	2001 Dodge Caravan SE VIN # 1B4GP25371B264215 Mileage 64,660	Poor Condition Frame Rotted
7038	2008 Ford Crown Vic Mileage 154,431	Not in mechanical shape to remain in Fleet.
1017	2011 Ford Crown Vic Vin # 2FABP7BV3BX173219 Mileage 106,413	Blown Engine, Poor Condition

DIVISION 13. AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sec. 2-396. – Establishment and composition.

(a) An agricultural land preservation advisory commission is established consisting of 12 members to be appointed by the town council as follows:

(1) ~~Four~~ Two residents of the town who are either farmers or are otherwise associated with the agriculture industry.

~~(2) A representative from the Hartford County Soil & Water Conservation District who is a resident of the town.~~

~~(3)~~(2) A member or alternate of the South Windsor Inland-Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission.

~~(4)~~(3) A representative from the South Windsor Land Trust.

~~(5)~~(4) A resident of the town, preferably with experience in or knowledge of real estate transactions or investments.

~~(6)~~(5) A resident of the town employed by or associated with a banking or other financial institution

~~(7)~~(6) ~~Three~~ Six persons, at large, who are residents of the town.

(b) The members of the commission shall be appointed for a term of three years. All members shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

(c) By a two-thirds vote of the members of the Town Council, present at a meeting where there is a quorum, there may be appointed persons, at large, who are residents of the Town to the Commission in numbers greater than those specified by subsection (a), provided that in no event will the Commission consist of more than twelve members.
(Ord. No. 141, § 1, 2-3-97)

Sec. 2-397. Organization

(a) The agricultural land preservation advisory commission shall elect, annually, its own chairman and secretary and a vice-chairman, who shall act in the place of the chairman in the event of the chairman's absence or incapacity. However, the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary shall continue to hold such offices until their successors are elected.

(b) The commission shall establish its own rules and procedures for the conduct of its business. Otherwise, it shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, where applicable and not in conflict with its own adopted rules and procedures.

(c) The commission shall establish a schedule of regular meetings. Special meetings may be called at any time by the chairman or upon written request of any ~~seven~~ five members. ~~Seven~~ Five members shall constitute a quorum.
(Ord. No. 141, §3, 2-3-97)

Sec. 2-398. Purpose.

The purpose of the agricultural land preservation advisory commission shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the town council by establishing farmland preservation priorities for the town and conveying these priorities to the town council with specific recommendations as to what the town council, town agencies and/or the town government administration can or should do to maintain and promote a viable agriculture industry within the town in accordance with such priorities.
(Ord. No. 141, §3, 2-3-97)

Sec. 2-399. Duties.

~~The duties of t~~The agricultural land preservation advisory commission shall ~~be as follows~~have the authority to:

(1) Inventory and develop information and maps that show active and inactive farmland, prime and important farmland and farms in relation to zoning, inland wetlands, drainage basins, surface water and groundwater, flood hazard areas, aquifers and recharge areas, and any other environmentally or resource sensitive areas.

(2) Conduct surveys to gather information from farmers and others in the agriculture industry concerning attitudes, conditions and opinions about the future of farming and related activities and what actions would be required to maintain or enhance agriculture within the town.

(3) Promote the use of local agriculture products through displays, fairs or any other method deemed appropriate by the commission.

(4) Sponsor an agriculture day or days to educate local citizens concerning the multiple benefits of a local agriculture industry and encourage the participation in such events by schools, farmers and community organizations.

(5) If the town at any time establishes an agricultural land preservation fund pursuant to C.G.S. §7-131q, act as an advisory to the town council regarding that fund.

(6) Keep records of its meetings and its activities and submit an annual report to the town council.

(7) Appoint advisors to assist it in the fulfillment of its duties as it deems appropriate.

~~(7)~~(8) Take any other actions necessary and proper to exercise its authority.
(Ord. No. 141, §4, 2-3-97)