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**TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Paterna called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna (left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.)
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Erica Evans
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Karen Lydecker

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R.
Scott Roberts, Asst. Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Mgmt.

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Paterna read a statement from President Biden regarding Black History Month and then read a proclamation recognizing Black History Month.

Mayor Paterna stated that tonight the Town Council would follow the Town Council Rules and Procedures, Town Charter, and State Statutes when it comes to appointments and filling vacancies on Boards, Commissions, and the Town Council. Although appointments and the resignation that were received did not meet the approved rules of the Town Council, in an effort to move things forward, the Council will be amending the agenda tonight to ensure that all appointments and Town business will be appropriately addressed.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion.

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5. Adoption of Agenda (Continued)

Councilor Maneeley made a motion to amend the agenda to add items under the Consent Agenda, under the First Reading, 11.a.A. through 11.a.E. and an item under Miscellaneous, 11.c.A. Councilor Snyder seconded the amendment, and it was approved unanimously.

Councilor Maneeley made a motion to amend the agenda to go to Item 11.c.A. before Items 11.a.A through 11.a.E. under the Consent Agenda. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Councilor Snyder made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item under New Business, 13. I., a resolution approving the explanatory text for the proposed purchase of 1645 Ellington Road for municipal offices, proposed renovation of 1540 Sullivan Avenue, the proposed construction of Nevers Sports Facility, the proposed replacement of the Community Center Roof and Public Works Roof, the proposed upgrades to the Police Departments Women's Room Locker Room, proposed replacement of the Timothy Edwards Middle School Roof, and proposed reconstruction of Buckland Road and Pleasant Valley Road. Councilor Maneeley seconded the amendment, and it was approved unanimously.

6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

Mr. Maniscalco reported on the following:

- There has been a total of 1,380 cases of COVID-19 reported in South Windsor, with 1,289 of those cases past quarantine. There have been 51 people that have passed away due to COVID-19. There are 40 individuals currently in South Windsor with COVID-19.
- The Town has been working hard on getting vaccines out. A vaccine clinic is hosted in South Windsor once a week. The eligibility for getting vaccinated in Connecticut has gone to 65 years of age and older. Those who are eligible and would like to sign up should do so through the VAMS system.
- Due to the new strain and the contagiousness of those new strains, the CDC has released new guidance to recommend people wear two masks. Currently, the Town is waiting for a response from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health to see if the Town will move in that direction. That will strain the Town's stockpile of PPE, but more will be ordered if this happens.

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6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager *(Continued)*

- Town staff has been working hard on the 2020/2021 budget. A budget calendar will be sent out to the Council with the dates that each department will be discussed.
- There will be a budget dashboard on-line.
- The new Director of Parks & Recreation, Molly Keays, was introduced to the Council.

Answering questions from the Council, Town Manager Maniscalco explained that the Town currently has about two-thirds of the salt shed full. This amount of salt can handle approximately 6 to 8 storms. The Town will be running the salt down in order to do some work on the salt shed floor. Additional salt will be purchased this spring so that a delivery can be made in the summer.

Councilor Snyder stated that with infection rates continuing to drop, she would like to consider commencing in-person Town Council meetings in the next couple of months. Councilor Snyder requested that the Town Manager and Town staff consider and plan how in-person meetings would be handled. Town Manager Maniscalco said that the Town staff would work on a process and bring a suggestion back to the Town Council. All recommendations from the Health Department will be followed to keep everyone safe. Councilor Snyder agreed that the Town Council should follow the recommendations from the Health Department. Going back to in-person meetings may be a moot point if the infection rates begin to climb. Councilor Snyder said that she is looking for the Town staff to put into place some kind of program or process that can be considered.

Councilor Snyder requested that the Explanatory Text for the referendum on March 16, 2021, be put on the Town website.

Councilor Snyder then requested that after the Town Manager presents the General Government Budget, a public forum be held so the public can ask questions regarding the budget. Town Manager Maniscalco stated that the Town staff would see what could be worked into the budget calendar.

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6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager (Continued)

Answering further questions from the Council, Town Manager Maniscalco explained to the Council that it is important to recognize that the Town does not receive the type of COVID-19 people have when reporting the numbers on COVID-19 cases in South Windsor. All of the different variants have been identified in Connecticut. Individuals eligible to receive the vaccine at this time are those in Tier 1B (65 years old and over, healthcare workers, and anyone who was in Tier 1A). Clinics are being held weekly in South Windsor. A person would need to register online through the CDC VAMS system to get an appointment.

Councilor Hockenberry stated that she hopes the Town will use the same system that was used last year where residents could go in to figure out their taxes on the Town website.

7. Public Input

Dan Edwards, 131 Hilton Drive, stated that he feels in-person meetings are a good suggestion because he finds that calling in to give public input is complicated and discouraging for the public. Mr. Edwards then spoke in support of Item 12. A. on the agenda, a resolution regarding the naming of public lands and buildings. This is not the right time to consider naming a building after an individual, especially the Town Hall. The Town Hall should remain the South Windsor Town Hall.

Kevin McCann (**Exhibit A**)
Christopher Bernard (**Exhibit B**)
Paul Bernstein (**Exhibit C**)
Elizabeth McGuire, 89 Heritage Drive (**Exhibit D**)
Dave MacDonald, 79 Laurel Street (**Exhibit E**)
Jan Kerri Davidson, 432 Oakland Road (**Exhibit F**)
Madison Gonzalez, Ellington Road (**Exhibit G**)
Mitchell Marks, 580 Miller Road (**Exhibit H**)
Alan Cavagnaro, 83 Pine Knob Drive (**Exhibit I**)
Emma Luxemburg, 74 Rugby Lane (**Exhibit J**)

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7. Public Input (Continued)

Kathy Daugherty, 12 Roy Road, spoke in favor of the Town Council going back to in-person meetings. Mrs. Daugherty then spoke about her disappointment with the attempt to stop the appointment of a new member to the Council. It demonstrated an unwillingness to work together and unite this Town even in the simplest form, which goes against the very resolution the Council passed last week regarding United Democracy Day. Taxpayer's money was spent through attorney fees and staff time.

Eric Mahan, 50 Henry Road, first said that he has been very impressed with the comments he has heard from the FLIP students. Mr. Mahan then stated that there had been a lot of misinformation regarding the Nevers Park referendum. There is a need for this proposal because the population has grown tremendously since 1987, as well as the number of sports and teams that need fields. During the spring of 2018, there were 16 days where the grass fields had to be closed due to weather. In the fall of 2018, the fields were closed 14 times in 11 weeks. There are also issues with daylight during the year. Both Route 5 and Rye Street are too far away from the high school. Rye Street Park has been used on special occasions, but students could not be bussed to this location for practices regularly. Mr. Mahan said that he has heard that accredited agencies have said South Windsor needs additional fields. The Town owns 1,750 acres of land, 1,400 is open space. Nevers Park is 138 acres, and even if the entire park were used for this project, it would only be 10% of the open space that the Town owns, and this project is far less than that. The 2021 population cannot support 1980 and 1990 needs. The current visiting teams use the cafeteria for their locker room, and there is no room for additional fields. Adding lights does not create any additional field space.

Cindy Beaulieu, Cody Circle, explained that something very important to her is fiscal responsibility. She does not feel it is fiscally responsible to embark on a huge project to purchase a piece of property amid a pandemic. While many have said it is the best time to buy property because of the low-interest rates, she stated she would completely argue against that because lower rates are here because the economy has gone through a tremendous amount of stress due to the pandemic. We have not yet seen the full effect of the pandemic on people in South Windsor and on the businesses in South Windsor. Last week, Carla's Pasta, a wonderful business to the Town, had to file for bankruptcy. Residents in

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this Town have lost their job. There are major employers that are laying people off by the hundreds. This is not the time to be asking the residents of South Windsor to spend this type of money to buy a piece of commercial real estate when commercial real estate is at its weakest point in our history. Table this project until you know what the impact is to the grand list in this Town. Mrs. Beaulieu strongly encouraging people in South Windsor to vote against the purchase of 1645 Ellington Road. A need in this Town is the idea to build a turf field at Nevers Park. The purpose of having a turf field is so that the kids can play in inclement weather, have an extended season, and can have games at night. There are parents right now that can't watch their children play sports because they can't play at times when people are out of work because it gets dark. Nevers Park has been identified as a place to construct a turf field with lights for a long time. When this idea was presented previously, the Town Attorney said the use of this land is consistent with the purchase in 1987. It is time to pass the referendum, and please build a lighted turf field at Nevers to benefit the children of this Town.

Olivia Porcello, 510 Quarry Brook Drive (**Exhibit K**)

Elizabeth Malone (**Exhibit L**)

Keshav Ramesh (**Exhibit M**)

Noah Frank and Braden Migneault (**Exhibit N**)

8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2021.

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion was approved unanimously

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

Councilor Hockenberry stated that the Council had received a liaison report, and under the Human Relations Commission, it stated that no meeting was held, which is incorrect. Councilor Hockenberry requested that this be rectified so it does not happen again in the future. Councilor Hockenberry also requested that she receive communication from the Housing Authority about when their meetings are held.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that the Patriotic Commission had contacted her requesting an application to fly a flag in Town Center. She forwarded the application along with the policy to the Patriotic Commission. Tonight, the Town Council received the signed application from the Town Manager. According to the Flag Flying Policy, a Council member has to ask for this to be put on the next meeting as a discussion item, and then a resolution would be voted on to approve the application. It is the anniversary of the American Legion, so they would like to fly the flag for March. Deputy Mayor Pendleton requested the Council's consent to put this request on the next Town Council agenda as a discussion item and also a resolution so the flag could be put up on March 2nd. Council members agreed to the request.

10. Reports from Committees

Councilor Evans, as Chairperson for the Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee, made a statement related to Black History Month.

Councilor Evans reported that the Naming of Public Lands and Buildings Sub-Committee met on February 8, 2021. Committee members are going to investigate options to honor James Throwe. Those options will be discussed at the next Naming of Public Lands and Buildings Sub-Committee meeting. The Naming of Public Lands and Buildings Sub-Committee will also be reviewing and making changes to the Naming Policy which will be brought to the Council when complete.

Mr. Stephen Wagner, Chairperson of the Energy Committee, shared a presentation with the Town Council, as shown in attached **Exhibit O**.

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10. Reports from Committees (Continued)

Councilor Snyder voiced her concerns regarding requiring new construction and major renovations to businesses to have 10% of the parking spaces wired, making them EV ready in order for their applications to be approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilor Snyder explained further that she is concerned about regulating developers coming into Town and having them pay additional costs. Mr. Wagner explained that there would be businesses that will have parking spaces dedicated for customers that will be going into the business to pick something up quickly and leaving. There are other types of businesses that the requirement will be based on the number of employees and other businesses with a flat 10% requirement.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Wagner stated that zoning could not require an existing business to go and do the wiring to make parking spaces EV ready. There are companies out there that are approaching businesses to put these facilities on their site, giving the company a share of the profit. The one thing about doing the wiring is it is about 1/10th of the cost if you do it before you finish up the parking lot. So retrofitting is a lot more expensive than putting in this wiring early, which is why it is being recommended to have this requirement in the regulations.

Mr. Wagner explained further that the proposed charging station at the Police Department would only be for employees and the police vehicles. Mr. Wagner stated that the Energy Committee works for the Town Council and would appreciate any input on items the Council would like to see worked on.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton said that she is interested in the Electric Fleet and would like to see more information regarding this item. Councilor Hockenberry stated that she would like to see more information regarding the EV outreach to existing apartment and condo developments and on the Electric Fleet.

11. Consent Agenda

c. Miscellaneous

- A. Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Audrey Delnicki (R) from the South Windsor Town Council**

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11. Consent Agenda (Continued)

c. Miscellaneous (Continued)

WHEREAS, Audrey Delnicki has submitted her resignation as a member of the South Windsor Town Council to the Town Clerk, with a copy to the Clerk of the Council

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Audrey Delnicki (R) from the South Windsor Town Council effective February 10, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council extends its thanks to Audrey Delnicki for the time she has dedicated to serving her community by her membership on the South Windsor Town Council.

Was made by Councilor Maneeley
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Snyder, Councilor Hockenberry, and Deputy Mayor Pendleton thanked Audrey Delnicki for serving on the Town Council and the time she took away from her family to serve.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton called for a vote on the motion; it was approved unanimously.

a. First Reading

Councilor Maneeley made a motion to approve Agenda Items 11.a.A. through 11.a.E. as a First Reading on the Consent Agenda. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A. Resolution Appointing Philip Koboski (R) to the South Windsor Town Council and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Philip Koboski (R) to the South Windsor Town Council for a term ending November 8, 2021, to fill the unexpired term of Audrey Delnicki and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

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11. Consent Agenda (*Continued*)

a. First Reading

B. Resolution Appointing Stephanie Dexter (R) to the Demolition Delay Committee and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Stephanie Dexter (R) to the Demolition Delay Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022, to fill the expired term of Kevin Greer and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

C. Resolution Appointing Renee Powell (R) to the Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Renee Powell (R) to the Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission for a term ending November 30, 2023, to fill a vacancy (previously occupied by Carolyn Mirek) and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

D. Resolution Appointing Stephanie Weintraub (R) to the Human Relations Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Stephanie Weintraub (R) to the Human Relations Commission for a term ending November 30, 2023, to fill the expired term of James O'Brien and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

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11. Consent Agenda (Continued)

a. First Reading

E. Resolution Appointing Michael LeBlanc (R) to the Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Michael LeBlanc (R) to the Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission for a term ending November 30, 2021, to fill a vacancy (previously occupied by Robert Dickinson) and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

c. Second Reading

Councilor Hockenberry made a motion to approve Agenda Item 11.b.A. as a Second Reading on the Consent Agenda. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A. Resolution Appointing Elizabeth Burgess (D), a Full Member to the Historic District Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Elizabeth Burgess (D), a full member to the Historic District Commission, for a term ending November 30, 2025, to fill the expired term of Louise Evans (R).

12. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution Regarding the Naming of Public Lands and Buildings

WHEREAS, over the more than one hundred seventy-five year history of the Town of South Windsor, there have been hundreds of well-deserving Selectmen, Town Councilors, Board Members, Commissioners, public employees, and community volunteers who are worthy of recognition for significant contributions to the community; and

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12. A. Unfinished Business

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council formed a Naming of Public Lands and Buildings Sub-Committee to recognize exceptional cases of public service to the community but not to overtly politicize lands, parks, or buildings; and

WHEREAS, it is understood not every building, land, park, or open space should be named in honor of an individual

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby places a moratorium on the naming of public lands and buildings until such time as the Naming of Public Lands and Buildings Sub-Committee presents their selection in accordance with established policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council shall not consider naming the South Windsor Town Hall for any person as it shall be a center of unified community activity and municipal governance held harmless from a political individual or group.

Was made by Councilor Maneeley

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Councilor Maneeley stated that she feels strongly that the South Windsor Town Hall should remain the South Windsor Town Hall and not be named after any individual. Councilor Maneeley then stated that she is happy that the Naming of Public Lands and Buildings Sub-Committee will be reviewing its policy so that all voices on the Sub-Committee can be heard.

Councilor Snyder said that she is in support of the proposed resolution. She feels that there are many people who have done wonderful things for the Town, but the Town Hall should not be named after any one individual. Councilor Snyder also felt that the name of the Council Chambers should remain because it is named after the Council that serves the Town.

The motion failed on a Roll Call vote of 3 to 3 with Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Maneeley, and Councilor Snyder voting in favor of the resolution; and Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, and Councilor Lopez voting in opposition of the resolution.

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13. New Business

A. Discussion Item: Update of the Strategic Plan (requested by Town Manager Michael Maniscalco)

Town Manager Maniscalco explained that he had sent out copies of the Strategic Plan to the Council. One Council member requested that the Strategic Plan be sent out in larger print, so it will be sent out to the entire Council. The Town staff went through the plan and updated what has been complete, what has not been completed, and added new items. Town Manager Maniscalco questioned the Council how in-depth the Council would like to get public involvement. There will be challenges to doing this during the virtual realm.

Town Manager Maniscalco stated that the Strategic Plan should be a bigger picture than just guiding the budget, but there will be interchange between the Strategic Plan and the budget.

Councilor Snyder informed the Council that the Strategic Plan should have a vision for five years and ten years. It will guide the Council on different projects and prioritize those projects and how to get there. The Strategic Plan will give direction for the Town Manager and Superintendent of the items that are of interest to address. Councilor Snyder stated that she would like to make sure the Council hears from the public and businesses in Town and wants to hear from all age groups on their wants and needs.

Councilor Hockenberry explained that in 2014 while surveying women in South Windsor who were 65 and older, many of the women stated the reason they wanted to live in South Windsor was for the quality of life.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton requested that the Town Manager come back to the Council in mid-March with suggestions and ideas on how to accomplish the Strategic Plan. Town Manager Maniscalco suggested using the quick update of the Strategic Plan for temporary purposes and then start moving forward with a bigger Strategic Plan effort that would encompass a five and ten-year outlook. The larger process will be a bit slower and will require a poll of the community for what their vision of South Windsor is and how they expect the

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Town to accomplish that vision through different goals and creating the objectives to accomplish the goals. The Town can hold public forums, community conversations, public hearings, and/or survey the public to gather as much information from the general population as well as from our local businesses. The challenge will be getting people together in-person because Town Manager Maniscalco felt it would be hard to do virtually. Some of the groundwork can be put into place before any public involvement.

B. Resolution with Respect to the Authorization, Issuance, and Sale of Not Exceeding \$22,000,000 Town of South Windsor General Obligation Refunding Bonds, as shown in attached Exhibit P.

Was made by Councilor Lopez
Seconded by Councilor Hockenberry

Town Manager Maniscalco explained that the Town is essentially refinancing bonds taken out for clean water funds several years ago. When these bonds were originally taken out, the interest rates were much higher, and the Town was able to get approval from the State of Connecticut to lower those interest rates and save money. The Council will be authorizing the Town to reissue and refinance those bonds.

Councilor Snyder requested that the Town Manager let the Council know what the cost-saving is after refinancing.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton called for a vote on the motion; it was approved unanimously.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Sale, Donation, or Disposal of Surplus Vehicles

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby declares the following vehicles to be "Surplus Equipment," as shown in attached **Exhibit Q**, and authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to sell, donate, or otherwise dispose of these vehicles.

Was made by Councilor Evans
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

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Town Manager Maniscalco informed the Council that in order to dispose of any surplus equipment, the Town needs the approval of the Town Council. The Town would first try to sell the vehicles, but if that doesn't work, then the Town would donate the vehicles or dispose of them.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton called for a vote on the motion; it was approved unanimously.

D. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Contribute \$2,000 to South Windsor High School's 2021 "Operation Graduation Fund"

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to contribute \$2,000 to South Windsor High School's 2021 "Operation Graduation Fund," said funds to be taken out of the Town Manager's Professional Account.

Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Councilor Maneeley

Councilor Snyder stated that this donation continues to be a fantastic contribution. The event keeps kids safe and has since 1987.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton called for a vote on the motion; it was approved unanimously.

**E. Discussion Item: Adding Liaisons to the Quarterly Attendance Reports
(requested by Deputy Mayor Pendleton)**

Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that she has asked for this discussion because it has been brought up that liaisons are not being included on the quarterly attendance reports.

The Clerk of the Council Debbie Reid informed the Council that not all Boards or Commissions include the liaison on the attendance report. The Clerk of the Council questioned the Council if they would like to have the attendance reports include the attendance of liaisons for every board and commission.

Councilor members gave consensus to the Clerk of the Council to make sure the attendance of liaisons are counted for all of the boards and commissions.

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13. E. (Continued)

Councilor Evans requested the Clerk of the Council to discuss with the Board of Education an alternative way to take attendance for the liaison to the Board of Education. The liaison is not present in person but is watching the meeting and reports what has happened in each meeting to the Council.

F. Discussion Item: Creating a Sub-Committee to Review the Town Council Rules and Procedures (requested by Deputy Mayor Pendleton)

Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that the current Town Council Rules and Procedures were approved in January 2020 and needs to be reviewed.

Councilor Hockenberry spoke in favor of creating a Sub-Committee to review the Town Council Rules and Procedures. It will be helpful to have the rules reviewed to clarify and add items.

Answering questions from the Council, Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that there are many items that need to be clarified, added, or corrected in the rules. Clerk of the Council Debbie Reid gave some examples of items that need to be reviewed, such as the Adoption of the Agenda, public input, the prayer, and the format of the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton informed the Council that the Sub-Committee would go through the rules and bring them back to the Council for input.

Councilor Evans stated that she feels it is important that the Council goes through the rules, and it will benefit the Council to follow our rules and do what works best for all of us as the Council.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that the Town Attorney could review the rules after they are complete.

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13. New Business (*Continued*)

G. Resolution Establishing a Committee to Review the Town Council Rules and Procedures

WHEREAS, the Town Council Rules and Procedures need to be reviewed in order to bring the processes up-to-date and to help assist in the efficient operation of the South Windsor Town Council

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Snyder, Councilor Hockenberry, Town Manager Michael Maniscalco, and Clerk of the Council Debbie Reid to be part of the Committee that will review the current Town Council Rules and Procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee will conduct a thorough review and evaluation of the Town Council Rules and Procedures and bring their proposed recommended changes to a Town Council meeting for review by the entire Council.

Was made by Councilor Lopez
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Councilor Snyder stated that the Council, in the past several years, has had a discussion item on the agenda and then at the next meeting a resolution regarding the same issue. This might be something that the Council might want to consider putting into the rules.

Councilor Maneeley said that past practice is not to have a discussion item and resolution on the same night unless it stops the Council from doing their business. Councilor Maneeley stated that she feels this resolution could have waited until the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that the discussion item was on the last agenda but agreed that the discussion could have been held with just a resolution.

Councilor Evans felt that the Council should abide by the rules and prefers to hold off on the resolution.

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13. G. (Continued)

Councilor Snyder explained that a discussion item was on the agenda in February, but the Council never got to the item. There is no rule that says the Council cannot have a discussion item and resolution on the same subject the same night, so the Council is not violating any of the Town Council Rules and Procedures.

Clerk of the Council Debbie Reid confirmed that there is nothing in the Town Council Rules and Procedures that prohibits a discussion item and resolution on the same matter being on the agenda the same night. The Council practices having discussions on the first agenda and a resolution at the next meeting, but nothing is in the Council rules.

Councilor Snyder recommended taking action on the resolution.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton called for a vote on the motion; it was approved unanimously.

H. Discussion Item: Council Members Receiving Minutes (requested by Deputy Mayor Pendleton)

Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that the Council has the opportunity at this time to receive paper minutes or electronic minutes. She requested that Council members contact the Clerk of the Council to inform her how you would like to receive the minutes.

I. Resolution Approving the Explanatory Text for the March 16, 2021 Referendum

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the explanatory text concerning the proposed purchase of 1645 Ellington Road for municipal offices, proposed renovation of 1540 Sullivan Avenue, the proposed construction of the Nevers Sports Facility, the proposed replacement of the Community Center roof and Public Works roof, the proposed upgrades to the Police Department Women's Locker Room, proposed replacement of the Timothy Edwards Middle School roof, and proposed reconstruction of Buckland Road and Pleasant Valley Road, as shown in attached **Exhibit R**.

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Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Councilor Maneeley

Councilor Snyder made a motion to amend the resolution to authorize the Town Manager to distribute the explanatory text through mailer to each residence, posting it on social media and posting it on the Town website. Councilor Maneeley seconded the amendment; it was approved unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton called for a vote on the amended resolution; it was approved unanimously.

Resolution as amended to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the explanatory text concerning the proposed purchase of 1645 Ellington Road for municipal offices, proposed renovation of 1540 Sullivan Avenue, the proposed construction of the Nevers Sports Facility, the proposed replacement of the Community Center roof and Public Works roof, the proposed upgrades to the Police Department Women's Locker Room, proposed replacement of the Timothy Edwards Middle School roof, and proposed reconstruction of Buckland Road and Pleasant Valley Road, as shown in attached **Exhibit R**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to distribute the explanatory text as follows:

- Mailer to each residence
- Post on the Town Website
- Post to Social Media

14. Passage of Ordinance

None

15. Public Input

None

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16. Communications from Council

None

17. Executive Session

At 10:05 p.m., Councilor Hockenberry made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a possible tax assessment agreement which would result in disclosure of public records or information contained therein, which is exempt from disclosure at this time pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b)(1) and §1-210(b)(5)(B) (Barry Equipment, 1608 John Fitch Boulevard), and to discuss the possible sale of real estate for the Town pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210 (b) (7) (725 Sullivan Avenue). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The following individuals went into Executive Session: Deputy Mayor Pendleton; Councilor Evans; Councilor Hockenberry; Councilor Lopez; Councilor Maneeley; Councilor Snyder; Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Management; Vanessa Perry, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Human Resources; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager.

At 10:15 p.m., the Executive Session ended.

18. Adjournment

At 10:15 p.m., Councilor Hockenberry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilor Maneeley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

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Exhibit A

[External]1645 Ellington Road Referendum

Kevin McCann [fivemax@hotmail.com]

To: [TownCouncilComments](#)

Monday, February 01, 2021 9:32 PM

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilors,

When and where will there be Public Information Meetings on the proposed Referendum?

Sincerely,

Kevin McCann

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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Exhibit B

[External]to be read aloud at town meeting

Christopher Bernard [cbernard8344@outlook.com]

To: [TownCouncilComments](#)

Thursday, February 04, 2021 9:49 AM

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I would like to know is it possible to see all estimates on the bank and the town hall renovations etc , are there several estimates to review and is there a SME (subject Matter Expert on the town council that can explain the estimates in details in both contractors language and non-layman's terms ?

In no uncertain words, I think the townspeople of SW deserve to see if a reputable contractor with no ties to anyone on the board (vetted) will review these estimates

Christopher J Bernard LLC
(860) 424-6056

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[External]Letter to be read at 2/16/21 council meeting

Paul Bernstein [p.bernstein@cox.net]

To: TownCouncilComments

Cc: Maniscalco, Michael

Attachments: Letter to TC for 2.16.21.docx (15 KB) [Open as Web Page]

Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:49 PM

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Please accept the attached letter (and included in the body of this email) to be read during the public hearing portion of the 2/16/21 town council meeting. Thank you.

Letter to TC

Paul Bernstein @ 191 Newberry Road

With regards to the March 16th referendum, I will vote, and I will vote yes on all 5 questions. As a resident, I expect and demand our leaders to take steps that improve our town. After studying the benefits and value of the referendum questions, I am convinced they are all necessary projects, and all funded in a financially responsible manner.

I've seen much of the criticism targeted at this referendum. For those sincerely engaged in debate, I think you'll find good reason and rationale behind each question. For those who just say "no" without reason, there is no argument you will accept, and that is unfortunate.

It seems much of the concern has to do with cost and taxes. As I understand it, the Town Council's goal is to cut taxes which could make the tax impact of this referendum nil.

I agree that our taxes are too high. But I'd suggest that your fight is not with your town, but with your state. Improvements to South Windsor, at no or minimal cost, should be something we all can support.

Connecticut is one of three states that places administrative power at the town level. In most of America, that power is generally held at the county level – think of this as regional government. Connecticut has a provincial form of government that is outdated and drives our taxes. Instead of 8 counties with significant resources providing our services, we have 169 mini kingdoms resulting in massive duplication of effort and expense. Connecticut is 10th in taxes paid as a percent of income. We are third in income taxes and personal property taxes per capita. If not for Fairfield County, which provides about 41% of the state's tax base, I'm not sure we could survive as a state as currently structured.

At the same time, our town leaders reduced taxes in the last fiscal year, and have pledged to do everything possible to do that again in this year's budget. So, I repeat . . . our local elected officials are not the tax issue. If we truly want to bring state revenue in line with state spending, then we all need to move collectively towards the idea of regional government. The model actually exists in small ways. Our fire department has alliances with surrounding towns to both provide and receive services if ever needed. This is the power of regional government. This is a proven model of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

For today, let us vote to improve our town. For tomorrow, let us start the process to become a more efficient state. Thank you.

p.bernstein@cox.net

860.205.6835

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[External]Resident Comment for February 16th Town Council Meeting

erm999@aol.com

To: TownCouncilComments; Lydecker, Karen; Maniscalco, Michael

Saturday, February 13, 2021 2:01 PM

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Submitted by:

Elizabeth McGuire

89 Heritage Drive

South Windsor, CT

I would like to urge South Windsor residents to support the March 16th referendum questions and particularly the purchase of 1645 Ellington Road, to be used as a new town hall. South Windsor is a growing community that cannot afford a "kick the can down the road" mentality. The purchase and renovation of the former bank building for a new town hall is a financially responsible approach to serving the needs of the town.

The purchase of 1645 Ellington Road will provide us with much needed office, meeting, and storage space now and in the future. In addition, locating the town hall in the center core area, as detailed in the town's Plan of Conservation and Development will promote growth in the area bordered by Ellington Road, Buckland Road, Deming Street and Clark Street, creating a vibrant town center. As stated in the POCD, a town center "draws people on weekdays, weekends, daytime and evenings because it offers a mix of uses..." We do not have that now, but we could-- with the acquisition of 1645 Ellington. There are already some indications that developers are interested in developing the area near the former bank building.

Approval of the questions, which include the purchase of 1645 Ellington Road, the renovation and re-purposing of the current town hall for future uses, critical road and roof repairs, the building a multi-use athletic field, and making renovations to the police station, at a time when borrowing rates are low, makes good fiscal sense and prepares South Windsor for the future.

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Exhibit E

[External]laurel street speeding (2/14/2021)

D & T MacD [dtmac01@sbcglobal.net]

To: [TownCouncilComments](#)

Sunday, February 14, 2021 2:05 PM

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Mayor & Councilors:

An additional two weeks have passed since our last request to the Council to take action to stop the speeding on lower Laurel Street. As there has been no apparent action taken by the Council, we assume the Council is continuing to ignore our requests for help.

This continuing policy of the Council, ignoring our pleas, is comparable to the lack of concern from the Council when the Town agencies responded to our request for speed humps to be installed, giving us and the Town Council erroneous information to support their refusal to install them.

The erroneous information that we all received from the agencies, was that a State of Connecticut statute prohibited speed humps from being installed on residential streets such as Laurel Street.

When we reviewed the information, it was found to be, at least, misleading. There was no State statute and the subsequent explanatory reason given for the refusal, that it was part of a design criteria, was taken out of context. The design manual the agency referred to, actually said that the speed humps were acceptable if they were installed with warning signs. The exact same statement that the State legislature indicated in their OLR report concerning speed hump installation in 2006.

Furthermore, the State legislature gave the City of Hartford \$500,000 in 2018 to install speed humps on their residential streets.

But all of this is old news to you folks, because in our 9/17/2019 email, we asked the Town Manager to forward the corrected information and the correction of the other inconsistencies in the agency's response, to the members of the Town Council.

Since we never heard that the Town Councilors ever looked into the misleading information issue, we can safely assume that they just chose to accept the Town agencies misinformation program and hoped we would drop the speeding issue and go away. Well, as we indicated at a Town Council meeting, we are not going away and, again, ask our elected representatives on the Council to take action on our request for speed humps or stop signs at the intersections on lower Laurel Street to calm the speeding down.

Please stop ignoring us and this dangerous situation.

Dave MacDonald
79 Laurel Street

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Exhibit F

[External]South Windsor Senior Center

Jan Davidson [jinkdavidson7@gmail.com]

To: [TownCouncilComments](#)**Cc:** [Cofrancesco, Andrea](#)

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:19 AM

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I'd like to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt gratitude and recognition to Andrea Cofrancesco and the entire staff of the South Windsor Senior Center. During this difficult year, they have done, and continue to do, everything possible to reach out to senior citizens in South Windsor. Despite the senior center closing, nearly a year ago, the programs, services and opportunities have not only continued, I believe they have increased!

There have been calls, emails, zoom meetings and classes, helpful instruction, links to concerts and educational events, games, jokes, challenges, fitness, meals, transportation and even drive- through events. Because of their efforts, many more people were able to sign up and receive their vaccinations! You have only to peruse the many pages of a South Windsor Senior Center newsletter to understand a small small portion of what they do.

Having spoken to many people in different parts of our state, and even other states, I know that this level of service and interaction is unique. Moreover, our senior community is indeed blessed to be the recipients of this kind of caring dedication. It is one more important element that makes our town a great place to live!

Thank you, Andrea, and to all the staff and volunteers that have touched and improved the lives of so many here in town.

(Jan) Kerri Davidson

432 Oakland Rd

Sent from my iPad

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Exhibit G

Future Leaders In Politcs [flips.w.ct@gmail.com]

To: [TownCouncilComments; Maniscalco, Michael](#)

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:42 AM

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The following is a comment to be read from our secretary, Madison Gonzalez:

Members of the Town Council,

I'm writing in support of passing all five referendum questions this coming March and I am disappointed to see misinformation spread by my neighbors via social media. As a lifelong resident of South Windsor, I am excited to see some of the progress being brought to our community. It is a well-known fact that our current Town Hall needs many renovations in order to maintain its current purpose. These renovations will clearly cost much more over the course of 10 years, than the purchase and renovations of 1645 Ellington Road. Not only will our community reap the financial benefits of this project, but our community will become more accessible and forward-thinking. This building and its purposes will be perfect for our rapidly growing town, just as much as a new sports complex in Nevers Park will be. For South Windsor to prove to its residents and surrounding towns that we are looking ahead to our future, it is imperative that we consider the benefits this project will have in the many years to come.

Our community has made some strides recently, even given a global pandemic, such as our commitment to community conversations that are educational about race relations around us. To continue this momentum of general progress, I fully support the purchase of 1645 Ellington Road, in addition to the other proposed questions on the upcoming referendum. We have the opportunity to make tangible, realistic changes for South Windsor, and now is the time to do so!

Best,

Madison González
Ellington Road

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Exhibit H

Future Leaders In Politics [flips.windsor-ct@gmail.com]

To: [TownCouncilComments; Maniscalco, Michael](#)

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:37 PM

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The following is a comment to be read from FLIP member Mitchell Marks, Thanks:

Distinguished Town Councilors,

Hello, my name is Mitchell Marks, I am in the 11th grade at South Windsor High School, and I am also an active member of SW FLIP (Future Leaders in Politics). It is time to put aside partisan politics and consider the numerous positive effects that the items on the upcoming referendum on March 16 will have on the future of South Windsor, and especially members of my generation. First, the purchase of a new Town Hall at 1645 Ellington Road is a logical and financially viable option that will ensure the continued economic growth of South Windsor and will ensure the success of our town's ongoing efforts to increase diversity and the capability of our town government to serve its citizens for decades to come. Furthermore, this purchase will benefit future generations of politicians and government officials, such as members of SW FLIP, that wish to lead South Windsor and facilitate its development into a town that guarantees equality and opportunity for all of its citizens. Secondly, the construction of a new field at Nevers Park will inevitably provide a boost to South Windsor's revenue and will allow for our town to become more athletically and financially competitive with other towns that have had these large fields for years. Although I do understand and align with some people's concerns that the middle of a pandemic is not the time for the purchase of a new field, I also can see how this purchase and the revenue earned from the events held at this field will aid our town in overcoming any potential ramifications that may arise in the future from the struggles of this pandemic. Lastly, on another note, I would like to comment on some people's failures to observe and understand the importance of having a local United Democracy Day, such as the one established in the resolution passed along party lines during the last meeting on February 1st, 2021. In my opinion, it is distressing to observe their inability to understand the effect that this insurrection at the Capitol had on the entirety of this country, including South Windsor. Rather than argue over the fact that we celebrate democracy every day, we should recognize that our democracy is fragile and we need to continue to support it by remembering days such as January 6th, which have placed a massive strain on our democracy and the possibility of bipartisanship. After the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention, a citizen asked Benjamin Franklin, "what have we got a republic or a monarchy?" In response, he said, "A republic, if you can keep it." This exchange should remind us of the vulnerability of our democracy and that we all need to maintain active and informed involvement in our democratic republic in order to "keep it." A United Democracy Day succeeds in this goal that I outlined, as it will allow us to remember the dangers that face our democracy and it advises us to continue to be involved in our significant and consequential democratic process. In conclusion, I find it vital that I exercise my voice by stating my strong support for the purchase of items on the referendum, and especially the new Town Hall, as it will serve our democracy for generations to come and those that work in it will assist in contributing to the future progress and prosperity of South Windsor.

Thank you,

Mitchell Marks

580 Miller Road

Dear Town Councilors, Town Manager Maniscalco, and the Town of South Windsor,

My name is Alan Cavagnaro and I live on 83 Pine Knob Drive. I pledge my support for the purchase of 1645 Ellington Road, the Field at Nevers Park and other referendum items. This building on Ellington will serve our town for years to come, while allowing for the growth of our community to prosper. The new field can allow the teams to play closer to the school which is beneficial if extra equipment is needed. This new field also allows teams to play at night, which can add on to additional playing time for the many teams that already use the turf field.

The purchase of 1645 Ellington Road can allow the town to save \$7,325,000 based on renovation costs that were reported for the current town hall of almost \$14,000,000. This allows South Windsor to save money while upgrading current facilities for Town Hall. For the field at Nevers Park, it has already been reported by the NEASC that there is a need for an additional field for South Windsor High School. This project fulfills that request and allows lights to be put up which adds even more time for teams at fields, and avoids conflict by not putting lights up at the current turf field.

Adding lights also allows more families to attend since the games will be during the night, and not during regular working hours. The new field also adds more locker room space, which means away teams will no longer have to use the cafeteria as an away locker room. When this field isn't being used, the public can benefit from it too. Extra parking space for those needing a place to park at Nevers, and using the track and field as a place to exercise. Nevers Park already has two ballparks, one with grandstands and lights, and a few soccer fields, this

proposed project will only add to the atmosphere of Nevers Park and bring more people to enjoy the park in the future.

Finally, I would like to highlight that all of the referendum questions are meant to help the town grow and develop overtime. The entire town can benefit from these choices being voted yes on referendum. Our town has increased population every census year since 1920 and it is time we prepare for the next generation of this town.

Thank you for your time Town Councilors, Town Manager Maniscalco, and citizens of South Windsor,

Referendum Comment

Hi there! My name is Emma Luxemburg of 74 Rugby Lane. I am a lifelong resident of South Windsor and a proud member of FLIP SW, or Future Leaders in Politics South Windsor. I am writing to express my thoughts and support of all questions in the upcoming March 16th referendum. Not only will the passage of all questions result in the betterment of our town properties and facilities, but it will also directly improve the quality of our community.

As a former student-athlete at South Windsor High School, I feel especially passionate about question three, regarding the creation of a new multipurpose turf field in Nevers Park. What I feel many South Windsor residents fail to realize is that South Windsor is consistently the only town in our athletic conference without a lighted field. To truly set up our student-athletes for success, we must give them the necessary tools and facilities to be their best. For years, teams must play games before 5 pm, to please neighbors and administration. But in doing so we have sacrificed the quality of competition, and the quality of experience for our athletes and spectators. The phenomenon of high school football has coined the term 'Friday Night Lights' and not 'Saturday Morning Clouds' for a reason.

As a town, we will be presented with a unique opportunity on March 16th. We as residents of South Windsor have the chance to vote for something that will benefit our athletes, our families, and our community as a whole. Thank you again for considering my thoughts and I look forward to the possibility of having safe and memorable games with our community under the lights in the future!

Hi I am Olivia Porcello of 510 Quarry Brook Drive, and active member of FLIP SW. I am writing to you today to share my support for question number 3 on the March 16th Referendum. I have been involved with town sports and athletics for as long as I can remember. I've enjoyed so many Saturdays at Nevers Park playing soccer with my friends, travel basketball tournaments, and have thoroughly enjoyed my time playing field hockey for the South Windsor Varsity high school team. Not only did it improve my athletic and competitive skills, being involved in South Windsor athletics has made me a better leader, a better team player, and a more well rounded human. I am in support of the new multipurpose turf field in Nevers Park because going to sports games in high school are some of the most fond memories I have. When I look back, I remember traveling to many other stadiums around the state for Friday night games under the lights. It is unfortunate that it has taken this long for South Windsor to value the importance of getting a field with lights. South Windsor is the only town in its conference without a lighted field. It's sad that I never got to experience a home night game as a field hockey player for South Windsor. I only hope that in the future, more student athletes are able to experience the thrill of a stadium game. Not only does this positively impact a student athlete's experience, it brings the community together. When traveling to night soccer and football games in high school, I would look at the stands and see all the community members cheering on their home team, wishing our town had something similar like this to experience. My dad and I love watching field hockey games together, and I can only hope that in 5 years my dad and I can go to a South Windsor Field Hockey game under the lights and see the results of the community coming together.

To the South Windsor Town Council,

My name is Elizabeth Malone, and I am a graduate of the South Windsor High School Class of 2020. Although I am at college in North Carolina now, I wanted to stay connected to the South Windsor community, so I joined the Future Leaders in Politics organization. Membership in this organization has enabled me to learn about the town politics, particularly as a member of the Media and Expansion subcommittees, in charge of the social media accounts and sharing information with our followers.

In terms of the upcoming referendum, I wanted to show my support for the various policies on the table. In particular, I support the creation of a multipurpose turf field in Nevers Park. It is my understanding that this field would be built where a cornfield currently exists. I frequently visit Nevers Park and have not seen anything growing in that area, so I believe that this large space could be put to use as a functional sports field. Both of my younger siblings have partaken in sports through the town, and more field space could facilitate more participation in these community events.

I also support the creation of women's locker rooms in the South Windsor Police Station. To my knowledge, more locker room space is needed in the building in order for new women to be hired here. Women who wish to serve as police officers for the town of South Windsor should be given the same opportunity to do so as men and should not be hindered by the lack of locker room space.

I hope that you will take some of my thoughts into consideration as you move forward on these referendum items. It has been a tough year, but I am excited to see how our town can grow and am especially grateful that through FLIP, I can keep in touch with my South Windsor roots.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Malone

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Exhibit M

[External]FLIP Comment - Keshav Ramesh

Future Leaders in Politics [flipsw.ct@gmail.com]

To: [TownCouncilComments; Maniscalco, Michael](#)

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:22 PM

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Attached is the comment from FLIP Treasurer, Keshav Ramesh. Thanks:

Dear Members of the Town Council,

My name is Keshav Ramesh, a senior at South Windsor High School, and I'd like to discuss why I support this referendum. First of all, an investment into the various aspects of these proposals will be largely representative of an investment into our town's infrastructure and physical capital, a key facet of not only economic growth but also societal progress. Furthermore, this strategic spending will be an important demonstration of the town's commitment to fiscal sustainability, because this plan considers the negative long-run economic implications and incredibly high opportunity cost of trying to work with the limited offerings of the town's facilities and buildings. One example involves high school sports - there are around 11 teams at the high school that don't have adequate space in our current facilities for practices and night games, and we are falling behind towns like Glastonbury, Avon, Farmington, and West Hartford, which don't have these issues. As a member of the boys' tennis team at South Windsor High School, I count myself lucky that we have access to six tennis courts, but it is incredibly disappointing to see the lack of investment that has gone into improving and expanding facilities for many other high school sports. With South Windsor's rapid and unprecedented increase in its youth population, it would be irresponsible not to invest in the futures of thousands of South Windsor residents. Too often we as humans only consider the short-run effects of economic decisions over those in the long-run. If this referendum is successful, not only will it result in all of the positive impacts previously mentioned, but it will also contribute to successful government investment into our town's real estate market over the next decade, demonstrating that South Windsor is a town that pushes for economic growth and makes decisions for the financial well-being of our local economy.

Thank you for your time,
Keshav Ramesh



South Windsor Future Leaders in Politics
February 16th, 2021

To the South Windsor Town Councilors, Town Manager and the South Windsor Community,

On March 16th, voters will have five opportunities to make positive change in our town. We see that the facts and statistics support this point. Fixing our roads, updating our school infrastructure, and creating more space to house female police officers are all goals that we, as your youngest voting constituents, are excited about. Not only this, but the chance to create a new sports complex for generations to enjoy and rally around, and the ability to update our town's government facilities in a cost-effective way, give us hope that South Windsor can continue to uphold our nationally ranked status.

South Windsor voters under bipartisan coalitions have come together to decide many things in our town's past. Whether it was the creation of Nevers Park itself, or with the initiative to build a new Orchard Hill, Eli Terry, Phillip R. Smith, and Pleasant Valley in three stages, young people have been at the center of South Windsor's exceptional status in Hartford County as a place that continues to grow. We are appalled at the spread of misinformation online regarding these various initiatives, and are disappointed in their characterization by leaders online and across our town's bodies.

South Windsor is a great place to live because we take the needs of our children seriously. Passing all five items on this referendum ensures that our community is safer, sturdier, and more ready to meet the challenges that tomorrow will bring. We are encouraged by the fact that in the span of just a few months, Future Leaders in Politics has come to the forefront of uniting young people around these shared goals, and we will continue to push these here at this body and elsewhere.

We take voting incredibly seriously, and understand that South Windsor residents will have a big decision to make next month. We stand with the youngest members of our community who are able to rise above the fog and see the potential that these projects bring. As you will undoubtedly hear now and will continue to hear, we wholeheartedly support these five projects and urge that the South Windsor community seriously considers the town that they will leave their future residents to.

With Thanks,

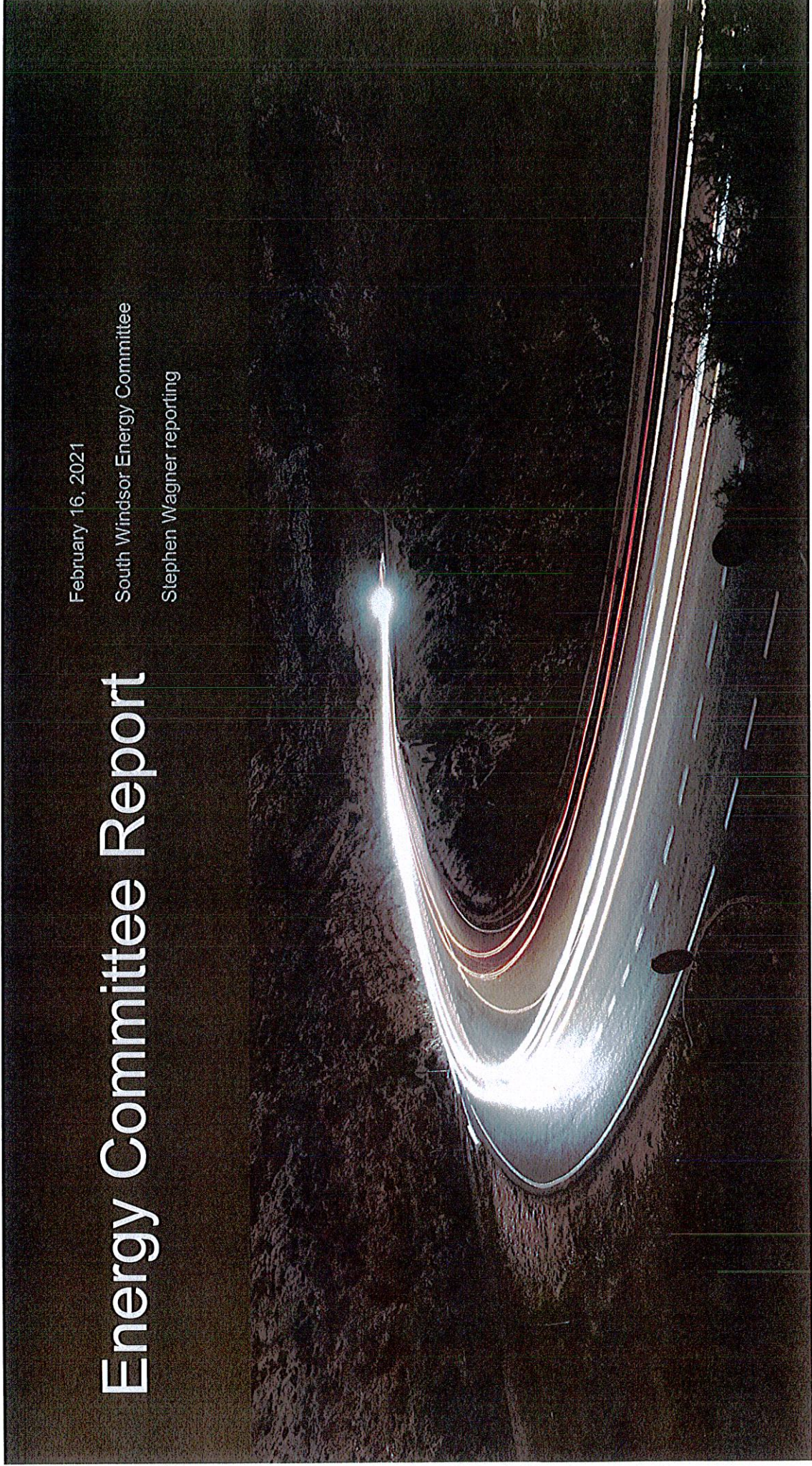
Noah Frank, FLIP Chair
Braden Migneault, FLIP, Vice-Chair

Energy Committee Report

February 16, 2021

South Windsor Energy Committee

Stephen Wagner reporting



Topics

- Municipal Energy Plan
- Solar Energy
 - Virtual Net Metering Solar Projects
 - Solar Rooftop and Solar Carport Projects
- Zoning for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Energy Efficiency
 - School projects
 - Sewer system changes
 - Other improvements
- Progress
- Next Steps?

Municipal Energy Plan – July 2019

Major Goals

Annual Goal	2010 Baseline	2018	2023 Goal	2020 Progress
Reduce municipal building energy use (kBtu/ft ²)	53.40	48.75 -8.7%	44 -18%	15% achieved
Reduce school building energy (kBtu/ft ²)	74.65	50.61 -32.2% ***	45 -37%	New schools saving about 30-40%. HS, TEMS, WA, PV about 15%
Reduce sewer system energy use (kBtu/kgal influent)	15.95	13.34 -16.3%	12 -25%	24-30% achieved
Reduce sewer system influent relative to 2018 by reducing storm and ground water inflow and infiltration (Mgal)		1010	900 -10%	Work in progress
Reduce streetlight energy use (GBtu)	4.87	3.17 -34.8%	2.53 * -48%	62% achieved
Increase renewable electricity sourcing (% of electricity use)	20%	46%	81% **	On track for 100%

Solar Program Virtual Net Metering

- NorCap South – 3 MW
 - Online since December 2017
 - Benefits municipal facilities. Projected 20-year savings: \$1.4M
- Powder Hill, Enfield – 3 MW
 - Online since November 2020
 - Benefits schools. Projected 20-year savings: \$1.4M
- Platt Hill, Winchester – 1/3 of 3 MW
 - Application resubmitted to CT Siting Council
 - To benefit Sewer Plant. Projected 20-year savings: \$0.5M

Solar Program Rooftops and Parking Lots

- New P R Smith and Orchard Hill Elementary Schools
 - Recently completed. Projected 20-year savings \$0.7M.
- Eli Terry
 - Work to begin soon. Projected 20-year savings \$0.4M.
- Wapping and High School
 - Await roof work. Projected 20-year savings \$1.7M.
- Police Station Solar Canopy
 - Need to win bid for Renewable Energy Credits (ZRECs) this spring
 - Includes EV Ready. Projected 20-year savings \$0.1M.

Zoning for Electric Vehicle Charging Proposed Text Changes

- DEEP recommendations and projections
 - 125,000 EVs by 2025, 500,000 by 2030
 - Recommending 10% of all new parking
 - People will charge at home, work, commercial and destination sites
- Permitted as accessory use in all zones
 - Destination charging facilities permitted in business zones
- Required for new construction and major renovation
 - Business facilities and multi-family housing
 - 10% of parking wired - conduits and panel space (EV Ready)
 - 3% EV Installed (increases to 7% in 2013 and 10% in 2018)
- Public Hearing anticipated March 23

Planned Actions - Municipal

Facility	Original Planned Actions	Updates – January 2021
Town Hall	Contemplated Actions: Upgrade Remainder of LED Lighting Throughout-ADA Upgrades-Elevator Replacement – Window Replacements-A/C Condensing Unit Replacement Lower Level-Variable Air Volume Dampers and VFDs for Main and Return Air handling Units	Elevator Replacement (in progress) ADA ramp front of Town Hall also in progress
Police Station	Contemplated Actions: Elevator Replacement; Convert boiler to natural gas.	Replaced two oil fired boilers and one hot water boiler with Natural Gas fired boilers. Installed new BMS controller.
Town Garage	Contemplated Actions: Replace Wash Bay Boiler	Replaced one existing oil fired boiler. Converted unheated truck bay into heated workshop. Installed new hot water air handling unit with A/C. Added all HVAC equipment to BMS system for control. New LED lighting in heated workshop. Insulated ceiling and walls, installed new insulated overhead door.
Library	Contemplated Actions: New Roof, Install VAVs on all AHU's, Interior LED Conversion	New LED lighting inside and out (recently completed), new roof
Community Center	Contemplated Actions: New Roof	None
Street & Traffic Lights	Contemplated Actions: Complete LED conversion	Done

Planned Actions - Schools

Facility	Original Planned Actions	Updates – January 2021
High School	Contemplated Actions: Boiler Rm. "B" Burner Conversion to Natural Gas, Roof Replacement Section "C", Solar	Update to Actions Taken: Boiler Rm. B Burner Conversion to Natural Gas (Completed 2019) Update to Contemplated Actions: Roof Replacement-Summer 2021. Solar Update to Contemplated Actions: Solar & Roof Replacement in future (Building Idle but maintained)
Middle School	Contemplated Actions: Solar	
Old Orchard Hill School	Contemplated Actions: Building to go idle, Summer 2020.	
New Orchard Hill School	Contemplated Actions:	Update to Actions Taken: Solar Installation-Completed December 2020 Solar installation-Scheduled to complete February 2021
New P. R. Smith School	High Efficiency Building (New fall 2020)	
New Eli Terry School	High Efficiency Building (New fall 2020)	Update to Contemplated Actions: Solar
New Pleasant Valley School	High Efficiency Building (New Fall 2023)	In design phase
Wapping School/ Parks & Recreation	Contemplated Actions: Roof Replacement, Solar	

Planned Actions – Sewer System

Original Planned Actions		Updates – January 2021
Facility		
Sewer Plant	<p>Contemplated Actions: Advanced UV and Aeration Controls, VFD upgrades, Replacing all Sodium Lighting in Bays and Galleries to LED, Adding Lab AC to Occupied/Unoccupied settings, Making adjustments to heating program, Adding an additional hot water heater and associated components to ADMIN Building. Currently we are undersized and as a result need to run at a higher temperature to keep up with demand.</p> <p>Contemplated Actions: Impeller or pump replacement for efficiency and ragging elimination. Heater controls. Smart pump controls. Sizing evaluation.</p>	<p>New Mass Thermal Airflow Meters for Aeration Basins, and tuned Blower settings to run more efficiently. LED bulbs in administrative offices and garage bays. Upgraded our HVAC Controls with TRANE and new settings to conserve energy. Additional hot water heater and expansion tank to help undersized system run more efficiently. Agreement with Enel X and Eversource to run on generator power for up to 25 hours per year to earn \$60,000 in incentives.</p> <p>Replaced one submersible pumps with a brand new pump. Other pump completely rebuilt, which has resulted in shorter run times and electrical savings.</p> <p>This pump station is in the Design Phase of a full upgrade.</p>
Avery Street Pump Station	<p>Contemplated Actions: Station is within 14% of its design capacity. Upgrade station and identify & resolve inflow/infiltration (I/I) sources. Replace pumps with higher capacity, efficiency and ragging elimination. Investigate/resolve trapped air.</p> <p>Contemplated Actions: Station is within 30% of its design capacity. Upgrade station and identify I/I sources to eliminate and regain capacity. Increase wetwell level to decrease total dynamic head (TDH). Impeller or pump replacement for efficiency and ragging elimination.</p>	<p>This pump station has had pump wear rings replaced and a failing VFD replaced. It is also in Design Phase for a full upgrade.</p>
Benedict Drive Pump Station	<p>Contemplated Actions: VFDs, improved heating controls Impeller or pump replacement for efficiency and ragging elimination.</p>	<p>The PLC for the control of this pump station has been replaced. This station is also in Design Phase for a full upgrade.</p>
Clark Street Pump Station	<p>Contemplated Actions: Impeller or pump replacement for efficiency and ragging elimination. Heater controls. Smart pump controls. Sizing evaluation. Replace old KSB.</p>	<p>Replaced BOTH of the old KSB pumps with more efficient HOMA pumps</p>
Pleasant Valley Pump Station	<p>Contemplated Actions: Impeller or pump replacement for efficiency and ragging elimination. Heater controls. Smart pump controls. Sizing evaluation.</p>	<p>No action yet.</p>
Scantic Meadow 2 Pump Station		
Other Pump Stations		

Next Steps for Energy Committee

What would the Council like us to work on?

- EV charging in municipal lots? (Perhaps base on survey of staff)
- EV outreach to existing apartment and condo developments?
- More solar carports?
- Solar on any new buildings?
- Electric fleet?
- Electric school busses?

**RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND
SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$22,000,000 TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS**

Section 1. Not exceeding \$22,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") of the Town of South Windsor, Connecticut (the "Town"), or so much thereof as the Town Manager and Town Treasurer shall determine to be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to refund all or any portion of any one or more series of the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds, including, without limitation, Clean Water Fund Obligations of the Town issued under the State of Connecticut Clean Water Fund Program (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"), to achieve net present value savings and/or to restructure debt service payments of the Town. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued and sold in either a negotiated underwriting or a competitive offering as determined by the Town Manager and Town Treasurer to be most opportune for the Town. If the Refunding Bonds are sold in a negotiated underwriting, the Town Manager and Town Treasurer shall appoint the managing underwriter. The Refunding Bonds shall mature on such date or dates and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Town Manager and Town Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and shall bear interest payable at such rate or rates as shall be determined by the Town Manager and Town Treasurer. The Refunding Bonds shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Town Manager and Town Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Bond Counsel. The Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the Refunding Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate denominations, form, details, and other particulars thereof, including the terms of any rights of redemption and redemption prices, the designation of the certifying, paying, registrar and transfer agent, shall be subject to the approval of the Town Manager and Town Treasurer. The net proceeds of the sale of the Refunding Bonds, after payment of underwriter's discount and other costs of issuance, shall be deposited in an irrevocable escrow account in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of, interest and redemption premium, if any, due on the Refunded Bonds to maturity or earlier redemption pursuant to the plan of refunding. The Town Manager and Town Treasurer are authorized to appoint an escrow agent and other professionals and to execute and deliver any and all escrow, investment and related agreements necessary to provide for such payments on the Refunded Bonds and to provide for the transactions contemplated hereby. The Town Manager and Town Treasurer are authorized to prepare and distribute preliminary and final Official Statements of the Town for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Refunding Bonds, and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town a Bond Purchase Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, a Tax Regulatory Agreement, and such other documents necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and the payment of the Refunded Bonds. The Town may issue taxable bonds or notes as the issuance of such taxable bonds or notes is hereby determined to be in the public interest.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective until January 1, 2022.

VEHICLE SURPLUS

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**EXPLANATORY TEXT CONCERNING
PROPOSED PURCHASE OF 1645 ELLINGTON
ROAD FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

On March 16, 2021 the Town of South Windsor will conduct a referendum concerning the question set forth below. Pursuant to the Town Council's authorization of Feb 1, 2021, this explanatory text describes the proposed purchase of the property at 1645 Ellington Road for the housing of municipal offices and vital community documents.

The Town is considering the purchase of 1645 Ellington Road, a building constructed in 2000, to allow for expansion of space for municipal offices and the housing of vital community records. The cost to purchase the building is \$3,925,000 and the estimated cost to modify the building for municipal purposes is \$1,550,000, as set forth below. On December 21, 2020, the Town Council voted to direct the Town Manager to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement for 1645 Ellington Road.

Project & Project Budget

- 1645 Ellington Road purchase \$3,925,000
- New vault construction \$500,000 (est.)
- Office design/Reno and FF&E \$850,000
- Project Contingency \$200,000 (7.2%)

Referendum Question: "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Appropriating \$5,475,000 for the Acquisition, Renovation, Improvement, Equipping, and Furnishing of 1645 Ellington Road and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,475,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose,' adopted by the Town Council on February 1, 2021, be approved?"

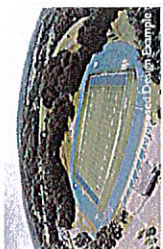


**EXPLANATORY TEXT CONCERNING
PROPOSED FUNDING FOR RENOVATION
OF 1540 SULLIVAN AVENUE**

On March 16, 2021 the Town of South Windsor will conduct a referendum concerning the question set forth below. Pursuant to the Town Council's authorization of Feb 1, 2021, this explanatory text describes the proposed renovation of 1540 Sullivan Avenue. The \$1.3 M referendum will cover the five-year renovation items as laid out in the table below.

Item	Five Years	Cost
Roofing		\$ 350,000
Code Related ADA		\$ 20,000
Safety/Security		\$ 100,000
Windows		\$ 450,000
Concrete, Masonry, Brick		\$ 140,000
Doors Exterior		\$ 20,000
Generator		\$ 150,000
HVAC Systems		\$ 75,000
Sub Total		\$ 1,305,000

Referendum Question: "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Appropriating \$1,305,000 for the Planning, Design, Acquisition, Renovation, Equipping, and Furnishing of the Town Hall at 1540 Sullivan Avenue and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,305,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose,' adopted by the Town Council on February 1, 2021, be approved?"



**EXPLANATORY TEXT CONCERNING
PROPOSED FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF THE NEVERS SPORTS FACILITY COMPLEX**

On March 16, 2021 the Town of South Windsor will conduct a referendum concerning the question set forth below. Pursuant to the Town Council's authorization of February 1, 2021 this explanatory text describes the proposed project to construct an athletics complex in Nevers Park.

The proposal is to build an athletics complex in Nevers Park. The total cost is \$3,950,625 and would provide additional sports fields for the High School consistent with the NEASC report that was received by the Board of Education.

Project Scope:

- Synthetic Field \$1,000,000
- Lighting \$400,000
- Bleachers / Press Box \$575,000
- Site Improvements A: \$500,000
- Site Improvements B: \$500,000
- Locker Rooms, Public Restrooms, Officials Room, Training Room \$1,200,000
- (w/ appropriate toilets/sinks) \$3,675,000
- Sub-total: \$3,675,000
- Contingency \$275,625
- **TOTAL \$3,950,625**

Referendum Question: "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Appropriating \$3,950,625 for the Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction, Equipping, and Furnishing of the Nevers Park Sports Facility and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,950,625 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose,' adopted by the Town Council on February 1, 2021, be approved?"



**EXPLANATORY TEXT CONCERNING
PROPOSED FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY
CENTER AND PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ROOF
REPLACEMENTS**

On March 16, 2021 the Town of South Windsor will conduct a referendum concerning the question set forth below. Pursuant to the Town Council's authorization of February 1, 2021 this explanatory text describes the proposed project to replace the roofing systems at the Community Center at 150 Nevers Road and the Public Works Facility located at 157 Burgess Road.

The Public Buildings Division has received budget estimates to replace the roofing systems at the Community Center on 150 Nevers Rd. and the Public Works Facility located at 157 Burgess Rd. Both roofs were inspected and evaluated by Garland, Inc., a roofing manufacturer.

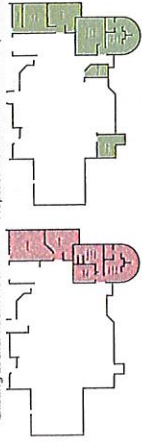
The Public Works Facility roof consists of a modified bitumen and EPDM (rubber roof) covering an area of approximately 34,000 sq. ft. Similar roofing systems would be installed, the estimate for this work is \$900,000.

The Community Center roof is also slated to be replaced. The roof would be replaced with similar roofing materials consisting of three tab architectural shingles, base layer, ice and water shield, fascia trim and gutters. The roof replacement estimate totals \$240,000.

Referendum Question: "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Appropriating \$9,340,000 for Roof Replacements and Road Repairs and Authorizing the Issuance of \$9,340,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose,' adopted by the Town Council on February 1, 2021, be approved?"

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South Windsor Police Department
Existing Locker Room Floor Plan
Proposed Women's Locker Room Expansion Plan



**EXPLANATORY TEXT CONCERNING
PROPOSED FUNDING FOR POLICE
DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM
UPGRADES**

On March 16, 2021 the Town of South Windsor will conduct a referendum concerning the question set forth below. Pursuant to the Town Council's authorization of February 1, 2021 this explanatory text describes the proposed project to design and construct an expansion to Police Headquarters, with a primary focus on renovating and expanding the women's locker room facilities.

The existing South Windsor Police Headquarters facility was built in 1984. At the time of construction, the law enforcement profession was overwhelmingly comprised of males and the police department locker rooms were designed accordingly. Over the last 35 years, the composition and size of the police force has changed markedly which has begun to create significant space needs within the existing facility. The Women's Locker Room has reached maximum capacity. The locker room includes toilet, showering, and locker facilities utilized by all of our female employees, and each uniformed female employee has an assigned locker. Due to the composition of the current workforce, there are currently no available lockers for any women hired in the future. The \$500,000 for this project is intended to design and construct an expansion to the women's locker room facilities.

Referendum Question: "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Appropriating \$500,000 for the Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction, Equipping, and Furnishing of an expansion to the Women's Locker Room at the Police Department and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose,' adopted by the Town Council on February 1, 2021, be approved?"

Town of South Windsor Referendum: March 16, 2021



**EXPLANATORY TEXT CONCERNING
PROPOSED FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF
TIMOTHY EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF**

On March 16, 2021 the Town of South Windsor will conduct a referendum concerning the question set forth below. Pursuant to the Town Council's authorization of February 1, 2021 this explanatory text describes the proposed project to replace the roof system at Timothy Edwards Middle School, 100 Arnold Way.

The roof was installed in 1999 with a useful life expectancy of 20 years. An inspection was completed by Garland, Inc. in June 2016. Almost five (5) years ago this visual and core inspection found the roof system to be tired, worn, in overall poor condition, fast approaching the end of its useful life and it was recommended for replacement in the near future.

The roof will be replaced with a Modified Bitumen roofing system covering approximately 108,337 sq/ft. with a budget estimate of \$3.2M. However, this project is eligible for a state school construction grant reimbursement of approximately 46%, meaning the town portion of the \$3.2M would be approximately \$1.73M with a state school construction grant reimbursement of approximately \$1.5M.

Referendum Question: "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Appropriating \$9,340,000 for Roof Replacements and Road Repairs and Authorizing the Issuance of \$9,340,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose,' adopted by the Town Council on February 1, 2021, be approved?"



**EXPLANATORY TEXT CONCERNING
PROPOSED FUNDING FOR BUCKLAND ROAD
AND PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD
RECONSTRUCTION**

On March 16, 2021 the Town of South Windsor will conduct a referendum concerning the question set forth below. Pursuant to the Town Council's authorization of February 1, 2021 this explanatory text describes the proposed project to reconstruct Buckland Road and Pleasant Valley Road.

These two roads have required many repairs and need significant improvements to continue to effectively serve the transportation needs of the public. The total estimated cost of these two road projects is \$5,000,000.

Buckland Road: The top 3 inches of old pavement will be milled off and the old curb will be removed and replaced with new bituminous curb. Catch basin tops will be replaced and minor drainage repairs made as needed and the road will be repaved. The obsolete traffic signal controllers will be replaced with modern controllers that are compatible with a central traffic management system. This upgraded system can accommodate connected vehicles and an adaptive traffic signal control system. The timeline is to design these improvements in 2021 and bid for construction in 2022. The total estimated cost of this project is \$2,450,000.

Pleasant Valley Road: The section of Pleasant Valley Road between Long Hill Road and Clark Street is in the worst condition and will be reconstructed first. Improvements will be made to the storm water drainage system with new catch basins and pipes where needed. The old pavement and base will be removed and replaced with new stone base and pavement. The geometry will be improved and this road reconstructed to a uniform width. Sidewalks will be evaluated for inclusion in this project during the design phase. Drainage and pavement improvements can also be made on the section of Pleasant Valley Road between Hilton Drive and Ellington Road (Phase 2) if sufficient funds are available. The timeline is to

design and permit this project in 2021-2022 and bid it for construction in 2023. The estimated construction cost is \$2,550,000.

Referendum Question: "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Appropriating \$9,340,000 for Roof Replacements and Road Repairs and Authorizing the Issuance of \$9,340,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose,' adopted by the Town Council on February 1, 2021, be approved?"

TAX IMPACT

Total Referendum Tax Impact:
\$19,065,625

Home Market Value	Taxable Assessment	2022	Total Cost	Avg Monthly Cost
200,000	140,000	\$ 39.20	\$ 39.20	\$ 3.27
250,000	175,000	\$ 49.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 4.08
300,000	210,000	\$ 58.80	\$ 58.80	\$ 4.90
350,000	245,000	\$ 68.60	\$ 68.60	\$ 5.72
400,000	280,000	\$ 78.40	\$ 78.40	\$ 6.53
450,000	315,000	\$ 88.20	\$ 88.20	\$ 7.35
500,000	350,000	\$ 98.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 8.17
Mill Rate Increase/(Decrease):				0.28

Total Referendum Tax Impact After State Grants:

\$19,065,625

Home Market Value	Taxable Assessment	2022	Total Cost	Avg Monthly Cost
200,000	140,000	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 2.92
250,000	175,000	\$ 43.75	\$ 43.75	\$ 3.65
300,000	210,000	\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50	\$ 4.38
350,000	245,000	\$ 61.25	\$ 61.25	\$ 5.10
400,000	280,000	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 5.83
450,000	315,000	\$ 78.75	\$ 78.75	\$ 6.56
500,000	350,000	\$ 87.50	\$ 87.50	\$ 7.29
Mill Rate Increase/(Decrease):				0.25