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**TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Paterna called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Erica Evans
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry (left at 8:38 p.m.)
Councilor Philp Koboski
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Janice Snyder

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Scott Roberts, Asst. Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Mgmt.
Kari Olson, Town Attorney

Others Absent: Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R.

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Paterna announced that Councilor Evans would be the Liaison for Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission. Councilor Snyder will be the Liaison for Water Pollution Control Authority, and Councilor Koboski will be the Liaison for the Public Building Commission.

Mayor Paterna then informed the Council that Councilor Koboski would be on the Insurance Control Committee through resolution at the next meeting. Councilor Maneeley will be a member of the Crumbling Foundations Committee. A member is still needed for the Pension Committee.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Lopez made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilor Koboski seconded the motion.

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5. Adoption of Agenda (Continued)

Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to amend the agenda, moving Item 17.A. (Executive Session) after Item 7 (Public Input). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion as amended; it was approved unanimously.

6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

Town Manager Maniscalco reported on the following:

- The Chamber of Commerce is interested in putting up a sign at the Wapping House. The current sign needs repair and will be modified to include the Chamber of Commerce.
- A meeting was held with a company that is involved in the Town's emergency radio systems. They would like to put up a tower on the property at the TRACS facility. The idea is that they would pay to put the tower on the Town's property. Costs would be recouped from different spots that are leased off of the tower. After the company recoups their cost of the tower, they would split the revenue with the Town.
- Vaccine Clinics are being held at the Wapping School every week. The location of the clinic may be changed in the future.
- South Windsor currently has had a total of 1,593 COVID-19 cases. One thousand five hundred and twenty-seven individuals are past quarantine, and 52 South Windsor residents have passed away.
- The different variants of COVID-19 are prevalent in Connecticut. There have been increases in cases in different areas of Connecticut. The Town of South Windsor is currently identified as orange. Residents should continue social distancing and washing hands.
- Staff is working on identifying the guidelines and rules for the federal funding that came out of the Federal Government Recovery Act that was passed. Unfortunately, no additional information was provided in training. There may be more guidance provided to the Town in May.

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6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager (Continued)

Answering questions from the Council, Town Manager Maniscalco explained that the number of COVID-19 cases in South Windsor includes anyone who calls South Windsor their hometown and does include children. If an individual takes a COVID test and the results come back positive, the results of that test are communicated to the State Department of Public Health, and the Town is informed of those numbers, so someone who is sick does not have to contact the Town. Additionally, Town Manager Maniscalco said he believes contact tracing is still done through the State. Any individual that tests positive should get some type of communication from the Department of Public Health.

7. Public Input

Thomas Rippchen (**Exhibit A**)

Christopher Bernard (**Exhibit B**)

17. Executive Session

At 7:16 p.m., Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale of real estate for the Town pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6)(D) (725 Sullivan Avenue). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Koboski, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Snyder, Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Management; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager.

At 7:34 p.m., the Executive Session adjourned, and the Special Meeting reconvened.

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 March 15, 2021.

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8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings (Continued)

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry
Seconded by Councilor Snyder
The motion was approved unanimously

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Special Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2021.

Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
The motion passed on a Roll Call vote of 8-0 with Councilor Hockenberry abstaining.

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

Councilor Snyder reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission approved a zoning text amendment to modify Section 4.2.5 Permitted Uses in the Buckland Gateway Development Zone to eliminate Section 4.2.5.B, which places limitations on grocery store locations within the zone. This approval will allow a grocery store to be 975 from another grocery store.

Councilor Snyder also informed the Council that the site plan for Geisslers Plaza has been submitted and will be discussed in April.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that she attended the Energy Committee meeting and thanked the Committee for saving the Town money through virtual net metering projects. Solar on Orchard Hill and Philip R. Smith is complete and up and running. The high school should be complete in April. Eli Terry and Pleasant Valley will be ready to receive solar panels.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton reported that the Agricultural Land and Preservation Advisory Commission discussed the signs in and around the Frank Niederwerfer Wildlife Sanctuary. They will be discussing the Priest Property at their next meeting. They also held discussions regarding the Nelson Property, Barber Hill Property, and various other properties within Town.

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

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that the Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission is working with various companies that are near waterways to clear those waterways. An Eagle Scout will be making trails near Philp R. Smith. They are working on a booklet regarding invasive plants, which will be posted on the Town website. The Commission has a new application for Pleasant Valley School.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that the Patriotic Commission canceled Armed Forces Day, which was scheduled for May 15, 2021. The Memorial Day parade has also been canceled, but the ceremony will still take place as long as the Health Department and State allow it to move forward. Banners are being worked on for living WWII, Korean, or Vietnam Veterans. These veterans are being asked to contact the Patriotic Commission. The flag collections box may be moved outside in June for proper disposal of flags on Flag Day.

10. Reports from Committees

None

11. Consent Agenda

b. Second Reading

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

A. Resolution Appointing Miguel Proano (R) to the Public Building Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Miguel Proano (R) to the Public Building Commission for a term ending November 30, 2023, to fill the unexpired term of Philip Koboski.

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12. Unfinished Business

- A. Resolution Referring the Sale of 725 Sullivan Avenue to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission Pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign and Execute an Agreement with JP RE Holdings, LLC (*Postponed from the March 29, 2021, Town Council Special Meeting*)**

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor purchased property located at 725 Sullivan Avenue on December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor has received an offer to purchase 725 Sullivan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor received an appraisal in the amount of \$265,000, which JP RE Holdings, LLC has agreed to pay contingent upon all municipal approvals; and

WHEREAS, the buyer has presented preliminary plans for the construction and operation of a medical office building which will generate additional tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, any plan to sell municipal-owned property must first be submitted to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that South Windsor Town Council hereby refers the sale of 725 Sullivan Avenue to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and Authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to sign and execute an agreement with JP RE Holdings, LLC.

Was made by Councilor Koboski
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Councilor Snyder informed the public that this would have to become a ballot question in November. The Town cannot sell property over a certain amount of money without approval from the taxpayers.

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12. A. (Continued)

Town Manager Maniscalco explained that the property is located on the corner of Sullivan Avenue and West Road. The property consists of approximately 2.5 acres and is next to the firehouse with frontage on Sullivan Avenue. Town Manager Maniscalco confirmed that the Town would be accepting a deposit on the property, but if this deal is not approved, the deposit will be returned.

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

13. New Business

A. Discussion Item: Town Council's Budget

Town Manager Maniscalco explained that the total budget request is \$194,896, which is a reduction of \$396.00 in the fees and membership line.

B. Discussion Item: Town Clerk's Budget

Town Manager Maniscalco reported that the total budget request is \$234,172, which is an increase of \$5,606. The majority of the increase is due to salary increases.

Answering questions from the Council, Mrs. Armstrong explained that the salary increase proposed in the budget is 3%. There are two employees in the office that are taking their exam to become Connecticut Certified Town Clerks in June. Both employees are required to take this exam as part of their offer of employment letter and will receive an increase of \$4,000 in salary after they pass. After this increase, one Assistant Town Clerk's salary would be at \$59,501, and the other would be at \$58,359. The Town of South Windsor pays for their classes.

Answering further questions, Mrs. Armstrong explained that an employee cannot take any class to become a Certified Town Clerk until they have been working in the office for 2 ½ years. Only two classes (modules) per year can be taken. Each Assistant Town Clerk came into their positions with one module taken.

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13. B. (Continued)

During COVID-19, the Town Clerk's Office has been extremely busy with a 20% increase. It was necessary for the Town Clerk's Office to hire temporary employees whose salaries were covered by a State grant. Currently, the Town Clerk's Office is busy with refinancing.

Mrs. Armstrong explained to the Council that each Assistant Town Clerk has their primary responsibilities in the office, but they have to know how to do everything in the office.

C. Discussion Item: Town Manager's Budget

Town Manager Maniscalco stated that the total budget request is \$249,424, which is an increase of \$40,236 due to a re-organization that is happening. An employee previously under the Human Resources Department is being moved into the Town Manager's Department budget. The salary for this position is \$50,000.

Answering questions from the Council, Town Manager Maniscalco explained that the \$217,280 is under salaries. This line item also includes the Town Manager's car stipend for a total of \$226,280.

D. Discussion Item: Town Attorney's Budget

Town Manager Maniscalco explained that the total budget is \$175,000, which has not changed from the previous year. Currently, the Town is over budget in this line item due to lawsuits that the Town was involved in.

Answering questions from the Council, Town Manager Maniscalco explained that there are several variables that come into play to determine if CIRMA will cover the Town for a lawsuit. Town Manager Maniscalco informed the Council that the budget has currently be spent at \$215,000. The factor that have pushed this budget over in 2019/2020 was the 460 Miller Road case. This year the Educational Playcare lawsuit, labor legal fees associated with forming a new collective bargaining unit, and arbitration have caused this budget to be over budget. The Educational Playcare lawsuit has cost the Town \$57,000 to date, with more costs still coming in.

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13. D. (Continued)

Councilor Snyder stated that she wonders if there is enough being budgeted in this line item. Town Manager Maniscalco said he would review the past five years of costs. Mayor Paterna felt that having the Town Manager review the last five years would give the Council a handle on the trend. Council members agreed that the Town Manager should review the past five years.

E. Discussion Item: Boards/Commissions Budget

Councilor Snyder requested that the Patriotic Commission be moved under the Boards/Commission. Town Manager Maniscalco said that the item could be moved. Mrs. Patty Perry, Director of Finance, stated that this item could be moved for the final budget.

Mayor Paterna stated that it looks like the budgets for each Board/Commission have remained the same.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton wondered if the Town Manager could review the Juvenile Firesetters budget to see what the trend has been for this budget, and if possible, reduce it by \$500. Town Manager Maniscalco explained that if there is a case, those funds will be spent, but if there are no cases, those funds will remain. If the budget was reduced and a case goes over the \$1,000, those monies that are over could be covered by Contingency or at the end of the Fiscal Year could be covered with surplus funds.

F. Discussion Item: Human Resources Budget

Town Manager Maniscalco reported that the total budget request is \$284,092, which is a reduction of \$34,536 due to a position being moved to the Town Manager's budget.

Answering questions from the Council, Town Manager Maniscalco explained that there is a 2% increase to salaries requested in this budget. The Assistant Town Manager/Director of Human Resources salary will be \$135,967 with the 2% increase, and the Executive Assistant will be at \$59,825 with the 2% increase. There is an increase in the advertising line item this year because there have been additional costs associated with advertising in a diversity specific job board.

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13. New Business

G. Resolution Authorizing Andrew Paterna, Mayor; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager, to Sign a Letter to Governor Lamont and the Town's State Senator and State Representatives

WHEREAS, at the March 15, 2021, Town Council Meeting, the Council requested the Town Manager to draft a letter to Governor Lamont and South Windsor's State Senator and State Representatives requesting appropriate steps be made to pass legislation to allow the continuation of virtual public meetings

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the draft letter (**Exhibit C**); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Andrew Paterna, Mayor; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager, to sign the letter and send it to Governor Lamont and the Town's State Senator and State Representatives.

Was made by Councilor Lydecker
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Town Manager Maniscalco informed the Council that the legislature had extended the emergency powers to May. Town Attorney Olson stated that she believes it is to May 20th.

Town Attorney Olson recommended that the Council request to extend the Executive Order to July 1st after the budget process.

Councilor Koboski stated that since the date has been extended to May 20th, is there a need to send this letter? Town Manager Maniscalco felt that the letter would be helpful and would provide feedback. Town Attorney Olson agreed with the Town Manager.

Councilor Maneeley stated that she feels the Council should finish the budget before deciding how to hold in-person meetings.

Councilor Hockenberry said she feels the letter should be sent out so the legislature and Governor have input from South Windsor.

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13. G. (Continued)

Councilor Lydecker explained that she has always voted no to sending a letter to the Governor because she has felt that it is not the Town Council's position to tell the Governor what to do. Councilor Lydecker stated she is not in support of sending this letter and feels the Council should start working on having in-person meetings.

Councilor Maneeley stated that there are circumstances that do not allow some individuals to return to in-person meetings, and she is concerned about the safety of individuals who are compromised. Councilor Maneeley said she is very hesitant to open up the Town Hall and holding in-person meetings at this time and feels the Town should wait until after the summer.

Councilor Lydecker explained that at the last meeting, in-person meetings were discussed. As long as there are five Council members in-person, there is a quorum, and the other four members could be virtual. Councilor Lydecker felt that the Council should start having discussions about how to have in-person meetings safely.

Councilor Evans said she does not have a problem going back to in-person meetings but feels it is important that the Council continue to have the option to hold virtual meetings in case it is needed.

Councilor Koboski stated that he is not in favor of sending the letter to the Governor at this time. He is hesitant to tell the Governor how the State should be run.

Mayor Paterna felt that the Town Manager and Town Attorney's suggestions are valid regarding the State looking for input from various Towns and will support sending a letter.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it passed a Roll Call vote of 6 to 3 with Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, and Councilor Maneeley voting in favor of the resolution; and Councilor Koboski, Councilor Lydecker, and Councilor Snyder voting in opposition of the resolution.

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13. New Business

H. Resolution Setting a Time for a Virtual Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on the Proposed General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby sets **Monday, April 26, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.**, as the time for a Virtual Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. The public is welcome to email comments to TownCouncilComments@southwindsor-ct.gov.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
Seconded by Councilor Hockenberry

Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that per Town Charter, the public hearing has to occur on or before April 27th. The public hearing will be scheduled for April 26, 2021, if approved, and the budget discussions originally scheduled for April 26th have been rescheduled to April 22nd. This will allow for all of the budget discussions to be held before the public hearing.

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

Councilor Hockenberry informed the Council that she would be leaving the meeting at this time (8:38 p.m.).

J. Discussion Item: A Request to Fly the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag from May 10, 2021 to May 17, 2021, in Memory of Sergeant Matthew Mainieri (*requested by Mayor Paterna*)

Mayor Paterna explained that this request is part of National Police Week, which was established in 1962 to recognize law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Mayor Paterna stated that the Town would like to honor all those who have lost their lives while protecting others, especially Sergeant Matthew Mainieri and East Hartford Police Officer Brian Aselton.

Town Manager Maniscalco informed the Council that he and Chief Lindstrom would be personally purchasing the flag.

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13. New Business

K. Resolution Approving a Request to Fly the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council has received an application requesting that the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag be flown from May 10, 2021 to May 17, 2021, in memory of Sergeant Matthew Mainieri

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves this request and asks that Town Manager Michael Maniscalco have the flag raised on the flagpole at the Wapping Community House on Monday, May 10, 2021, and lowered on Monday, May 17, 2021.

Was made by Councilor Evans
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
The motion was approved unanimously

14. Passage of Ordinance

None

15. Public Input

The public is welcome to email comments to TownCouncilComments@southwindsor-ct.gov. Town Council members will not respond to any public comments/questions.

Stephanie Weintraub (Exhibit D)

16. Communications from Council

None

17. Executive Session

At 8:43 p.m., Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase of real estate for the Town pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b)(7) (186 Foster Street). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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17. Executive Session (Continued)

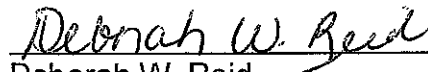
The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Koboski, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Snyder, Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Management; Kari Olson, Town Attorney; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager.

At 9:30 p.m., the Executive Session adjourned.

18. Adjournment

At 9:30 p.m., the Regular Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

[External]Re: Speak out on escalating car thefts

Exhibit A

Thomas Rippchen [tjrippchen@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 8:08 PM

To: Kevin Kelly, Senate Republican Leader [Kevin.Kelly@ctsenaterepublicans.com]; Greg Kelly Website [wordpress@gregkellypodcast.com]; Paterna, Andrew; Congressman John B. Larson [ct01ima@mail.house.gov]; Congressman John B. Larson [jonathan.biran@usdoj.gov]; Gary [gary.byron@fullpowerradio.com]; Snyder, Janice; Kevin Sen. Witkos [kevin.witkos@cga.ct.gov]; Senator Dan Champagne [dan.champagne@ctsenaterepublicans.com]; Senator Hartley [hartley@senatedems.ct.gov]; Senator Kevin Witkos [kevin.witkos@ctsenaterepublicans.com]; State Rep. Kurt Vail [kurt.vail@housegop.ct.gov]; State Rep. Tom Delnicki [tom.delnicki@housegop.ct.gov]; TownCouncilComments

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Instead of speaking out on car thefts let us speak out on the lack of common sense leadership that we DON'T HAVE.

Most radical left liberals don't care about America or its citizens. We don't need higher taxes nor do we need politicians spending OUR MONEY like we all have deep pockets. We need to balance the budget, we need conservatism & to get back to the basics of what made this Country so great. Trusting in God, bring him back, we need proper parenting and a focus on family, way too many of our children do not have that. We need proper law enforcement we don't need to de-fund the police we need more good ones out there and to get rid of the bad abusive ones that allow their badge & gun to go to their head. There are many more common sense things we need to do to get us on the RIGHT track.

We don't need Beijing Biden to tell us to wear masks as a mandate & then allows illegal migrants to surge our border not being tested & then go into our Country by buying them airline tickets that we the taxpayer pays for and making all Americans unsafe from covid.

We don't need politicians to tell us how we should live and what we can and can not do while they do what they want. They DO NOT live by the rules they set for us. We need politicians that are TRUE AMERICANS, that are for AMERICA & its citizens and not catering to foreign countries or illegals. We need to enforce the laws that we already have & not to let criminals go. We need integrity and honest/open conversations and not to play politics. We have serious problems in this country and we need serious, open transparent politicians to represent the American People the way it should be. AMERICA FIRST.

[External]then why did the town and mayor allow the BLM to be painted

Christopher Bernard [cbernard8344@outlook.com]

Sent: Saturday, April 03, 2021 10:46 AM

To: TownCouncilComments; Town of South Windsor CT [cmsmailer@civicplus.com]

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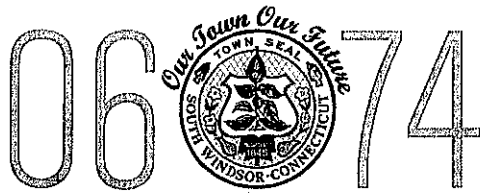
It is with wonder that I read the following article and I think we have to ask then how did it happen that the Mayor and the Town Council allowed BLM to then paint a large street mural in front of Town Hall when if you use the same logic as the new Police Chief mentioned in this article "could be upsetting" to some residents and the display "could have several unintended consequences.

Hmmm, well look what happened with that, where was this when BLM threatened to stop traffic on Sullivan Ave (a fact supported by Journal Inquirer Reporter) and the Mayor took it upon himself to grandstand and allow it to be painted and well as supply the paint and materials.

You really have to wonder what the message is that you are sending to the townspeople as you seem to only go the way of what is currently popular and not what is right.

Christopher J Bernard LLC

(860) 424-6056



(DATE)

(ADDRESS)

Dear (NAME)

At the April 5, 2021 regularly scheduled Town Council meeting, the Town Council voted to have the Mayor and Town Manager sign and send this letter to you.

With the Governor's emergency powers lapsing on May 20, 2021, the Town Council is strongly urging the State Legislature to continue the executive orders that pertain to virtual public meetings. Many of the members of the Council have concerns regarding getting back together in person. Some of those concerns are as follows:

- Council members have health concerns that may be exacerbated in the event they are exposed to COVID-19.
- Council members have family members in their households with high levels of risk if exposed to COVID-19.
- Town facilities are barely adequate for social distancing during any public meeting.
- Public participation during a meeting will increase exposure to Town staff in the building.
- Following social distancing guidelines will significantly limit public participation in our meetings.
- There will be increased costs to the Town for cleaning and staffing of the public facility.

For these reasons and many more, we ask that you take the appropriate steps to pass legislation to allow the continuation of virtual public meetings until we can feel safe from the risks COVID-19 poses on us during in-person public meetings.

Best regards,

Andrew Paterna
Mayor

Michael Maniscalco
Town Manager

[External]Blue line flag comment from Stephanie weintraub RTC

Stephanie Weintraub [s_weintraub09@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 7:28 PM

To: TownCouncilComments

Exhibit D

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Attention council women and council men-

My name is Stephanie weintraub. I am a new member of the RTC and Human Relations Commission. I would like to write in favor of flying the blue lined flag in front of town hall during national police week. I also think there is a permanent place in south Windsor for this flag. I think we should honor the women and men who put their lives on the line for us every day. I am great full to live in a town that has good cops. We should honor them. I would also like to to see our elected officials and residents of our town respect each other's differences. I truly feel it will help keep South Windsor unified.

Kindly and Respectfully,

Stephanie Weintraub