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

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

4. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Councilor Edward Havens

Others Present: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

After roll call was complete, Mr. Roger Anderson from the Patriotic Commission along with Mayor Mirek presented certificates to the winners of the Essay Contest. They were as follows:

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

1st Place: Avismit Bhattacharya, First Grade, Orchard Hill Elementary School

2nd Place: Emma O'Brien, Kindergarten, Wapping Elementary School

3rd Place: Jana Brownbill, Kindergarten, Philip R. Smith Elementary School

3rd Grade through 5th Grade

1st Place: Iris Wen, Fifth Grade, Wapping Elementary School

2nd Place: Kerry Stephens, Fifth Grade, Pleasant Valley Elementary School

3rd Place: Samarth Basanth, Third Grade, Pleasant Valley Elementary School

6th Grade through 8th Grade

1st Place: Iniya Raja, Sixth Grade, Timothy Edward Middle School

2nd Place: Cora Brownbill, Seventh Grade, Timothy Edwards Middle School

3rd Place: Dhanya Chasmawala, Sixth Grade, Timothy Edwards Middle School

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Patriotic Commission Essay Contest Winners (Continued)

9th Grade through 12th Grade

1st Place: Anna Morson, Eleventh Grade, East Catholic High School

2nd Place: Vivian Ngo, Eleventh Grade, Academy of Aerospace and Engineering

3rd Place: Emily Ngo, Ninth Grade, Academy of Aerospace and Engineering

5. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

Mr. Galligan reported on the following:

- The Town will be refunding bonds in order to reduce our rate over the next few years. This will allow the Town to reduce expenditures for next year's budget. Over a period of nine years there will be a savings of about \$20,000 per year in interest costs.
- The Town is looking at a community video program called MayorTV.com. This is free to the Town and is paid for by business advertising. A presentation was made to EDC and they were in favor of supporting this program. A variety of topics will be discussed on this program and will be posted to the Town website for viewing.
- A resolution has been put on the agenda tonight which talks about the Town continuing environmental programs throughout Town. A revised copy of the Town Council's Strategic Plan was given to the Council. The Town of South Windsor through its Strategic Plan already reaffirms our commitment to the environment and will continue.
- There is a discussion item on the agenda to discuss proposed Town department fees which will help in the future.
- There is a resolution regarding safety in the schools. The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools are responsible for the protection of children in our school system.
- Council members should be aware that if they are using their phones during Council meetings, their phones are subject to FOI.
- A letter was sent out to the Council discussing the Republican budget. The biggest issue at this time is on the taxes on vehicles. There are communities that are waiting to send motor vehicles tax bills out until October rather than July. This will be discussed tonight.

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

Mr. Paul Burnham, Chairperson for the Economic Development Commission explained further about the MayorTV.com program, the different levels that businesses can join and encouraged the Town Council to support and participate in the program.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Burnham explained that the Town supports all businesses throughout Town and it is up to each business whether they want to be a part of this program or not. It is the Economic Development Commission's hope that this program will help to promote economic development in South Windsor. There are different levels that businesses can participate. There will be oversight on the content of the video through the Town. The goal is for economic development, but the video will also showcase such things as the schools, recreation, etc.

Councilor Anwar stated that he would support this program.

Answering further questions, Mr. Burnham stated that previously when videos were done in South Windsor, he felt it helped with economic development. Mr. Galligan added that it did help, but videos need to be updated on a regular basis. The business community will be making an investment to promote their business and it is hopeful it will bring more business to Town.

Mr. Burnham stated that the contract will be for a three year period.

Councilor Pendleton requested that after the first year there should be a report which will show the success of having this program.

Mayor Mirek stated that this program can be viewed by businesses that are looking to relocate, this will help the Town of South Windsor stand out and she would be supporting this program.

Council members gave consensus for the Town to move forward with this program.

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6. Public Input (Items Not on the Agenda)

Mr. Don Gonsalves, 40 Bayberry Trail came before the Town Council and questioned if the Town has a policy in place when the money through the State does not come in full, would the school projects still move forward. Mr. Galligan explained that the Council at any time can decide not to do a project. No bond money is spent until the bonding starts and will not start for another one or two years. Mr. Gonsalves felt that the Council should have a policy.

Mrs. Andrea Cofrancesco and Mr. Andy Paterna came forward to represent the Hunger Action Team. Mrs. Cofrancesco explained that the Hunger Action Team has drafted a document which informs residents how to access food if they need to. The Action Team also posted an infomercial on the Town website.

Mr. Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation Department introduced Amy McConnell who is an intern at the Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Favreau then explained that Veterans Memorial Pool opened on Saturday, May 27, 2017. The Parks & Recreation primary purpose is to provide their patrons with the safest and most enjoyable swimming environment that they can experience. That takes staff and patrons to make this happen. All patrons should watch their children while at the pool. Lifeguards are there for water safety management, but every child should know how to swim. The Town offers swimming lessons. The new pavilion is under way and we anticipate having it partially open this summer and for full use in September.

Mr. Andy Paterna, 301 Strawberry Lane questioned if there will be public input for the meetings that will be held regarding redistricting and/or changing of poll locations? Mr. Galligan explained that they are public meetings. The meetings will be posted in the Town Clerk's Office and on the website. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. The public can come and listen to what is going on. Public Participation is usually not something on the agenda.

Councilor Pendleton requested that the Board of Education Liaison ask the Board of Education about the school reimbursement regarding the referendum and then bring that answer back to the Council if the Board of Education knows anything.

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7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meetings: Public Hearing Minutes of April 27, 2017 (Board of Education Budget and General Government budget), and June 5, 2017; Work Session Minutes of May 18, 2017; Special Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2017; and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017.

Was made by Councilor Carroll
Seconded by Councilor Anwar

Councilor Riley requested that on Mayor Delnicki should be removed and replaced with Mayor Mirek on the May 18, 2017 minutes.

Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the minutes; they passed on a roll call vote of 7 to 0 with Councilor Maneeley abstaining.

8. Public Petitions - None

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

Councilor Carroll reported that he attended the last Public Building Commission meeting. Construction on Orchard Hill School is on schedule and on budget. The furniture move in as well as materials from other schools is being planned. Councilor Carroll then stated that the Town just received reimbursement through the State for the construction of Orchard Hill Elementary.

Councilor Pendleton requested that Councilor Carroll report back to the Council if he hears anything regarding the reimbursement through the State for the next phase.

Councilor Maneeley stated that she would bring back information regarding the Town's reimbursement regarding the construction of the schools. Councilor Maneeley also stated that the Board of Education has jurisdiction over the safety of the schools. There is a plan in place which should not be discussed. Councilor Maneeley stated she hopes the person who put the resolution on would withdraw it.

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10. Reports from Standing Committees

Mr. Steve Wagner, 181 Tumblebrook Drive and Chairperson for the Energy Committee came before the Town Council to inform the Council about the Solarize South Windsor Program. There are 55 leads and 24 homes that have been visited and given proposals with 6 of them having signed a contract. A workshop will be held on Thursday, June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the South Windsor Public Library. The Energize South Windsor Program will kick off this week. Both programs will be have displayed at the Farmers Market and the Concert Series. The installation of LED streetlights on the cobra head fixtures is completed but there are a number of complaints about the orientation of the lights. Mr. Gantick has been working on this issue.

11. Reports of Temporary Committees

Mayor Mirek informed the Council that the Crumbling Foundations Committee will wait to hold a meeting until hearing anything from the Legislature.

Mr. Galligan explained that there was an annual meeting held for CT Prime and at that meeting he was asked to help establish a captive insurance program. That legislation is the only item that was approved regarding Crumbling Foundation and Mr. Galligan stated he feels South Windsor should support it.

12. Public Participation (Items on the Agenda)

Mr. Robert Dickinson, 19 Birch Road stated that South Windsor has always supported environmental issues including clean air, clean water, climate change and global warming. Mr. Dickinson urged the Council members to all support the resolution on the agenda tonight. The other issue on the agenda tonight, Item 15. G., should be discussed during the meetings that will be held regarding the polling locations and redistricting.

Mr. Steve Wagner, 181 Tumblebrook commented that he liked getting the information on the Town Manager's Report at the beginning of the meeting. The written report is also on line. Mr. Wagner then spoke in favor of the resolution regarding Reaffirming South Windsor's Commitment to the Environment.

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12. Public Participation (Items on the Agenda) (Continued)

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuire, 89 Heritage Drive stated that there has been a lot of discussions held regarding school safety in relations to polling locations. It is only fair that the Council support the resolution on the agenda tonight regarding the creation of a temporary committee for the safety of children in South Windsor. Mrs. McGuire also urged the Council to support the resolution reaffirming South Windsor's commitment to the environment.

Mr. Mike Pare, 56 Quarry Brook Drive came forward to speak in support of two resolutions. The first reaffirming South Windsor's commitment to the environment and the other to create a temporary committee for safety of children in South Windsor.

Mr. Andy Paterna, 301 Strawberry Lane also came forward to speak in support of the resolution reaffirming South Windsor's commitment to the environment and also to create a temporary committee for safety of children in South Windsor.

Councilor Anwar read a letter into the record from Mrs. Ritu Goel, as shown in attached **Exhibit A**.

13. Consent Agenda

Councilor Beaulieu made a motion to approve Agenda Items 14. A (*) through 14. D. (*) as the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

14. Unfinished Business

*** A. Resolution Appointing Nadine Hassan-Caron (R) a Full Member to the Historic District Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Nadine Hassan-Caron (R) a full member to the Historic District Commission for a term ending November 30, 2021 to fill the expired term of Walter Fitzpatrick.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

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14. Unfinished Business *(Continued)*

*** B. Resolution Appointing Renee Powell (R) to the Park & Recreation Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Renee Powell (R) to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2017 to fill the unexpired term of Cindy Beaulieu.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

*** C. Resolution Appointing Edward Gawlinski (R) an Alternate to the Patriotic Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Edward Gawlinski (R) an Alternate to the Patriotic Commission for a term ending December 31, 2017 to fill the unexpired term of Teri Dickey-Gaignat.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

*** D. Resolution Appointing Roy Normen (R) to the Personnel Board of Appeals**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Roy Normen (R) to the Personnel Board of Appeals for a term ending November 30, 2017 to fill the unexpired term of Teri Dickey-Gaignat.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

15. New Business

A. Discussion Item: Process for Tax Abatements *(requested by Councilor Beaulieu)*

Mr. Galligan explained that this process is actually a tax fixing agreement. When a company property, the land becomes taxable. There is no tax

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fixing agreements done on personal property. This program is designed to bring business to Town. South Windsor, as well as surrounding Town's offer tax fixing agreements to generate additional tax revenue, provide employment opportunities, and to improve the aesthetics of the community. The Town Manager and Assessor evaluate whether there would be a value in doing a tax fixing agreement. If it is decided that it would be worth negotiating a tax fixing agreement, the Economic Development Commission receives a packet with all of the information. There are companies that have received tax fixing agreements when these agreements first began and companies have stayed in Town and have grown. Mr. Galligan reviewed different tax fixing agreements that have been given. These incentives are used to bring business to Town because South Windsor is not just competing locally, but is competing globally.

Councilor Beaulieu stated that the Town Manager made some key points. The Town has given abatements and a lot of the companies are still in Town. If these companies were not provided with this type of opportunity, they may not be here paying taxes to the Town today. This is a great recruiting tool for the Town.

Mr. Paul Burnham, Chairperson, Economic Development Commission explained to the Council that he tries to visit businesses each month. There are over seven hundred businesses in Town. These visits help the Town to understand if a business would like to expand. Matt does a great job getting new businesses in Town, but the main goal should be to support the existing businesses. There is a program that costs \$15,000 per year in which a college student does an internship who could help with this process. Mr. Burnham stated that he hopes the Council supports the tax abatement program.

Councilor Anwar feels the Town has done a good job with economic development and feels the intern would be a worthwhile mechanism which would help with this program. Mr. Galligan stated that having the intern could help start to get data which in turn could help to implement the program further.

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Answering questions from Councilor Carroll, Mr. Galligan explained that legislation did pass regarding the casino proposed for East Windsor and South Windsor will receive \$750,000 each year because we are a bordering Town. Councilor Carroll asked if some of those funds could be used towards the hiring of an individual for economic development. Mr. Galligan felt that could be a possibility.

Councilor Pendleton questioned if the Town has a building inventory on vacancies in Town? Mr. Galligan explained that there are real estate agents that send him the availability of buildings which he said he keeps in his files.

B. Discussion Item: Changing the Billing Date of Motor Vehicle Taxes from July to October (requested by Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan)

Mr. Galligan explained that since the Town does not know what the mill rate will be until after the State budget is approved, by law the Town will need to use 32. Mr. Galligan stated that his fear is that the State will come back and say use the 37, which would require the Town to send out a supplemental tax bill. Other Towns have decided to put their tax bills out later. Mr. Galligan explained that he would like to meet with the Town Attorney to review this process and maybe think about sending the tax bills out in October rather than July.

Mayor Mirek felt that this would be a proactive approach because the Town still does not know anything about the State budget.

Council members discussed how the Town would notify the residents. Mr. Galligan stated he would be meeting with the Town Attorney on Thursday, June 22, 2017 and notification to the residents can be determined after that.

Councilor Anwar felt that sending the motor vehicle tax bills in October is not the best timing because that is when sewer bills are sent out and could impact residents.

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C. Discussion item: Proposed Changes to Department Fees and Ordinances (requested by Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan), (Fire Marshal Walter Summers to be present)

Mr. Walter Summers, Fire Marshal came before the Council and explained that at the request of the Council a Committee reviewed the fees in every department. Each department came up with a draft proposal. In the Town Council packet there were fees that each department submitted.

Councilor Anwar stated that the Town is providing services at no cost or at a very small cost. The budget has become more challenging and as a result the Town has identified fees that the departments could charge for services. The taxpayers should not be subsidizing the cost of services that the Town provides.

Councilor Carroll spoke in support of the Town reviewing changes to the department fees. This could create some self-sustaining departments.

Mr. Summers informed the Council that the fees, other than the Planning & Zoning Commission, are done by ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Snyder stated that a lot of work was done on this issue and she feels that the fee structures are fair. When would these fees go forward? Mr. Galligan stated that the Town Attorney will review these ordinance, they will go to public hearing and then a vote. When all this is complete, that is when the fees can change.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that the Health Department savings could be between \$40,000 to \$50,000; the Building Department approximately \$100,000; and the Fire Marshal fees could save between \$25,000 or \$30,000.

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Mr. Summers said Council direction will be needed on the State fees that are taken out of the Building Department fees. Should the State fee be added to the Building fee? Also language will be necessary for the sewer use fees.

D. Resolution with Respect to the Authorization, Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$7,000,000 Town of South Windsor General Obligation Refunding Bonds

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of South Windsor:

Section 1. Not exceeding \$7,000,000 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 the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds (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 a negotiated underwriting or a competitive offering as determined by the Town Manager and Town Treasurer and shall be determined to be most opportune for the Town. 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, provided that no Refunding Bonds shall mature later than the final maturity date of the Refunded Bonds to be refunded, 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,

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form, details, and other particulars thereof, including 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 underwriters' 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 the Town Treasurer are authorized to appoint an underwriter, 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 a 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 and 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.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective until June 30, 2018.

Was made by Councilor Riley
Seconded by Councilor Beaulieu

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that the resolution should stay as read because it is usually worded a certain way for a particular purpose.

Councilor Riley stated that his one issue with this is if the Town is going to restructure debt service payment, it should only be to achieve a net present value and that is not necessarily the way it is worded. Mr. Galligan explained that the formula lends itself to that. This is just refinancing existing obligations that the Town already has.

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Councilor Anwar spoke in favor of this resolution.

Councilor Beaulieu stated that when reviewing the projected schedule she noted that on page 6 it shows the debt service changes with a significant change between 2018 and 2019. There is a savings in 2018 and then a cost in 2019. When you put the whole schedule together to the final term of maturity for the bonds, the Town realizes a significant savings.

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

E. Resolution Reaffirming South Windsor's Commitment to the Environment

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2017, the President of the United States made a statement of withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Climate Accord; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Accord is an agreement within the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) dealing with greenhouse emission mitigation, adaptation and financing, starting in the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the language of the Accord was negotiated by representatives of 196 parties at the 21st conference of the parties at the UNFCCC in Paris and adopted by consensus on the 12th of December 2016; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Accord is to hold the increase of the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risk and impact of climate change; and

WHEREAS, this effort will increase the ability to adapt to the adverse impact of climate change and foster climate resilience and lower greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that does not threaten food production; and

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WHEREAS, climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet and thus requires the widest possible cooperation by all communities, and their participation in an effective and appropriate response, with a view to accelerating the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Accord is considered the world's first comprehensive climate agreement; and

WHEREAS, after the President's withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Climate Accord, the United States joined two other countries, Nicaragua and Syria, as the only countries that refused to sign the Paris Climate Accord; and

WHEREAS, towns and cities across the United States have united to adopt the Paris Climate Accord because of the urgency of its mission; and

WHEREAS, these communities have also announced that they would not enforce a Presidential executive order that rolled back the previous policy to regulate energy production and reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor has been at the forefront of using renewable energy and making efforts to reduce greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, in South Windsor a permanent Energy Committee was created by the Town Council in May 2015; and

WHEREAS, these efforts in South Windsor have led to the Town participating in the Clean Energy Community Program in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Town showed commitment to reduce the energy use by 20% and also to have 20% of energy come from the renewable sources; and

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WHEREAS, these efforts have not only reduced the energy cost of the Town but has also led to being a partner not only in our region but in our state, the country, and the world to reduce dependence on energy associated with increased greenhouse gases

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council reaffirms that it will continue to lead and increase investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council also reaffirms that the Town of South Windsor will increase our efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, be a participant in creating a clean energy economy and stand for environmental justice.

Was made by Councilor Anwar
Seconded by Councilor Pendleton

Councilor Anwar stated that the purpose of this resolution is for the Town to make a statement that the Town will remain committed to the environment. It is being suggested that the national strategy be changed.

Councilor Carroll felt that this is another attempt to bring national items into Town forum for political gain. The Council needs to discuss topics that are relevant to South Windsor. South Windsor already has a plan to be environmentally friendly between the Strategic Plan and the establishment of the Energy Committee which was formed in 2014.

Councilor Carroll made a motion to eliminate the first 10 paragraphs of the resolution. Councilor Riley seconded the amendment.

Councilor Anwar stated that he feels the resolution is clear and states the reason why we are having this conversation and why it is relevant.

Councilor Pendleton felt that the background is important which supports this resolution and does not agree with the amendment.

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Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the amendment. It passed on a roll call vote of 6 to 2 with Mayor Mirek, Deputy Mayor Snyder, Councilor Beaulieu, Councilor Carroll, Councilor Maneeley and Councilor Riley voting in favor of the amendment; and Councilor Anwar and Councilor Pendleton voting in opposition to the amendment.

Councilor Anwar felt it was important for the Town to show our commitment and would support the amended resolution.

Councilor Pendleton explained that the Council has a responsibility to create resolution to protect our environment and that is exactly what this resolution does. Councilor Pendleton stated she would support the amended resolution.

Councilor Maneeley voiced support to the amended resolution because it says everything our Town is committed to and what was agreed to in our Strategic Plan. The background information can be part of the discussion but does not need to be part of the resolution.

Councilor Riley stated that in the fifth paragraph of the resolution there is mention of reducing energy costs to the Town as well as reducing dependence on energy associated with increasing greenhouse gases. This statement reaffirms our objectives and he stated he would support.

Deputy Mayor Snyder made a friendly amendment to have May 2015 changed to May 2014. The friendly amendment was accepted

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that the Town has reduced the energy use by 20% and also has 20% of energy come from the renewable sources.

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

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The amended resolution to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor has been at the forefront of using renewable energy and making efforts to reduce greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, in South Windsor a permanent Energy Committee was created by the Town Council in **May 2014**; and

WHEREAS, these efforts in South Windsor have led to the Town participating in the Clean Energy Community Program in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Town showed commitment to reduce the energy use by 20% and also to have 20% of energy come from the renewable sources; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have not only reduced the energy cost of the Town but has also led to being a partner not only in our region but in our state, the country, and the world to reduce dependence on energy associated with increased greenhouse gases

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council reaffirms that it will continue to lead and increase investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council also reaffirms that the Town of South Windsor will increase our efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, be a participant in creating a clean energy economy and stand for environmental justice.

F. Resolution Approving a Refund of Property Taxes to Fifty-One (51) South Windsor Taxpayers

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a refund of property taxes to fifty-one (51) South Windsor Taxpayers, the total of said refunds being \$10,029.20, and as more fully described on attached **Exhibit B**.

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

G. Resolution Creating a Temporary Committee for Safety of Children in South Windsor

WHEREAS, a recent national assessment under license from Onboard Informatics Dataset was used for the most recent population figures, location purposes, and for the total crime risk score to assess the total crime risk score of every town in every state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this score has determined that the Town of South Windsor is considered as one of the safest towns in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor has an excellent Police Department with the highest level of professionalism and the capacity to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, in the recent past, several Republican Town Councilors have raised concerns about school safety at polling locations in South Windsor; and

WHEREAS, there has not been a single report of polling location or election related school violence or perceived threats in the Town of South Windsor, and no reports have been made to the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, inaccurate reporting about school safety was used inappropriately to create a partisan committee to change polling districts and polling locations in South Windsor on June 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS that committee was not directed by the Town Council to address the safety of children, students, or schools; and

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WHEREAS, the inaccurate reporting about school safety has raised concerns to many people in the community; and

WHEREAS, we as a Town value safety for all citizens, and especially our students and our schools; and

WHEREAS, it is important to look at the facts and assess the possible threats and identify ways of developing strategies to protect our students and community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the creation of a Temporary School and Student Safety Committee, to include the Town Manager or his designee, the Superintendent of the Schools or her designee, Chief of Police or his designee, the Registrar of Voters of both the Democratic and Republican parties, a representative from the Office of Emergency Management, and the Director of Parks and Recreation or his designee, to assess concerns about risks to children during election time and during polling, during school activities, sport activities, or any other activities, and ways and means to minimize the threats, and possible ways of increasing resiliency and protection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council also directs this committee to provide an update to the South Windsor Town Council and the South Windsor Board of Education, of their findings and suggested plans in an Executive Session because of the nature of and sensitivity of the topic.

Was made by Councilor Anwar

Seconded by Councilor Pendleton

Councilor Anwar explained that in the past few weeks Councilor members have been discussing the creation of a committee to change polling locations and/or redistricting because of concerns regarding safety in schools during voting. There have been no reports of any problems during elections. Safety concerns of children should be a concern at all times and during all

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events, so it is felt that a committee should be established that will address this issue. Council members should not be part of this committee. A report should be sent to the Council of the findings and suggested plans in an Executive Session.

Councilor Pendleton stated that there have been a variety of conversations held regarding the safety of children during voting in schools. The resolution brought forward at the last meeting did not discuss safety in the schools, but only discussed redistricting and changing polling locations. Councilor Pendleton stated that she would be supporting the resolution tonight because this committee will address the safety of children throughout the Town. Councilor Pendleton agreed that the Superintendent of Schools is responsible for safety in the schools, but when it comes to an election, it is the Registrar of Voters responsibility to address any safety concerns. In the resolution tonight there are issues that will be discussed such as safety during school activities, not just during voting.

Councilor Maneeley stated she agrees that children need to be safe but feels this is not the forum to have discussions about the children's safety in school or on school grounds. There is a plan and individuals who are responsible for the safety of children in school will execute that plan if it is necessary.

Mayor Mirek called for a Point of Order requesting the public to stop their conversations or they would be asked to leave.

Councilor Maneeley made a motion to Call the Question. Councilor Riley seconded the motion; and it carried on a roll call vote of 6 to 2 with Mayor Mirek, Deputy Mayor Snyder, Councilor Beaulieu, Councilor Carroll, Councilor Maneeley and Councilor Riley voting in favor to Calling the Question; and Councilor Anwar and Councilor Pendleton voting in opposition to Calling the Question.

Mayor Mirek called for a vote on the motion; it failed on a roll call vote of 2 to 6 with Councilor Anwar and Councilor Pendleton voting in favor of approval; and Mayor Mirek, Deputy Mayor Snyder, Councilor Beaulieu, Councilor Carroll, Councilor Maneeley and Councilor Riley voting in opposition of approval.

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16. Passage of Ordinance

None

17. Public Input/Participation (Any Matter)

Mr. Mike Pare, 56 Quarry Brook Drive stated that he feels the discussions have been obstructed by this Council. National, state and local politics are all related to one another. The policies that come down from the federal and state level impact the Town of South Windsor and this Council should be taking actions on these issues.

18. Communications and Petitions from Council

None

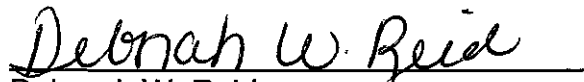
19. Executive Session

None

20. Adjournment

At 10:22 p.m. Deputy Mayor Snyder 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

Dear Members of South Windsor Town Council

I have been attending town council meetings for past few months. I always thought our town is a safe place. When the Republican members of Town Council decided to vote for a casino I was worried about all kinds of strangers coming to town and the safety of our town being compromised.

I am glad that we will not be a casino town.

The last couple of months' Councilor Beaulieu and Mayor Mirek raised serious concerns about the safety of our children from our SW Citizens (specially the ones who are registered to vote). As a mother of SW students, now I am very concerned about school safety.

In the last meeting the Republicans created a committee for changing polling locations and redistricting South Windsor using the school safety concerns.

As a parent, I feel that the issue of safety was not addressed. I am now scared to take my daughter to public activities, as the concerns raised by the Republicans have not been addressed by the Board of education or the Town Council. I now feel that we are leaving ourselves wide open to catastrophic events like Newtown by not protecting our kids during all these park and rec activities like soccer fields, football fields and other such sports events.

My question is what are the plans of Town council in protecting my daughter and other kids from all these unwanted events that might happen.

I am glad that Councilors Anwar is proposing a committee focused on school safety. I hope that all Council members would support this, especially as the previous committee used the safety concerns to create a committee for redistricting South Windsor and had nothing to do with School safety.

A worried and concerned mother

Ritu Goel

80 cornerstone Dr

South Windsor CT06074

TAX REFUNDS

Alder, Aaron T. 11 Long Hill Road South Windsor, CT 06074 2016/Mazda/JM1GJ1V58G1416114 Reason: Sold 10/15	\$ (51.43)	CAB EAST LLC, Ford Credit Personal Prop. Tax P.O. Box 67000, Department 231601 Detroit, MI 48267-2316 2013/FORD/1FADP3R43D1229738 Reason: Sold 3/16	\$ (170.57)
Ally Bank, Louisville PPC P.O. Box 9001951 Louisville, KY 40290-0001 2012/GMC/1GKKVPED4CJE70319 Reason: Sold 10/15	\$ (555.07)	CAB EAST LLC, Ford Credit Personal Prop. Tax P.O. Box 67000, Department 231601 Detroit, MI 48267-2316 2013/FORD/2FMDK4JC1D8C72309 Reason: Sold 10/15	\$ (558.14)
Ally Financial, Louisville PPC P.O. Box 9001951 Louisville, KY 40290-1951 2013/CHEVR/1G1RD6E48DU101174 Reason: Sold 12/15	\$ (437.67)	CAB EAST LLC, Ford Credit Personal Prop. Tax P.O. Box 67000, Department 231601 Detroit, MI 48267-2316 2013/FORD/1FMCU9GX2DUC11347 Reason: Sold 2/16	\$ (266.18)
Ally Bank, Louisville PPC P.O. Box 9001951 Louisville, KY 40290-1951 2013/CHEVR/1g11e5sa4df237269 Reason: Sold 12/15	\$ (306.36)	CAB EAST LLC, Ford Credit Personal Prop. Tax P.O. Box 67000, Department 231601 Detroit, MI 48267-2316 2014/FORD/1FADP3F20EL188182 Reason: Sold 6/16	\$ (89.80)
Ally Financial, Louisville PPC P.O. Box 9001951 Louisville, KY 40290-1951 2013/BUICK/1G4GF5E31DF127531 Reason: Sold 10/15	\$ (489.25)	CAB EAST LLC, Ford Credit Personal Prop. Tax P.O. Box 67000, Department 231601 Detroit, MI 48267-2316 2013/FORD/3FA6POH7XDR210351 Reason: Sold 5/16	\$ (126.17)
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ALTA Realty, Attn: Mende P.O. Box 419 Ridgefield, CT 06877 Real estate Reason: Overpayment	\$ (402.72)	Chartier, Tracy L. 389 Abbe Road South Windsor, CT 06074-1607 2008/HYUND/KM8JN72D28U762969 Reason: Sold 6/16	\$ (60.31)
Amodio, Joseph 3rd 15 Debbie Drive South Windsor, CT 06074-1829 2000/HONDA/1HGEJ8245YL105615 Reason: Sold 8/16	\$ (8.14)	Cullen, Edward P. & Christine A. 36 Heatherwood Drive South Windsor, CT 06074 2001/JEEP/1J4GW48S21C727998 Reason: Total loss 5/16	\$ (37.74)
Bud Behling Leasing Inc. 100 Old Pond Road Bridgeville, PA 15017-1200 2014/JEEP/1C4PJMCS8EW303340 Reason: Sold 11/15	\$ (483.22)	Dannahey, John D. 1905 Mill Pond Drive South Windsor, CT 06074-3555 2009/CADIL/1G6KD57Y79U125852 Reason: Overpayment	\$ (5.41)
CAB EAST LLC, Ford Credit Personal Prop. Tax P.O. Box 67000, Department 231601 Detroit, MI 48267-2316 2013/FORD/2FMDK4JC7DBB81058 Reason: Sold 5/16	\$ (202.69)	Deleo, James P. III 25D Amato Drive South Windsor, CT 06074-3697 2005/BUICK/2G4WSS2J1S1140587 Reason: Replaced 5/15	\$ (42.39)
CAB EAST LLC, Ford Credit Personal Prop. Tax P.O. Box 67000, Department 231601 Detroit, MI 48267-2316 2014/FORD/1FA6POG77E53S8866 Reason: Sold 12/16	\$ (297.18)	Delmonte, John D. 120 Old Farm Road South Windsor, CT 06074-1584 1997/CHEVR/1GCCS19X7V8141539 Reason: Overpayment	\$ (6.25)

Donohue, Debra Lynn & Tilghman, Jeffrey J. 6482 Park Forest Circle Elkridge, MD 21075 2012/HONDA/19XFB2F52CE384653 Reason: Out of state registration MD 7/16	\$ (53.28)	King, Stafford J. IV 585 Main Street South Windsor, CT 06074-3900 2007/HORTO/5E2B1162571031227 Reason: Sold 5/15	\$ (30.33)
Duperre, Andrew R. & Lindsey 7 Northfield Road Enfield, CT 06082 2011/BMW/5UXWX5C50BL705472 Reason: Sold 8/16	\$ (48.84)	McCabe, Bryan E. 135 Quail Ruan South Windsor, CT 06074-2357 2008/CHEVR/2G1WT58N189130409 Reason: Sold 3/16	\$ (99.71)
Enterprise F. M. Trust 600 Corporate Park Drive Saint Louis, MO 63105-4204 2012/TOYOT/2T3BF4DV5CW225082 Reason: Sold 1/16	\$ (283.79)	Melt Fitness Studio LLC, C/O Joe Carabase 40 Sandra Drive Suite 7&8 South Windsor, CT 06074 Personal Property Reason: Overpayment	\$ (374.56)
Enterprise F. M. Trust 600 Corporate Park Drive Saint Louis, MO 63105-4204 2013/TOYOT/4T1BF1FK6DU640942 Reason: Sold 11/15	\$ (330.71)	Pacquing, Kirstie Marie 75 Lewis Drive South Windsor, CT 06074-1507 2006/HOND/2HGFG12816H564583 Reason: Sold 8/15	\$ (18.64)
Financial Service Vehicle Trust 5550 Britton PKWY Hilliard, OH 43206 2013/BMW/WBAFU7C52DDU76678 Reason: Turned in lease 3/16	\$ (461.76)	Pragosa, Jack D. P.O. Box 1159 South Windsor, CT 06074-2399 2013/HOND/1HGCR2F58DA249505 Reason: Traded in 8/15	\$ (44.21)
Giulietti, Anita J. etal, C/O Vernon Village Inc 325 Kelly Road Vernon, CT 06066 Real estate Reason: Overpayment	\$ (16.44)	Prestileo, Robert L. 98 Nutmeg Drive Somers, CT 06071 2008/HONDA/1HGCP368X8A052590 Reason: Replaced 10/15	\$ (139.22)
Giulietti, Anita J. etal, C/O Vernon Village Inc 325 Kelly Road Vernon, CT 06066 Real estate Reason: Overpayment	\$ (65.40)	Prestileo, Robert L. 98 Nutmeg Drive Somers, CT 06071 2009/ACUR/19UUA96549A004874 Reason: Replaced 10/14	\$ (484.52)
Hewey, Ryan Wilkins 45 Laurel Street South Windsor, CT 06074-3103 2015/HARLE/1HD1KRM1XFB656806 Reason: Sold 7/16	\$ (98.79)	Raymo, Kenneth J. or Barbara 37 Warren Street Taunton, MA 02780-1627 2011/Subar/4S4BRDJC2B2412065 Reason: Out of state registration MA 8/15	\$ (47.50)
Holland, William J. & Kim Lynn 182 Pleasant Valley South Windsor, CT 06074 Real estate Reason: Overpayment	\$ (170.75)	Sigler, Jonathan M. 165 Abbe Road South Windsor, CT 06074-1603 2011/ACURA/19UUA9F588A001613 Reason: Replaced 1/15	\$ (407.06)
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA P.O. Box 901098 Fort Worth, TX 76101 2014/SUB/JF1GJAA66EH010616 Reason: Total loss 10/14	\$ (419.85)	Trinks, James S. P.O. Box 432 South Windsor, CT 06074-0432 2003/VOLKS/3VWSE69M43M013979 Reason: Overpayment	\$ (74.10)
Kaiser, Heather 59 Shares South Windsor, CT 06074 1989/MIRRO/1SZSDP1XK1000111 Reason: Sold 4/13	\$ (21.66)	Valacer, Stasia M. & Paul J. 55 Wild Life Trail South Windsor, CT 06074-2079 2009/NISSA/JN8AS58V39W172968 Reason: Sold 8/16	\$ (22.94)

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Veretto, Christine 108 Cliffwood Drive South Windsor, CT 06074-1878 2007/HONDA/1HGCM56757A154910 Reason: Total loss 2/16	\$ (140.23)	Ally Financial, Louisville PPC P.O. Box 9001951 Louisville, KY 40290-0001 2013/DODGE/1C3CDFBA4DD154983 Reason: Turned in lease 2/16	\$ (193.69)
Wheels, LT 666 Garland Place Des Plaines, IL 60016-4725 2012/DODGE/2C4RDGCG7CR314770 Reason: SOLD 9/15	\$ (364.45)	Blumenthal, Aaron D. 33 Tupelo Road South Kingstown, RI 02874-1853 2003/CHEV/2GCEC19V431399053 Reason: Overpayment	\$ (13.79)
Woodcock, Holly Ann 2401 Mill Pond Drive South Windsor, CT 06074-2251 2002/ACURA/JH4KA96592C13519 Reason: Sold 7/16	\$ (25.53)		

Jennifer Hilinski-Shirley CCMC

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