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

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

4. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor M. Saud Anwar
Deputy Mayor Andy Paterna
Councilor Audrey Delnicki
Councilor Jeffrey Glickman
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry
Councilor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Matthew Riley

Others Present: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

After roll call was complete, Mayor Anwar read a proclamation into the record which proclaimed September 17th through the 23rd as Constitution Week. He also recognized Our Lutheran Church and the South Windsor Human Services Department as part of Hunger Awareness Month.

5. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

Mr. Galligan reported that the Barber Hill power station was improved with heavy generators which created a tremendous amount of noise for nearby residents. The power company has installed the appropriate sound barriers, and the noise situation will continue to be monitored. Some residents have felt that the power company has done a good job, and the Town may have finally resolved this issue. It may take some time before the readings are official, but then it can be determined if the station can operate successfully without disturbance to the residents.

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Council members have received a memorandum from the Fire Marshal regarding blasting regulations. Although it is not recommended that anything more than what the State has asked for is done, it is up the Council members to decide if anything more is wanted.

Mr. Galligan stated that he enclosed a hard copy of the Moody's Report concerning the Town's financial status. The report is quite favorable. The Town has kept its Aa2 rating. There are some items mentioned in the report that the Town would need to work on if it is decided we want to get to the Aa 1 Rating, but the Town of South Windsor is very strong financially and is in stable condition.

Mr. Galligan explained that an individual who purchased property on Rye Street near the Farnham Road area, comprised of approximately 30 acres, had used some of that acreage to practice shooting firearms. Mr. Galligan stated he had received calls from concerned neighbors. The Police Department did go to the individual's house, and they were quite cordial. Through our ordinance, the resident has the right to participate in practicing firearms as long as they are 500 feet away from any residential area. Although they have the right, Mr. Galligan explained that he is having the Town Attorney look into this due to the concerns of nearby residents. Being as the property has a commercial portion to it as well as a residential, it is being reviewed to find out if the zoning would allow such use in that area.

Mr. Galligan explained that he attended the MDC Meeting today. South Windsor is a non-member Town. The water rate in the future budget may increase from \$314 to \$348. Member Towns are looking at a 17% increase in the budget. A public hearing will be scheduled in October for residents to meet the Consumer Advocate. The new water service charge is one charge that South Windsor has no say in.

Newly appointed Chief Custer and Deputy Chief Lindstrom came before the Town Councilor to thank the Council and Town Manager for their support during the changes that have occurred at the Police Department. Chief Custer stated that they both look forward to working with the Town Council. The Council is invited to the Swearing in Ceremony that is being held on October 1, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in

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the Council Chambers. Town Council members congratulated both gentlemen on their promotions. Council members thanked the Police Department for all of the work they do.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that there would be a refund at the next meeting for approximately \$200,000 which was mistakenly sent to South Windsor when it should have been sent to Southington for fuel cells in their Town. Also, in the Tax Collector Office, the three constables will be going out trying to collect car taxes. This is being done in order to avoid residents from missing their payments for a long period, and then having to pay a large payment in the future and a large interest rate. Councilor Pendleton added that it would also avoid the hassle of trying to find individuals who may have moved out of South Windsor.

6. Public Input (Items Not on the Agenda)

Mrs. Lucy Graham, M-6 Saint Marc Circle, came before the Council to voice her concerns about a letter she received from Connecticut Soil. The letter was extremely vague, and there was very little transparency regarding a project that they are undertaking in Town. The company is looking to take over property at 420 John Fitch Boulevard to run a bedrock and stone storage and refinery. There is a big project in Hartford that is happening, and she has found out that the fill from that project will be coming into South Windsor. Connecticut Soils will be re-selling this product. Mrs. Graham voiced her environmental concerns to the Council. This project should be reviewed thoroughly to make sure that there are no environmental concerns. As much information as possible should be shared with the public regarding this project.

Mr. George Hill, 20 Andreis Trail came forward to complain about the noise from the Bark Park. Mr. Hill requested that the Town put forth an effort to mitigate the noise from the park. Mr. Hill explained that he is a coach for basketball and he is requesting that the Recreation Basketball Teams play a little later than 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays because the High School Boys or Girls Basketball Teams are forced to come in at 8:00 a.m. for their practice on Saturday mornings, and there is usually games on Friday night.

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6. Public Input (Items Not on the Agenda) (Continued)

Mrs. Nancy Yario, 20 Andreis Trail came before the Council and explained that she hears dogs barking all of the time because of the location of the Bark Park. We brought the Town to court, and we won the ability to have an 8-24 referral from the Council to the Planning & Zoning Commission, but at that hearing, no public was allowed to speak except for the Town Manager. The only type of fencing that will mitigate the noise is sound proof fencing.

Mr. John Yeich, 5 Steep Road came forward and explained that the project that Mrs. Graham was talking about consists of putting a tunnel underground to store water. The rock is being blasted out, tested, and will be transported to South Windsor where it will be processed.

Mr. Galligan stated that Vanessa Perry who is one of the Assistant Town Manager's would be following up on the Bark Park issue.

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 September 4, 2018; and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2018.

Was made by Councilor Delnicki

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6 to 0 with Councilor Hockenberry abstaining.

8. Public Petitions

None

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

Councilor Hockenberry stated that she is the Liaison for the Human Relations Commission. On Friday, September 21, 2018, it is International Day of Peace. There will be events held at the Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m.

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

Councilor Pendleton informed the Council and the public that the Wood Memorial Library is in need of volunteers. Councilor Delnicki added that the phone number for Wood Memorial Library is (860) 289-1783.

10. Reports from Standing Committees

None

11. Reports from Temporary Committees

Deputy Mayor Paterna stated that the Board for the Synagogue had voted unanimously to support the before and after school care at Temple Beth Hillel.

12. Public Participations (Items on the Agenda)

None

13. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda Items 14. A. (*) through 14. D. (*) as the Consent Agenda.

Was made by Councilor Snyder and Councilor Hockenberry
Seconded by Mayor Anwar

Councilor Snyder made a motion to remove Item 14. B. from the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Paterna seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Mayor Anwar called for a vote on the remainder of the Consent Agenda; and it was approved, unanimously.

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14. Unfinished Business

***A. Resolution Reappointing Peter DeMallie (U) to the Central Regional Tourism District**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Peter DeMallie (U) to the Central Regional Tourism District for a term ending September 1, 2021.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

***C. Resolution Appointing Mary Bey (R) to the Housing Authority**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Mary Bey (R) to the Housing Authority for a term ending November 30, 2020, to fill the unexpired term of Sandy Ramesh.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

***D. Resolution Appointing Paul Bernstein (D) an Alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Paul Bernstein (D) an Alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term ending December 1, 2021, to fill the expired term of Maxine (Teri) Parrott) (R).

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

B. Resolution Appointing Councilor Audrey Delnicki (R) to the Insurance Control Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Councilor Delnicki (R) to the Insurance Control Commission for a term ending November 11, 2019, to fill the unexpired term of Carolyn Mirek.

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Seconded by Mayor Anwar

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6 to 0 with Councilor Delnicki abstaining.

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

15. New Business

A. Presentation Regarding Recycling (*Anthony Manfre to be present*)

Mr. Tony Manfre, Superintendent of Pollution Control, came before the Council and explained that in July, Councilor Delnicki raised questions regarding recycling and tonight he is present to address this issue. Mr. Manfre reviewed his memorandum that he had sent to the Council, as shown in attached, **Exhibit A**. Mr. Manfre supplied to the Council a recycling guide which can be found on DEEP's website. Mr. Manfre informed the Council and public that bulk pick-up is the first full week of each month, scrap metal is pick-up every Wednesday as long as the Town is notified by Tuesday, electronics pick-up is held every other month. The next electronics pick-up is November 3rd. The Town does not have a transfer station, and the Town does not take construction debris or lawn waste. Those items can be brought to Manchester.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Manfre explained that South Windsor has been doing the textile recycling for over one year. Last Fiscal Year South Windsor collected 18 tons. There are seven or eight bins throughout South Windsor. One at each school, Community Center, and Wapping (Recreation Center). The Town received \$100.00 per ton. There is a list of acceptable items on the website and residents can call the office to inquire about acceptable items. Councilor Pendleton requested that a list of each item that can be put into the textile recycling bins be put on the website.

Answering further questions, Mr. Manfre explained that putting a dumpster at the Town Garage for cardboard pick-up has been discussed, but that would need to be monitored and is an option that can be explored further. It

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had also been thought of to do curb-side pick-up but the details would have to be worked on further.

Mayor Anwar recommended that a place in Town be designated where bins are located for each different type of recyclable item, and they could be picked-up by the appropriate recycling truck. The area could be monitored through cameras. Councilor Hockenberry stated that the facility could only be open for certain hours.

Mr. Manfre explained to the Council that if a resident is not sure if something is recyclable, it should be put in the trash because unfortunately a lot of the recyclables are contaminated with other items and then the whole bin has to be put into the trash.

Mr. Manfre informed the Council that the company would give a resident an additional recycling bin after a vetting process. The trash bins cost \$145.00 if a resident would like an additional one. South Windsor is single stream at this time so even if the glass and cardboard were separated into separate bins, it all goes into the same truck.

The Town is exploring options for home waste composts. Our attentions need to be on the Commercial and Industrial producers. Plastic bags are a large problem with recycling. Councilor Glickman felt that residents and businesses need more education about recycling before they purchase items so they would know what type of items are best to use for recycling purposes.

Mayor Anwar stated that the responsibility does not fall fully on the Town and State, ultimately it has a lot to do with the residents. This is a cultural modification where residents will need more education regarding this issue.

Councilor Pendleton said it is very difficult to go zero waste, but low waste would be more achievable. The educational component could be put onto the website and during different Town events. Councilor Pendleton suggested that the Town come up with recommendations for recycling.

Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to suspend the rules in order to go to Item 15. B. through 18. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

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15. New Business (Continued)

B. Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Paul Mozzicato (R) from the Patriotic Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts with regret, the resignation of Paul Mozzicato (R) from the Patriotic Commission, said resignation to be effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council extends its thanks to Paul Mozzicato for the time he has dedicated to serving his community by his membership on the Patriotic Commission.

Was made by Councilor Delnicki
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Councilor Snyder and Mayor Anwar thanked Paul for his service to the Town.

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

C. Resolution Approving and Authorizing Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan to Mail Out Explanatory

WHEREAS, Town Attorney Borea had approved explanatory text for questions #3 and #4 on the referendum being held on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council was given the explanatory text to review

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the explanatory text and authorizes Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan to have the explanatory text for referendum questions #3 and #4 mailed out to all South Windsor residents.

Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Mayor Anwar

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Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan stated that the explanatory text could be mailed out in a couple of weeks. There is no requirement for when the explanatory text needs to be sent out prior to the election; it only has to be before the election is held in November.

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

D. Discussion Item: Anaerobic Digester (requested by Mayor Anwar)

Mr. Galligan stated that there is interest in setting up a program in South Windsor. There have been discussions held with the haulers who would be happy to have an anaerobic digester on this side of the river. Mr. Galligan informed the Council that he is trying to have a meeting with a major supermarket who would use this plant. This would allow the company that runs the anaerobic digester to know that they have a certain amount of income for this start-up business. There has been interest, but no one is making that commitment yet.

Mr. Galligan explained that he was thinking about talking to the South Windsor school system, surrounding school systems, major supermarket chains, hospitals, and nursing homes. CEO's would be invited to an event to discuss this and can have them bused to the facility in Southington to show them how the system works.

E. Discussion item: Creation of a "South Windsor Support Group for Victims of Crumbling Foundations" (requested by Mayor Anwar)

Mayor Anwar explained that he would like individuals who are just finding out they have a crumbling foundation to first be educated on what is available to them and then have them be a part of a support group. A social worker would be able to help out with this issue.

Mr. Galligan said he would sit with Andrea Cofrancesco who is the Director of Human Services and Vanessa Perry who is the Assistant Town Manager to come up with a program that can be run by Human Services.

Councilor Snyder felt that this is a great idea, but this should be held by Human Services because of confidentiality.

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F. Discussion Item: Creation of a Commission on Arts and Culture, and the Creation of a Yearly Event “Arts on Main Street in South Windsor” – To be Hosted by Wood Memorial Library (requested by Mayor Anwar)

Mayor Anwar explained that South Windsor is blessed with people with a lot of talent. There are events in other Towns where people can show their work, and he feels this would give exposure to South Windsor residents and would allow community involvement.

Mrs. Mary Etter, Director of the South Windsor Public Library, explained that in the past there was a Cultural Arts Committee that embraced all of the arts opportunities throughout Town. This Committee broke into specific areas of expertise. There was a show each year for the visual arts. Mrs. Etter explained that this is a hard issue to manage, but would like to recommend that different organizations work collaboratively instead of creating a Commission. Other Towns have been contacted to see how they were managing their art endeavors.

Mrs. Jessica Vogelgesang, Wood Memorial Library, stated that she agrees with a collaborative effort with organizations throughout Town who can work on an event that will occur every year.

Councilor Snyder felt that the South Windsor Public Library and Wood Memorial Library could collaborate to come up with different programs, instead of establishing a Committee. Councilor Snyder felt that the program should be funded by the Town.

Councilor Hockeneberry voiced her support for the two organizations working collaboratively to come up with a program.

Mayor Anwar stated that he feels a Committee should be established for this purpose. Mrs. Vogelgesang felt that there needed to be more than two organizations working on this.

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16 Passage of Ordinance

A. Resolution Approving the Establishment of a Senior Tax Stabilization Ordinance

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the establishment of a Senior Tax Stabilization Ordinance, as shown in attached **Exhibit B**.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Paterna
Seconded by Mayor Anwar

Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to amend the Ordinance as follows:

- Draft Ordinance should be labeled Exhibit A.
- Under Administration (1) (a), \$250.00 should be changed to \$195.00.
- Under Administration (1) (b) – identified by the Tax Assessor should be changed to identified by the Human Services Department through a signed affidavit of residency.

Councilor Glickman seconded the amendments; and they were approved, unanimously.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that individuals that apply and are approved for this benefit would receive a reduction in their tax bills. Under the old program, there were 200 people who qualified for that benefit, and it is felt there may be 50 to 60 more than that who will qualify for this benefit. If 200 people receive this benefit, it will amount to \$48,000.

Deputy Mayor Paterna explained to the Council that the identification of homeowners was changed from the Tax Assessor to the Human Services Department because the Human Services Department does all of the initial screening and then they submit it to the Tax Assessor.

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

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17. Public Input/Participation (Any Matter)

Deputy Mayor Paterna read a letter into the record, as shown in attached **Exhibit C**.

18. Communications and Petitions from Council

Councilor Snyder reminded the Council and public that the Longest Dinner Table would be held on September 29, 2018, at Evergreen Walk in the park. This is a fundraiser for the South Windsor Education Fund. The cost is \$25.00 per person. There will be a DJ for entertainment, and a silent auction will be held. For further information, the public can go to www.swcommunityfoundation.org or call Town Hall.

Councilor Pendleton explained that Heritage Day would be held on October 6th at the Bissell Fairy Farm. There will be all kinds of heritage and cultural exhibits about where we came from in our community.

Deputy Mayor Paterna added that Heritage Day is a free event and people who want to go to the Longest Dinner Table can pay for that through the Community Foundation website.

Councilor Delnicki thanked everyone who came out to the Festival of Lights over the weekend as well as Parks & Recreation Department and Mitchell who donated the money for the fireworks.

Mr. Galligan explained to the Council what Connecticut Soil is planning on doing. This is a Planning & Zoning issue, and there will be a public hearing. Residents that were 500 feet of the facility should have been notified. Mr. Galligan stated he would have to find out why the businesses did not receive notification.

Councilor Pendleton stated that she has concerns about this company. This site is near the Podunk River. Mr. Galligan informed the Council that this company would be going before the Planning & Zoning Commission and IWA/CC. Councilor Hockenberry stated that she has environmental concerns.

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E. Discussion item: Hiring Process for the Position of Town Manager

The Council by consensus decided that the RFP for an Executive Search Firm would be put in the newspaper, on DAS, and on the Town website on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. The RFP's should be returned to the Town Council Office by 10:00 a.m. on October 5, 2018.

Council members reviewed the RFP and made changes.

Mayor Anwar reviewed the steps that would be taken as follows:

- Have the Executive Search Firm identify individuals. The Search Firm will also call references and do background checks.
- The town council will identify the final list of individuals by reviewing paperwork and qualifications to see if they fit the Council's criteria.
- Town Council members will identify who to interview.

There will be three processes used to interact with candidates as follows:

- Town council will interview each candidate.
- Commissioners, Department Heads, and Businesses will meet the candidates in a social setting.
- Town Council will interact with family members.

After these processes are complete, a decision will be made.

Mr. Galligan explained that the Council should have the candidates come in Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Town staff will give them a tour of the Town on Friday. Have Commissions and businesses interact with candidates on Friday night. Interviews on Saturday and then second interviews on Sunday. The Executive Search Firm will lead the Council through the whole process.

Council members discussed the interview process for the Executive Search Firm.

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Councilor members were asked to review the qualifications from other Towns so that at the next meeting, South Windsor's qualifications statement could be finalized.

19. Executive Session

At 10:17 p.m. Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a draft agreement which would result in disclosure of public records or information which is exempt from disclosure at this time pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b)(1). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

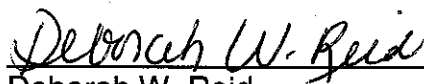
The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Anwar, Deputy Mayor Paterna, Councilor Delnicki, Councilor Glickman, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Pendleton, Councilor Snyder, and Assistant Town Manager Vanessa Perry, and Town Manager Matthew B. Galligan.

At 10:45 p.m. Councilor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilor Pendleton seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

20. Adjournment

At 10:45 p.m. Councilor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Mayor Anwar seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

**TOWN OF SOUTH
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CONTROL**

Memo

To: Matthew Galligan, Town Manger
From: Tony Manfre, Superintendent of Pollution Control
cc: Vanessa Perry, Assistant Town Manager
Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager
Date: September 12, 2018
Re: Town Council Recycling Inquiries

At the July 2nd Town Council meeting Councilor Delnicki requested that the Pollution Control Department research and present information to the following questions:

1. Cost of Weekly Recycling Collection

The option of providing weekly recycling collection was looked at last year. Recycling trends show that weekly recycling collection does not increase the quantity of recyclable material. To provide residential recycling services every week would cost an additional \$200,000 per year. It was determined to not be a feasible option due to the cost/benefit ratio. Residents who have higher than average recycling rates can request a second container to meet their needs.

2. Bulk Collection of Paper and Cardboard

The Pollution Control Department receives approximately 12-15 inquiries per year on how to dispose of large amounts of cardboard and paper. These requests typically come from residents who have recently moved into a new home or are cleaning out a basement. Their options are to place these items in their recycling containers and dispose of them over time, rent a dumpster, or take it the Manchester Landfill which charges a fee. We are working with All American Waste to provide a curbside disposal outlet for these situations.

3. Glass Collection

The collection of certain glass containers is desirable due to the relatively small amount of contamination of grease and food particles. Strategic Materials Inc., who is located in town, is a glass recycling facility. They only take "Bottle Bill" glass, which are containers that require a deposit when purchased, from commercial source suppliers due to the lack of contamination. The glass is color separated at the facility and sold to various vendors. I spoke to a company representative who said that they were not interested in receiving residential glass from the town.

A separate residential curbside collection of glass would require a third container for each household and a third truck to pass through each neighborhood. The additional cost would not seem practical at this point in time.

Another option would be to offer a community collection container where residents could bring their glass recyclables. The issues that arise with this are maintenance and security of the site. Without direct oversight of the container contamination is likely to occur which reduces the value of the material. We would also be removing weight from our single stream recycling flow. Under our current contract All American Waste pays the Town a rebate of \$5 per ton of material recycled. This amounts to \$30,000 a year. By removing glass from this waste stream we will be reducing our rebate and increase our costs.

4. Public Act 18-181 Section 12

Sec. 12. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2018) Notwithstanding subsection (f) of section 22a-220 of the general statutes, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, upon the request of a municipality, shall authorize a two-year pilot program for the collection of glass, by one or more third parties, separate from the Substitute House Bill No. 5360 Public Act No. 18-181 15 of 15 curbside recycling collection program, including prohibiting the collection of glass from the curbside recycling collection program in such municipality, provided such pilot program includes one or more locations where glass is collected at no charge to residents, information about such program for residents of such municipality, the collection of any data required by the department for the purpose of measuring program outcomes, and any other requirements as determined by the department. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on such pilot program following such two-year period. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, any recommendations for legislation concerning such pilot program.

The details of the glass collection pilot program are still being worked out by DEEP. More information on this program is anticipated to be released at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting on September 25th. A Glass Pilot Participation Application is currently being drafted which will define the necessary criteria.

Senior Tax Stabilization Ordinance

Program Established:

- (1) The Town of South Windsor hereby establishes a **Local Option B**, as an additional program for municipal ***tax relief for homeowners age 65 or over, or permanently or totally disabled***, pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-129n.

Eligibility:

- (1) Municipal *tax relief* shall apply only to real property owned and occupied as a principal residence by residents of the town who meet the following qualifications:
 - a. They are 65 years of age and over, or their spouses, living with them, are 65 years of age or over, or 62 years of age or over, and, the surviving spouse of the taxpayer qualified under this section at the time of their death, or with respect to real property on which such residents or their spouses are liable *for taxes* under C.G.S. § 12-170v;
 - b. Applicant must live in their primary residence in South Windsor for at least **seven months** of each year.
 - c. If an applicant is under age 65 (as of Dec 31 of the calendar year prior to application), they can be eligible if they receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security.
 - d. Residents, or their spouse, described in this ordinance, shall have been taxpayers of the town for **FIVE years** immediately preceding their receipt of ***tax relief benefits*** under this section.
 - e. The income eligibility requirements are: **\$50,000 for unmarried individuals and \$65,000 for married individuals**.
 - f. This program shall **not** provide assistance for industrial/commercial properties, nor the portion of properties considered excess acreage parcels that may qualify for other state or local *tax relief* programs.

Benefits:

- (1) Eligible applicants will be granted a reduction in their municipal real estate tax liability **in an amount set annually by the Town Council, as a flat rate.** The applicant's municipal real estate tax liability, as calculated by adding together the relief from all state and local programs, **may not exceed 75 percent of their total municipal real estate tax liability for that year.**

Administration:

- (1) This program shall be administered in the form and manner prescribed by the assessor for the town under the following conditions:
 - a. Those who meet all the requirements of subsection (b-Eligibility) above, shall be entitled to a reduction in their municipal real estate tax liability **in an amount set annually by the town council, as a flat rate. For the first year of the program, based on the October 2019, Grand List, the benefit amount under this section shall be \$195.00.**
 - b. This benefit described here, shall apply only to homeowners who have lived in South Windsor **for a period of five years as identified by the Human Services Department through a signed affidavit of residency.**
 - c. The participants **are not required to repay the *tax relief benefit*** at any time.
 - d. The Tax Relief/Local Option B--**CANNOT be transferred** to any other family member or occupant of the 'real property'.
 - e. The residence in South Windsor must be the primary residence of the participant and the homeowner **must verify they are NOT receiving tax relief in any other state.**
 - f. The **applicant must own the property** for which tax relief is sought; **Or, she/he must hold a tenancy for life use**, for a term of years in such property and this tenancy makes her/him liable for the payment of property taxes under C.G.S.-Section 12-48. The life use, or life tenancy, must be recorded on the town land records for the applicant to be eligible.
 - g. **Applications for property owners must be made to the South Windsor Tax Assessor between Feb. 1 and May 15 of the calendar year following the October 1st Grand List being published.**

9/16/18

Dear Mayor Anwar and Town Council Members,

We were recently made aware by friends living on St. Marc's Circle that they received a letter from a company called Connecticut Soil. This company has filed an application with the South Windsor Planning Department for the property 420 John Fitch Blvd. We understand there will be a hearing with the Inland Wetlands Agency and Conservation Commission, but we would also like our concerns heard by the Town Council.

We have not had the opportunity to look at the plans yet but saw that the IWA/CC hearing agenda states this company is seeking to construct a rock processing facility. An internet search for this company provided no information about them. Particularly seeing that this is an industrial site that abuts a residential area and this company will be dealing processing soil and or rock, we feel there are some potential concerns that we list below:

1. What record does this company or this owner have regarding soil/rock processing or other environmental records?
2. What types of soil/rock do they plan on bringing to the site and with what potential contaminants?
3. How will they be processing the soils/rocks for reuse?
4. How will they prevent fine particles from becoming airborne? How will they monitor this?
5. What volume of soil and rock will be processed / what number of trucks are expected to be entering and exiting this site?
6. How will they prevent materials from entering the nearby Podunk River?

Seeing that airborne particles and traffic are potential issues not just for the abutting properties, but other residents in the area, we would hope and suggest that the public be made aware of upcoming meetings regarding these plans so they can ask questions and make comments.

Thank you,

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