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**May 18, 2020**

**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 Audrey Delnicki  
Councilor Erica Evans  
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry  
Councilor Cesar Lopez  
Councilor Karen Lydecker  
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Lisa Maneeley

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

After roll call was complete, Mayor Paterna recognized the South Windsor Public Works Department and formally designated May 17-23, 2020 as the Public Work Week in the Town of South Windsor. Mr. Jeff Doolittle, Town Engineer, came forward to present individuals with awards. Metal Industries received the Business Partner Award; Sera Marcous received the Citizen Award; and Michael Wood received the Richard Boudreault Public Works Award for National Public Works Week.

**4. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Paterna reminded the Council and the public that the Council is holding meetings in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 7B, which is a suspension of in-person open meeting requirements.

Mayor Paterna then thanked all individuals that served in the armed services and those who gave their lives for our country. Mayor Paterna personally thanked Deputy Mayor Pendleton for her service.

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**4. Mayor's Remarks (Continued)**

Mayor Paterna informed the Council and public that Brian Rivard, who was the President of the South Windsor Historical Society and the driving force behind Heritage Day, has passed away. This is a loss for the community.

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Lopez made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager**

Mr. Maniscalco reported on the following:

- Connecticut has 78,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- New York has 350,000- confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Massachusetts has 86,010 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Rhode Island has 12,674 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- South Windsor has 150 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- South Windsor has 94 infected cases that are past the time of quarantine.
- South Windsor has 28 residents that have passed away.
- May 20, 2020, has been identified as Phase I for Reopening Connecticut. Barbershops and hair salons have been removed from the list. In order to re-open, businesses must self-certify through the DECD Certification Program. A lot of items are mandated. There will be a plaque put in the window of the business that has self-certified. Enforcement of safety guidelines is the responsibility of local municipalities through the Police Department, Health Department, and Town Administration.
- South Windsor has PPE Inventory as follows: 20,050 masks, 14,290 three-ply surgical masks, 3,400 kn-95 masks, 30,800 gloves, 180 bottles of hand sanitizer, 83 face shields, 156 glasses, 220 gowns, and 201 containers of cleaning wipes. Based on the current rate of use, it is estimated that the Town has a supply between 11 to 33 weeks.

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

- There are two employees of the Town of South Windsor who have tested positive for COVID-19. One of the employees was exposed at work, so it will be a Workers' Compensation claim.

Mayor Paterna stated that he wanted to make it clear that the Town does not play any role in the self-certification for businesses; businesses have to do everything through the State.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco explained that businesses go through the State for certification, but the enforcement is at the local level. It has not been totally clear how the Town will be informed of businesses that are not following all of the rules, but Mr. Maniscalco stated he feels it will be based upon reports from the public. It has been stated that barbershops and hair salons will open in early June.

Councilor Hockenberry requested the Town Manager to provide the Town Council with a report on how things are going after the re-opening on May 20, 2020.

Answering further questions, Mr. Maniscalco explained that all 169 Towns are holding public meetings virtually. There is an Executive Order that allows for Towns to vote on their budget virtually. At this time, Mr. Maniscalco stated he had not seen any litigation regarding Town's holding virtual meetings. Tonight, the Town Council is safe to move forward to pass the budget.

**7. Public Input**

Mr. Maniscalco read letters from the following individuals into the record:

- Mrs. Nancy Yario (**Exhibit A**)
- Mr. Matthew Davis (**Exhibit B**)
- Resident on Hilton Drive (**Exhibit C**)
- Mr. Dave Macdonald, 79 Laurel Street, wrote in stating that he would like to have the speeding issues on Laurel Street addressed immediately.

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**7. Public Input**

- Mr. Craig Davis, a resident who lives off of Rye Street, called in requesting that the Council address the shooting range that has developed at 443 Rye Street.
- Mrs. Linda Davis reported that there is a gun range at 443 Rye Street and requested that something is done about it. It is a dangerous situation.
- Mrs. Debbie Reid, Council Clerk, informed the Council that she received a voice mail from Mr. Ben Stevens, Murielle Drive, he is opposed to the hazard pay for the Police Department, Fire Department, and Town staff. The Town has PPE for everyone that should be used because it is almost certain that the State will be cutting funding.

**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 May 4, 2020.

Was made by Councilor Delnicki  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Councilor Snyder made an amendment that the resolution should say Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2020. Councilor Hockenberry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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

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

The resolution to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: **Virtual** Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2020.

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

Councilor Hockenberry reported that the Human Relations Commission has made 500 signs for essential workers and has been putting the signs up where requested. Commissioners have also been making masks for essential Town workers and seniors. Mr. Charlie Margolis has put a Poet Laureate event on the website.

**10. Reports from Committees**

None

**11. Consent Agenda**

Councilor Lopez made a motion to approve Agenda Items 11.b.A. for a second reading on the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**A. Resolution Reappointing Arthur Jennings (D) to the Building Code Board of Appeals**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Arthur Jennings (D) to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term ending January 1, 2025.

**13. New Business**

**A. Discussion Item: CERT and Emergency Management Update (requested by Councilor Delnicki)**

Mr. Chris Wilcox, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained to the Council that masks and touchless infrared thermometers would be distributed on the afternoon of May 19, 2020, for local businesses to come pick-up. The distribution was set up through CBIA. The business would have had to go on the website and request PPE. Once the list was compiled by CBIA, it is sent out to the Town who picks up the items that are

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then distributed to the local businesses. There was supposed to be a meeting for CERT team meeting with Bristol, but unfortunately, that meeting got canceled.

Mr. Summers explained to the Council that the distribution of PPE is put out on the Town's Facebook page. CBIA is still accepting requests for PPE from small businesses with less than 50 employees. The Chamber also put it out on their website.

Mr. Walter Summers, Fire Marshal, gave an update on emergency management. PPE inventory is maintained in his office. Each department puts in a written request which is tracked. There are weekly pickups with the State but N95 masks are extremely hard to get. The Town had requested 1,000 N95 masks, but will only be receiving 100. Inventory is constantly being requested in order to maintain the 11 to 33-week inventory. A Long-Term Recovery Committee has been established and will be meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2020. This Committee will be responsible for developing a list of community-driven actions to assist the residents in recovering from the pandemic. The Town gets two to three calls per day on the South Windsor Information line. Mr. Wilcox has been working with SWERC, and he responds to two to three calls from the South Windsor Information line. Training has begun for contact tracing, which is going to be a big task. Mr. Wilcox takes care of the FEMA calls and works with Heather Oatis on DPH calls. Mr. Summers thanked Thad Dymkowski and Heather Oatis, who put together the on-line permitting for the opening of restaurants.

Mr. Wilcox informed the Council that there is a total of 49 recipients for masks and thermometers.

Mrs. Oatis explained that there is a company that makes an infrared thermometer, and through DPH, they have offered them to local Health Departments to distribute. Mrs. Oatis stated that she has put in a request for 500 but has not heard the status of that request.

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Mrs. Oatis then explained that there are six staff members who will be sent to training for contact tracing. A meeting with the staff members has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2020.

**B. Discussion Item: Emergency Management Procedures *(requested by Mayor Paterna)***

Mayor Paterna stated that when Town staff is doing their job, such as distributing PPE to businesses, he requested that elected officials not get involved. If anyone wants to say thank you to Town staff, please do it through an email.

**C. Resolution Adopting the Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a Board of Education Budget with expenditures totaling **\$75,399,351**; for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020, and terminating on June 30, 2021, a copy of which Budget is on file on the Board of Education website ([www.southwindsorschools.org](http://www.southwindsorschools.org)).

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

**D. Resolution Adopting the Budget for the Special Revenues Recreation Fund for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a Special Revenue Recreation Fund Budget with expenditures totaling **\$8,538,741**; for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020, and terminating on June 30, 2021.

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

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**13. D. (Continued)**

Town Manager Michael Maniscalco informed the Council that the wrong amount was provided to the Council in Item 13. D.

Councilor Evans made a motion to amend the original motion on Item D. as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a Special Revenue Recreation Fund Budget with expenditures totaling **\$2,992,947**; for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020, and terminating on June 30, 2021.

Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**E. Resolution Adopting the General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a General Government Budget with expenditures totaling **\$48,948,571**; for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020, and terminating on June 30, 2021, a copy of which Budget is on file on the Town of South Windsor website ([www.southwindsor-ct.gov](http://www.southwindsor-ct.gov)).

Was made Councilor Snyder  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Councilor Snyder, Mayor Paterna, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, and Councilor Lydecker all spoke in favor of the proposed budget.

Councilor Delnicki made the following amendments:

- Remove two of the three newly proposed positions from the budget.
- Return one Assistant Town Manager to their original position held prior to December 25, 2017.
- Reduce the other Assistant Town Manager's car allowance to be equivalent to the Assistant School Superintendent.

These reductions would equal a \$200,467.00 savings in the budget.

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Councilor Snyder seconded the amendment.

Councilor Evans, Councilor Lydecker, Mayor Paterna, and Councilor Hockenberry all spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton spoke regarding the process stating that there has been ample time to meet and make recommendations to change the budget, but that was never done before tonight.

Councilor Snyder called for a point of order stating that Councilor Delnicki has the right to make an amendment, and instead of discussing this further, the Council should vote on the amendment.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that she is not in favor of the amendment.

Councilor Delnicki called the question.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the amendment; it failed on a roll call vote of 1 to 7 with Councilor Delnicki voting in favor of the amendment and Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, and Councilor Snyder voting in opposition to the amendment.

Councilor Snyder compared the cost of a Parks Maintainer, which is approximately \$60,000 and contracting services out at \$125,000. Contracting services out would be an additional cost of \$65,000. Councilor Snyder then compared the cost of the Assistant Mechanic, which is \$70,000, and to contract out would cost approximately 40,000. If the Town contracted all of these services out, there would be an additional cost of \$35,000, and therefore Councilor Snyder felt that these two positions being proposed should be kept in the budget.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that it is the job of the Town Manager to determine what the staffing needs are for the Town. Deputy Mayor Pendleton then questioned if her request to remove \$15,000 from the Park & Recreation Master Plan and use those funds to put a fence around the

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Boundless Playground and add additional money needed to do this project were considered? Mr. Maniscalco recommended not dealing with that as part of the budget and recommended discussing this with the Park & Recreation Commission.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it passed on a roll call vote of 7 to 1 with Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Council Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, and Councilor Snyder voting in favor of the motion; and Councilor Delnicki voting in opposition.

**F. Resolution Setting the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**

BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate of **37.88** mills be levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2019, based upon Total Revenues excluding current taxes of **\$17,824,130**, which includes an appropriation from Fund Balance in the amount of **\$0.00** and an appropriation from the Tax Stabilization Fund in the amount of **\$500,000** to finance total expenditures of **\$124,347,922** made up of a Board of Education Budget of **\$75,399,351** and a General Government Budget of **\$48,948,571** both of which have been adopted by the South Windsor Town Council for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020, and terminating on June 30, 2021.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Pendleton  
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco informed the Council that this budget is a .62 mill decrease from the current budget or a 1.62% decrease in taxes.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it passed on a roll call vote of 7 to 1 with Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, and Councilor Snyder voting in favor of the motion; and Councilor Delnicki voting in opposition of the motion.

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**ITEM:**

**13. New Business (Continued)**

**G. Resolution Appointing a Rate Maker for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and the Tabling of Same**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Michael Maniscalco, Town Manger as Rate Maker for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, and hereby tables the same.

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

**H. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Amend the 2019/2021 "Job Classification Schedule"**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to amend the 2019/2021 "Job Classification Schedule" by adding one new position that of Youth & Family Services Clinical Coordinator (Grade 3).

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry  
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Mr. Maniscalco explained that the Human Services Coordinator is being promoted to Youth & Family Services Clinical Coordinator. This provides more coverage for counseling services that will be needed in the near future.

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

**I. Resolution Establishing a Policy and an Application to Provide for the Display of Commemorative or Organization Flags**

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WHEREAS, requests to fly a commemorative or organization flag on a Town of South Windsor flag pole must be made at a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, an application form must be submitted for any requests to fly a commemorative or organization flag on a Town of South Windsor flag pole; and

WHEREAS, the flag request must meet the guidelines within the policy established by the South Windsor Town Council

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the 2020 Flag Flying Policy (**Exhibit D**) and Application Form (**Exhibit E**).

Was made by Councilor Delnicki  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Councilor Delnicki suggested that on the policy, the ninth point be changed to say "No flags of a group, organization, or **individual** shall be permitted whose actions or philosophy are contrary to Town of South Windsor policies or Charter, or enable violence, discrimination, prejudice, or racism."

Mayor Paterna stated that he would like to have discussions on the policy regarding the third point and questioned if it should state just the Town Council, or should it stay the way it is?

Councilor Snyder stated that she is uncomfortable about flying anything on the Town flag poles other than the American flag, State of Connecticut flag, or POW flag. Town Council may think a certain organization is offensive but those organizations or other taxpayers may not, so I am concerned about deciding to fly a flag that may be offensive to certain groups in Town.

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Councilor Delnicki explained that she had the same concern but also felt a policy should be established if the Town is going to allow other flags to fly on Town poles.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that on the policy, the third point, she would like to remove Town Council. Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that requests to fly a flag should be approved by the Town Manager because his office will be keeping track of the applications. Deputy Mayor Pendleton requested that no flags be flown on the Town Hall flag pole with the American flag.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco explained that at a prior meeting, Town Attorney Olson identified that there is some potential risk to fly one group's flag versus not flying another one, so there could be issues legally.

Councilor Snyder stated that she does not feel the Council should establish a policy and should let things run as they have.

Mayor Paterna pointed out that there are numerous flag poles in Town, and this policy is not specifically talking about Town Hall. Mayor Paterna suggested that the Town Attorney review this before the Council goes any further.

Councilor Snyder made a motion to table Item 13. I. until the June 1, 2020, Town Council Meeting in order to allow the policy to be reviewed by the Town Attorney. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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**ITEM:**

**13. New Business (Continued)**

**J. Resolution Approving a Refund of Taxes to Eleven (11) South Windsor Taxpayers**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a refund of property taxes to eleven (11) South Windsor Taxpayers, the total of said refunds being \$9,233.05 and as more fully described on attached **Exhibit F**.

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

**K. Discussion Item: Hazard Pay for Town Employees, Police Department, and South Windsor volunteer fire Department (*requested by Town Manager Michael Maniscalco*)**

Deputy Mayor Pendleton recused herself from this discussion.

Mr. Maniscalco explained that there was a resolution on previous agendas, and in those resolutions, there was a sunset date of May 20, 2020. If the Council does not make any action on this date, hazard pay will end.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco stated that the pay period for hazard pay would end on May 22, 2020.

**L. Discussion Item: Agenda Items that are being Submitted for a Town Council Meeting (*requested by Mayor Paterna*)**

Mayor Paterna explained that according to the Town Council rules, agenda items should be submitted to the Clerk of the Council on the Monday before the Council meeting. Items are being submitted, but the actual resolutions are sometimes not be submitted until Wednesday. Mayor Paterna requested that all items and resolutions be submitted to the Clerk of the Council by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the Town Council meeting. Agenda meetings will be held on the Tuesday before the Town Council meetings in order to review items and resolutions that will be on the agenda.

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Deputy Mayor Pendleton added that this would also give the Clerk of the Council the opportunity to run it by the Town Attorney if necessary.

**14. Passage of Ordinance**

None

**15. Public Input**

None

**16. Communications from Council**

Mr. Maniscalco announced that today Sergeant Matthew Mainieri was added to the Fallen Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Councilor Evans stated that now that the Council has approved a number of projects that are in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, she would request that the Commission report on the projects to the Council within 60 days of the date of the project.

Mayor Paterna requested that Mr. Maniscalco reach out to the Park & Recreation to see if they can join us at one of the Council meetings.

Mayor Paterna read a thank you note from the Donate Life group thanking the Council for flying their flag.

**17. Executive Session**

None

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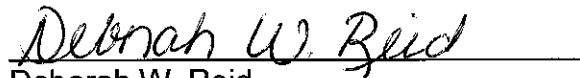
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**ITEM:**

**18. Adjournment**

At 9:32 p.m. Councilor Hockenberry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deborah W. Reid  
Clerk of the Council



**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Nevers Park (Sent by nancy yario, nyario@yahoo.com)

Hello Town Council,

nancy yario (nyario@yahoo.com) has sent you a message via your contact form  
(<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

Dear Andy, Liz, Audry, Erica, Mary Justine, Cesar, Karen, Lisa & Janice

I hope everyone is well. My husband asked me why I am writing to you all this am. What do I want?  
I have always wanted what I had here - nothing more. A quiet peaceful place to live.  
I loved this area, I was always running or walking at Nevers with my family, with our dog and kids before I got bone cancer.  
I want you all to come see/hear the peaceful environment at my house due to the horrible covid causing closure of the bark park.

People are in the park, running,  
walking their dogs. I love being at my house again as I am not interrupted by the disturbance of barking and car traffic. I wake up to quiet, I go outside to quiet, I can nap in quiet.

The neighborhood &  
park "is like the old days"-is the comment I hear most often from people walking by  
(referring to before the bark park was illegally built violating section 8-24, no P & Z hearing was held)

My neurologist believes my health has been negatively affected by the Bark Park. The World Health Organisation and others have studied the affect of stressors like noise on people's lives.  
I think we can agree that it is the rich and those in power that tend to have and protect their peaceful environments. I knew I was lucky to live in this house, near the park, in this town.

It is of interest that  
Park and Rec has cleared the lower field - adjacent to & north of the bark park. Minutes say wildflowers are to be planted. The history of those fields(& bark park area) is that witch hazel was planted (with a grant from the federal govt) decades ago and most of the vegetation was periodically mowed to allow lupines/wildflowers to grow. The super sixties club built and installed birdhouses. There were benches to sit by the field and watch the birds. It was quiet and peaceful before the bark park.

I believe when a town has beautiful open space there is hardly ever a reason to change it to make an improvement ( yes, I think dog parks are a good idea if done correctly).

So what I'm asking today, is for all of you to go see what you took away from me, my family, the neighborhood, the town. Spend a few minutes in this area.

WE all lost a quiet beautiful natural spot to reflect and enjoy nature.

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 7:54 PM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Breach of Peace (Sent by Matthew Davis, dvmkac@cox.net)

Hello dreid,

Matthew Davis (dvmkac@cox.net) has sent you a message via your contact form  
(<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/656/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/656/edit>.

Message:

Please share this communication with the members of the Town Council and have the Mayor a/o Town Manager get back to me.

About one year ago, a new neighbor moved in behind our home. Happy to have new neighbors but we also have a reasonable right to the quiet enjoyment of our residential home. This particular neighbor believes it is appropriate and "neighborly" to operate loud "dirt bikes" on the hill directly behind us.

I have nothing against dirt bikes. My in laws own them and use them, but they do that on 40 acres of land in a rural setting, not at dinner time on a half acre lot.

This evening at about 6:00 pm, while i was trying to rest (recuperating from a extremely painful gall bladder attack), the dirt bike cranked up. This is not the first time and we've tried to be patient. I got out of bed, opened the window and screamed, using some foul language i generally try not to use and do not typically use.

They stopped.....for a while, then started up again briefly. So, I called police dispatch and spoke to a nice gal and made sure she understood our situation. She tried to tell me what the law was, but I asked to speak to an officer and make a formal complaint. She said she would have a duty officer contact me. Around 7:20 i received a call from Officer Kuzara, who basically said (my words, not hers) tough luck, buddy they have a right to do it up to 9:00 pm and she referenced the Noise Ordinance. She did not at any time offer to allow me to make a formal complaint, although she was sympathetic and at all times, professional. I asked what the basis of the "9:00" cut off was and she said it was the Noise Ordinance. I believe I may be wrong but I think the Noise Ordinance may be grounded in the State statutes and does not apply to mobile forms of noise. So - I think if we are relying on a "noise" ordinance to address this, we are perhaps not taking the right approach. It seems to me that this activity, wholly inappropriate for this setting and completely contrary to the protection of legitimate public interests, would be best addressed under Breach of Peace, not a "noise" ordinance.

No luck. Basically I was told they have a right to run their dirt bike during "daylight" hours, apparently all day of they'd like. And Dad has one

too, plus mom plus Jenny and Uncle Remus, as long as they all live there, they can all do it. No limitations other than hours.

My wife and i have been here for 20 years. Raised our two children here. We have spent literally tens of thousands of dollars improving our property and over that 20 year period have paid at least \$100,000 in property taxes, not to mention the car taxes, sewer bill etc. We had to fight hard just to get the roads fixed after years of neglect. We worked hard to support the capital fund bonding not just in Avery Heights, but all over Town. In the recent school bond vote I think our district may have had the highest or close to the highest percentage of "yes" votes. We chose this town over two others 20 years ago because of the schools, amenities etc., but also because it was clear that leadership seemed to appreciate what was right and what was wrong. I'm not sure thats the case anymore. If this type of activity is going to be allowed unfettered, in a densely populated neighborhood of 1/2 acre lots, this is not the town we moved to 20 years ago. I cannot for the life of me imagine that anyone would favor the "rights" of a loud dirt bike over a family just wanting to have a quiet dinner on their back patio.

So - Lets try to figure something out. Perhaps our State Legislative Delegation can move a common sense and reasonable bill forward that balances legitimate rights in a way that serves COMMUNITY interests. Maybe special dirt bike neighborhoods. If we can regulate how many chickens you can have, it just seems like common sense that we can do something about this. Or, we can put a for sale sign on the property and move away and the next person can deal with the dystopian world we seem to have accepted. Because you're telling me all the investments we've dumped into the property and this neighborhood and this Town aren't worth a warm bucket of spit. Because our neighbor has a "right" to terrorize us and his other neighbors.

Come buy my property.

Exhibit B

Thanks -

All the Best -

Matt

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 7:08 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] lower the town taxes (Sent by Jennifer, otisops34@gmail.com)

Hello Town Council,

Jennifer (otisops34@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form  
(<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

Hello,

Our town is wonderful, but we have a very very high town tax. I am not sure how because we keep building so much and killing all the farm land. The economy is horrible right now and it is difficult for many to get by. You should consider lowering the taxes and curbing spending during this very difficult financial time.

Thank you, Neighbors from Hilton Drive

**PROPOSED GUIDELINES for Town of South Windsor Flag Flying Policy:**

- \*Requests to fly a commemorative or organization flag on a Town flagpole must be made, using the attached Application Form, at a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting;
- \*The flag will fly in connection with a specific town or state event, town or state proclamation, or town or state recognition of an event or organization;
- \*Commemorative or Organization Flags must be approved by a majority vote of the Town Council; or the town manager.
- \*Approval by the Town Council shall be limited to not more than one commemorative, or organization flag being added to the flagpole for display during any time period;
- \*The flag shall be flown for a period not to exceed (two weeks), ~~or one month~~, or for the duration of the associated event;
- \*The flag shall be flown no more than once per calendar year;
- \*After receipt by Town Hall staff, prior to approval, the request will be sent to the Town Council
- \*No flags of commercial, religious or political organizations shall be permitted;
- \*No flags of a group or organization shall be permitted whose actions or philosophy are contrary to Town of South Windsor policies or Charter, or enable violence, discrimination, prejudice, or racism;
- \* Flags will be flown according to the U.S. Flag Code:

## Application for a Flag to be Flown in South Windsor 2020

A request for a flag to be flown in South Windsor should be at minimum of seven days in advance of the date for flag to be flown. The commemorative flag is to be flown on a Town flagpole according to the U.S. Flag Code

*Print Name/ Street Address/ City and State*

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Flag to be Flown: \_\_\_\_\_

Flag dimensions must not be larger than: 5' x 9' with grommets for securing the lanyard.

Date (s) Event Requested for: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to be Raised: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Lowered \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Town Council member making this request: \_\_\_\_\_

This Application must remain on file in the South Windsor Town Manager's Office and cannot be submitted more than once in any calendar year.

Signature/Town Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Request

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Town Manager

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval process by

Town Council: approved \_\_\_\_\_ (date) denied \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Approved by the South Windsor Town Council on: \_\_\_\_\_

Flag Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit F

Bill No.	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Property/Vehicle No.	Section	Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	On-Paid
2018-03-5003788	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	1601 ELM ST STE 800	DALLAS, TX 75201-7260	2016/1C6SRRT7MG5202597	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (129,17)	\$ (129,17)
2018-03-5003616	STEEN MANUFACTURING CORP	175 SO SATELLITE ROAD	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (159,00)	\$ (159,00)
2016-02-0041454	STEEN MANUFACTURING CORP	175 SO SATELLITE ROAD	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (127,24)	\$ (127,24)
2016-02-0041454	STEEN MANUFACTURING CORP	175 SO SATELLITE ROAD	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (127,24)	\$ (127,24)
2018-03-5012115	KAVANASH MEGAN J	139 ROCKLEDGE DR	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074-1583	2012/JMVGAV7X5CV531959	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (184,30)	\$ (184,30)
2018-03-5012115	KAVANASH MEGAN J	139 ROCKLEDGE DR	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074-1583	2012/JMVGAV7X5CV531959	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (184,30)	\$ (184,30)
2018-03-5023109	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	200 COMMERCE WAY SUITE 800	WOBBURN, MA 01801-3057	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (162,08)	\$ (162,08)
2018-03-5023109	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	200 COMMERCE WAY SUITE 800	WOBBURN, MA 01801-3057	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (162,08)	\$ (162,08)
2018-03-5023206	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	200 COMMERCE WAY SUITE 800	WOBBURN, MA 01801-3057	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (136,48)	\$ (136,48)
2018-03-5023206	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	200 COMMERCE WAY SUITE 800	WOBBURN, MA 01801-3057	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (136,48)	\$ (136,48)
2018-01-0010256	VENDETTI JOAN G & CHARLES J	182 OAK STREET	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (3,489.94)	\$ (3,489.94)
2018-01-0010256	VENDETTI JOAN G & CHARLES J	182 OAK STREET	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2016/JTMDREV9C5027216	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc	\$ (3,489.94)	\$ (3,489.94)

Drafted By: Tabalha L Chasse  
Dorothy Collection of Ravenhill

Approved By: Jennifer Hilinski-Shinley, CCMC

**Donor Collection of Revenue**

Collector of Revenue: /

Date:

May 01, 2020

**Calc:**

4 May 2020

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