

Town Council

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1. Call Meeting to Order

The regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members present

Councilor Evans
Councilor Koboski
Councilor Lopez
Councilor Paterna
Mayor Pendleton
Deputy Mayor King
Councilor Kozikowski
Councilor Gamble

Others present:

Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager/ CIO/ Emgy Mngmt
Vanessa Perry, Assistant Town Manager/ HR Director
Richard Carella, Town Attorney

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Pendleton took a moment to high light upcoming events and holidays. December 5th in International Volunteers Day. She thanks the civic groups, library and other volunteers for their time and effort. December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Hanukkah goes from December 18th – 26th and Kwanza is also on the 26th. On behalf of the Town Council, Mayor Pendleton wishes the community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

On Saturday, December 10th; the mayor will be hosting Santa and Mrs. Claus at her house for some holiday fun from 5pm-9pm. Location is 319 Hilton Drive. She will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items for shelters and a food drive. She asks that those who plan on attending please bring a donation item with them.

The fire department and police department are both holding food drives at local grocery stores for the food and fuel bank.

Mayor Pendleton takes a moment to read section 502 from the Charter. The council may remove any member of a board, commission, or committee, appointed by it, if such member has absented themselves from all meetings of his board, commission, or committee for a period of three consecutive month. She asks that if you are serving on a

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board, committee or commission, you make the time to go to the meetings and participate.

5. **Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Paterna made a motion to accept the agenda as is. Deputy Mayor King made a motion to remove item 11 B 11 from the agenda. Councilor Evans seconded the Deputy Mayors amendment. **MOTION PASSES.**

Deputy Mayor King also made a motion to add item 13 D to the agenda, a resolution reappointing Cile Decker to the Redevelopment Agency. Councilor Paterna seconded the motion, which passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.**

Councilor Evans makes a motion to change the wording of item 13 B. remove the word adopting and change it to amending. Item 13 B will read as follows:
Discussion amending the Ordinance for the Social Justice and Racial Equity Commission. Councilor Koboski seconded the motion which passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Pendleton made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Councilor Paterna seconded the motion which passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.**

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

Mr. Maniscalco opens his statement with a discussion about the budget policy statement. Annually the Town Council puts together a statement that provides staff with some guidance as they draft the next years budget. The statement should be finished by the end of December.

The Food Bank did well during Thanksgiving, thanks to the help from civic groups and residents that made donations. The food bank needs paper goods and toiletries at this time. If anyone would like to get a hold of the food bank they can be reached at 860-648-6361 ext 3335 and a case worker will schedule an appointment.

At the state Economic Development Forum, the focus was on breaking myths regarding business and the financial health of the state.

Mr. Maniscalco reappoints Cile Decker to the Redevelopment Agency for a five-year term, which will expire on December 31, 2026. William Keohane will also be reappointed to the Redevelopment Agency at the next Town Council Meeting. This commission still has a vacancy that needs to be filled.

The Director of Health has resigned from her position. In order to refill the position, a signature from the Commissioner of Health is needed. There is only one other employee

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in the office, who is currently working on her Masters in Public Health. A degree is mandatory to fill this position. There has been a proposal made to the department to allow the employee that is in the process of receiving her degree to fill the position on an interim basis. Windsor has been contacted in an effort to seek help with the Health Department. This town employee will be compensated for the extra work load they are now responsible for.

Councilor Gamble asks about the short survey that is to be sent out by the Strategic Planning Commission. There are two different surveys going out to members of the community. The Strategic Planning survey will serve as bigger picture. It does include Parks and Recs; however, it will not be a detailed survey on what is going on within the Parks and Recs Department.

Councilor Koboski address the revaluation. Will the mill rate be set using the old assessment and then apply that to the new assessments? Mr. Maniscalco explains that the new values is just a small portion of the new mill rate. The other part of that is the actual creation of the budget. There is a balance that occurs.

Councilor Evans asks about the COVID memorial. Mr. Maniscalco just received word earlier that day that the memorial is now complete. At this time, there is no ribbon cutting or grand opening scheduled, he will follow up with more information.

Deputy Mayor King asks Mr. Maniscalco asks about the State Economic Development Forum. Are all welcomed? Invitations have been sent out at this time.

Mayor Pendleton follows up with the Health Department situation. Once said employee receives her degree, will she be appointed as the new head of the department? Mr. Maniscalco answers that there is a fair chance that she will be hired, however they would have to re-evaluate as the say gets closer. From there that position she is in now will have to be filled. Mr. Maniscalco adds that the town needs another employee at that department.

7. Public Input for Items on the Agenda

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Dan Edwards 131 Hilton Drive speaks on behalf of the adoption of minutes from the previous meeting. He kindly asks that we correct the number of Republican nominations from 12 to 11.

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8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Councilor Kozikowski made a motion for the following:

Approval of November 21, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of November 21, 2022.

Councilor Gamble states that there were in fact 12 nominations from the Republican Town Committee. Therefore, the number of 12 nominations will stand, the rest of the council agrees. 11 of 12 of the nominees identify as Republicans and one was unaffiliated, however the nominations were in fact submitted by the Republican Town Committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Gamble, the motion passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.**

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

The Human Relations Commission is working with Hartford Bags of Love with Officer Barret in conjunction with the Mayor's Day of Giving. In honor of Martin Luther King Day, acceptable donations include; gently used adult backpacks, hats, and gloves. Items can be dropped off in a donation bin at the senior center between now and January 13 2023.

Councilor Kozikowski reports that the Planning and Zoning Commission had a meeting on November 29, 2022. As a result of the meeting, they approved the cite plan for a new 99,000 square foot building for a climate controlled self-storage facility at 249 Ellington Road. They also approved the cite plan for the two portable classrooms at Philip R. Smith. Without acting, the commission looked at a concept master plan for development on King Street. They also saw a concept plan for a mixed income, affordable housing development on Deming Street.

10. Reports from Committees

Deputy Mayor King mentions the meeting for the Quad Board Sub-Committee. The sub-committee plans on meeting the third Wednesday of every month. There are some action items moving forward.

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Public Meetings are the time and place at which the Town Council conducts official business of the Town. The Council reserves the time and invites the public to be heard during **Public Input** of each Public Meeting, as follows:

Item #7: Public Input on Agenda Items Only

In-Person Meetings:

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Virtual Meetings:

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Item #15: Second Public Input - on any matter over which the Council has Jurisdiction

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11. Consent Agenda

[All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.]

Councilor Paterna made a motion for the following;

A. First Reading

Motion to approve item 11 A 1 – 11 A 17 as a first reading on the consent agenda

Councilor Kozikowski seconded the motion which passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.**

1) Resolution reappointing Peter Anthony (D) as a member of the Patriotic Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Peter Anthony as a member of the Patriotic Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

2) Resolution reappointing Cathy Gallagher (D) as a member of Library Board

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Cathy Gallagher as a member of the Library Board for a term ending November 30, 2026, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

3) Resolution reappointing Kathleen-Mary Sharos (D) as a member of the Library Board

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Kathleen Mary Sharos (D) as a member of the Library Board for a term ending November 30, 2026, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

4) Resolution reappointing Virginia Macro (D) as a member of the Historic District Commission

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Virginia Macro (D) as a member of the Historic District Commission for a term ending November 30, 2027, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

5) Resolution reappointing Steve Carty (D) as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Steve Carty (D) as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending November 30, 2026, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

6) Resolution reappointing Joe Kennedy (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Joe Kennedy (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

7) Resolution reappointing James Kupchunos (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints James Kupchunos (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

8) Resolution reappointing Craig Zimmerman (D) as a member of the Public Building Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Craig Zimmerman (D) as a member of the Public Building Commission for a term ending November 30, 2026, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

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- 9) Resolution reappointing Craig Zimmerman (D) as a member of the Cable Advisory Board**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Craig Zimmerman (D) as a member of the Cable Advisory Board for a term ending June 30, 2024, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

- 10) Resolution reappointing Sandra Jeski (D) as a member of the Demolition Delay Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Sandra Jeski (D) as a member of the Demolition Delay Committee for a term ending December 31, 2024.

- 11) Resolution appointing Jeffrey L. Calissi (U) as a member of the Arts Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby appoints Jeffrey L. Calissi (U) as a member of the Arts Commission for an undetermined term end date, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

- 12) Resolution reappointing Sandra Jeski (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Sandra C. Jeski (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission for a term date ending November 30, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

- 13) Resolution reappointing Cile Decker (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Cile Decker (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission for a term date ending November 30, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

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14) Resolution reappointing Barbara Kelly (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Barbara Kelly (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission for a term date ending November 30, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

15) Resolution reappointing Edward Kasheta Jr. (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Edward Kasheta Jr. (D) as a member of the Agricultural Commission for a term date ending November 30, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

16) Resolution reappointing Elizabeth McGuire (D) as a member of the Personnel Board of Appeals

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Elizabeth McGuire (D) as a member of the Personnel Board of Appeals for a term date ending November 30, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

17) Resolution reappointing Edward O'Connell (D) as a member of the Public Building Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Edward O'Connell (D) as a member of the Public Building Commission for a term date ending November 20, 2026, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Councils next regularly scheduled meeting.

Councilor Gamble made a motion for the following:

B. Second Reading

Motion to approve items 11.B 1 through 11.B 12 as a second reading on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Paterna seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSES.**

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- 1) Resolution reappointing Stephanie Dexter (R) to the Demolition Delay Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Stephanie Dexter as a member of the Demolition Delay Committee for a term ending December 31, 2024.

- 2) Resolution reappointing Tim Shepard (R) as a member of the Demolition Delay Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Tim Shepard (R) as a member of the Demolition Delay Committee for a term ending December 31, 2024.

- 3) Resolution reappointing Justin Bordua (R) as a member of the South Windsor Agricultural Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Justin Bordua (R) as a member of the South Windsor Agricultural Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025.

- 4) Resolution reappointing James Futtner (R) to the South Windsor Agricultural Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints James Futtner (R) as a member of the South Windsor Agricultural Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025.

- 5) Resolution reappointing Frank Niederwerfer (R) as a member of the South Windsor Agricultural Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Frank Niederwerder (R) as a member of the South Windsor Agricultural Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025.

- 6) Resolution reappointing Tim Shepard (R) as a member of the South Windsor Agricultural Commission**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Tim Shepard (R) as a member of the South Windsor Agricultural Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025.

7) Resolution reappointing Tad Bistor (R) as a member of the Historic District Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Tad Bistor (R) as a member of the Historic District for a term ending November 30, 2027.

8) Resolution reappointing Carolyn Carey (R) as a member of the Human Relations Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Carolyn Carey (R) as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025.

9) Resolution reappointing Arthur Sladyk (R) as a member of the Patriotic Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Arthur Sladyk (R) as a member of the Patriotic Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025.

10) Resolution reappointing Natalie O'Brien (U) as a member of the South Windsor Arts Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Natalie O'Brien (U) as a member of the South Windsor Arts Commission for a term ending December 31, 2024.

11) Resolution reappointing William Keohane (R) as a member of the Redevelopment Agency

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints William Keohane (R) as a member of the Redevelopment Agency for a term ending December 31, 2027.

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12) Resolution reappointing Nick Jones (R) to the South Windsor Agricultural Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby reappoints Nick Jones (R) as a member of the South Windsor Agricultural Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025.

C. Miscellaneous

None

12. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion item: Draft resolution regarding purchasing exemptions

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-53a allows the Commissioner of Administrative Services (the “Commissioner”) to serve as the contracting agent for a group of three (3) or more municipalities that seek to purchase supplies, materials or equipment, upon the request of the such group, provided that (1) the Commissioner determines that the group will achieve a cost savings through the Commissioner serving as the contracting agent, and (2) such cost savings are greater than the administrative costs to the State; and

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-148v(b) allows the Town of South Windsor (the “Town”) to purchase equipment, supplies, materials or services from the list of eligible entities listed in the statute; and

WHEREAS, The Town is constrained in its ability to purchase equipment, supplies, materials pursuant to the Town Charter Section 714 (“Section 714”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 714, the Town has a \$5,000 cap on purchases without the Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco inviting sealed bids or proposals or getting the Town Council to waive such bidding process; and

WHEREAS, Section 714 is a constraint on the Town’s ability to achieve cost savings because during the waiver process, supplies disappear, or the opportunity to implement cost savings has changed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that requiring sealed bids for purchases greater than \$5,000 is not in the best interest of the Town; and

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BE IT RESOLVED, that notwithstanding Section 714, the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco to participate with the State of Connecticut contracting programs for the purchase of supplies, materials or equipment pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-53a.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding Section 714, the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco to purchase equipment, supplies, materials or services from the list of eligible entities listed in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-148v(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding Section 714, the Town Council has determined that the \$5,000 threshold requiring sealed bids for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials is an impediment to the efficient operations of the Town, and is not in the best interests of the Town, and hereby authorizes the Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco to waive the bidding requirements for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials for contracts valued at \$25,000 or less for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Maniscalco addressed the council to make them aware of some changes that were made to the drafted resolution. His name has been removed so that it now only applies to the position of Town Manager. There was the addition of the last paragraph as described below. He explains this was done to eliminate the concern of ethics.

Councilor Paterna asks, in terms of doing business outside of the \$5,000 threshold, is the state list going to be used as often as possible? Mr. Maniscalco answers yes, from his understanding it is easier to use state contracts, regional purchasing councils, and other things of that nature. They are typically the best price. There are state statutes that allows municipalities to piggy back on other bids that have been done, either at the state level in other municipalities or other states or regional entities.

Councilor Gamble asks for clarification. Mr. Maniscalco explains through the resolution that needs to be passed anything between \$5,000-\$25,000 would then be waived for bidding. The town would still seek as many bids as possible to get the most cost-effective supply of items. The report outlines the potential expenditures that could be used. There may be others that come to light through the fiscal year. Mr. Maniscalco explains that his bare minimum would be three quotes.

Councilor Evans asks about public labor agreements and how they are factored into this process. Does the town use them for projects? Any project that uses \$200,000 or more has to use prevailing wage and public waiver. The town does not enter into public labor agreements.

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Deputy Mayor King made a motion to revise the drafted resolution to include a paragraph written by the Town Attorney, Rich Carella. Councilor Paterna seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSES.** The revised resolution will contain the addition of the last paragraph which reads as follows:

“Resolved, that nothing in this resolution shall abrogate the provisions of Charter Section 1001 requiring disclosure of financial interest by any elected or appointed Town official, board or commission member, or employee.”

Deputy Mayor King makes a motion to remove Michael Maniscalco’s name from the drafted resolution. The new resolution should only use the language Town Manager. Councilor Paterna seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.**

13. New Business

A. Presentation Pleasant Valley Road bridge replacement project and detour alternatives, with discussion (Vincent Stetson and Jeff Doolittle to be present)

Jeff Doolittle shares some images with the council. The last time the bridge was inspected was 2020 by the Connecticut DOT. It was found in fair condition, it was determined it needed full replacement. In 2021 the engineering department received a grant from the state DOT Local Bridge Program to fund 50% of the cost and design to replace the bridge.

The current plan is to demolish the bridge, remove the bridge, and then replace the bridge with a new one entirely. The new bridge is proposed to be a little bit longer at 41 feet versus 26 feet. The bridge will also be a little bit wider, the current road way is about 30 feet and is estimated to be 36 feet. They will be adding a sidewalk to the north side of the bridge. The bridge and roadway need to be raised over two feet in order to comply with a flood way requirement established by DOT, DEP and Army Corp of Engineers.

This bridge will not be as big as the Main Street bridge. There will be a pad in place for the crane, any crane uses a substantial amount of space. Looking at alternative designs for the bridge. The same approach used for the Main Street bridge would be most cost effective and easiest to construct. Creating a closed bridge could potentially be constructed in a 6-8-month time frame. Currently the estimated price is 4.28 million. This would require closing Pleasant Valley Road to all traffic and require the need for a temporary detour using Ellington Road, Chapel Road and Route 5. This would be a detour of about 2.5 miles. If one lane were to remain open, some traffic would still be able to pass with a temporary signal. This approach would extend the construction period to 12-18 months and increase the cost at least 20-30%.

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Mr. Doolittle's recommendation is moving forward with the project and close the bridge for the duration of the project. For the most expedited and cost-effective way.

Councilor Koboski agrees with Mr. Doolittle and would like to take the approach that would require less time to spend on the construction of the bridge. He asks Mr. Doolittle about the truck traffic in this area and how it would affect the rest of the commuters.

Mr. Doolittle would like to demolish part of the existing bridge, what remains would accommodate truck traffic. The remainder of the bridge would have to be evaluated before doing so. If the remainder of the bridge is not fit to allow trucks to travel, then there would be a need for a temporary bridge or the traffic would have to be redirected.

Councilor Evans asks if there would be any impact on the access to Veterans Memorial Park (VMP). Mr. Doolittle explains that he would work with the park, as there will be some interference.

Deputy Mayor King would like to know who else would be involved in the process of creating the bridge. He mentions that Vernon is in a legal battle with Eversource.

Utilities would be involved, specifically Eversource, Cox Cable, Frontier, and MDC. Mr. Doolittle met with them, though he does not specify who he met with, to discuss plans and how to work around the issue. Mr. King expresses his concerns with the utility companies and their ability to work within our timeframe.

Town attorney Rich Carella explains that the plans are made between the contractor and the town. Typically, the utility companies are third parties to these deals. There is usually not much that the town can do, the companies have their own deadlines and procedures to follow.

Mayor Liz asks about the truck traffic in that area. Her concern is the Hilton Drive neighborhood and getting the trucks to comply with a new traffic pattern. Mr. Doolittle explains that there will be an alternate route with detour signs in place. Mayor Liz then goes on to ask if there are any concerns for the wildlife that reside in that area. Mr. Doolittle has already taken the matters into his hands and hired a consultant to do a survey of endangered mollusks. There are no endangered mollusks or other species. Standard precautions will be in place to protect the wildlife. Mayor Liz asks about the plan to raise the road. It is determined that the bridge is what is expected to be elevated and a portion of the road to help with the incline. Her last question about the project addresses the pump station and the neighbors. Mr. Doolittle has already contacted the neighbors and informed them of the work that is to be done on the bridge. He has spoken with Pollution Control and plans on moving the driveway that is located next to the bridge further to the west, away from the pump

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station. Keeping the driveway where it is now would create some issues. This will actually create more room to get the trucks into the pump station.

Councilor Lopez refers back to the map of the detour. He addresses the delay that could potentially impact the detour due to the traffic schedule of the train. The detour will bring commuters on a route that intersects with the railroad. Mr. Doolittle believes that the detour will have little impact on the traffic in that area. The train comes by once a day, and has already worked on creating as few interruptions to that area as possible.

Mr. Maniscalco reports that the police have already begun surveying the area and found little delay. There may be instances where the delay may be longer than a few minutes, however the average wait time has been about 2-3 minutes.

B. Discussion amending the Ordinance for the Social Justice Racial Equity Commission

Councilor Evans opens the conversation. On December 12, 2022 the commission will meet. The only way the commission can meet is if every seated commissioner is available and able to attend. She purposed that there be changes made to the appointed members to make it more inclusive to those that are not affiliated with either party. Councilor Evans is open to receiving more feedback to help the commission move along and fill the rest of the vacancies.

Councilor Paterna is in favor of Councilor Evans suggestion, having 3 members appointed from the republican committee, the democratic committee and another 3 with no affiliation to the majority parties.

See attached **exhibit A**

The motion was seconded by Councilor Paterna, the motion passes with a unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.**

Councilor Lopez made a motion for the following resolution:

C. Resolution approving the Town Council's 2023 Meeting Dates

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the meeting dates for the 2023 Town Council meetings, as fully described on **exhibit B**

Councilor Evans proposes there be on meeting in July and one meeting in August. Instead of taking the month of August off. Councilor Gamble suggests that since the time line

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will not permit revisions to the calendar, the same discussion be brought up again next year during the month of November.

Deputy Mayor King made a motion for the following resolution:

D. Resolution reappointing Cile Decker (D) to the Redevelopment Agency

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby appoints Cile Decker (D) as a member of the Redevelopment Agency for a term ending December 31, 2026.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Koboski, motion passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.**

14. Passage of Ordinance

None.

15. Public Input for Any Matter

Public Input for any other matter shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. When recognized by the Mayor, the speaker(s) shall approach the lectern, give their name and address. Speakers shall avoid personal attacks or impugning or alleging an improper motive to any person. The speaker(s) may address the Council on any item. The speaker(s) shall limit their speaking time to five (5) minutes.

Audrey Delnicki speaks about her nomination submitted by the Republican Town Committee for an alternate position on the Inland and Wetlands Conservation Commission. She has not been given a reason as to why her nomination has been passed. Mrs. Delnicki reads emails between her and the Clerk of the Council. She inquired on her nomination status, to which the clerk replied that Mrs. Delnicki was already on the agenda. Later the clerk sent another email informing Mrs. Delnicki that her name was removed from the agenda. Mrs. Delnicki goes on to say that at the November 21st meeting there were 12 nominations from the Republican Town Committee that were passed. Now there are 2 more republican nominations that are being denied. She requested answers to her questions.

Tony Viera 68 Kelly Road. It has been 2 years since the Kelly Road construction and there is a telephone pole in his yard was not replaced. The one there now is leaning away from the house and do not have any tension. He has contacted Eversource with no avail. The wires have too much tension. He is told to stick around at the end of the meeting to speak with the town manager to address this issue.

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16. Communications from the Council

17. Executive Session

(Please invite Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco, Assistant Town Manager, Mrs. Perry and Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Roberts and any other appropriate personnel deemed necessary).

None.

18. Adjournment

Deputy Mayor King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Koboski. **MOTION PASSES.** Meeting adjourns at 8:34pm.