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**TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Erica Evans
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Lisa Maneeley (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Audrey Delnicki

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Scott Roberts, Asst. Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Mgmt.
Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R.

3. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Paterna informed the Council that he attended the South Windsor High School Graduation on June 17, 2020. The ceremony was wonderful, and the kids and families seemed to enjoy themselves. Mayor Paterna thanked the Superintendent, administrators, staff, and the Board of Education.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that graduation was a wonderful event and that the kids enjoyed it.

Mayor Paterna explained that Councilor Evans, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, and Councilor Snyder had been appointed to the Committee for the Black Lives Matter Movement. Mayor Paterna stated he would work with Mr. Roberts to set up a time and date to hold a meeting.

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4. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

Mr. Maniscalco reported that milling and repaving began on June 16, 2020. This year the Town will be doing 1,500 feet on Pleasant Valley, east of Route 5. The Town will also be milling and repaving Bayberry Trail, Files Way, Horizon Circle, Krawski Drive, Ridgefield Drive, Summerwind Drive, Mohegan Trail, Wood Pond Road, and Linda Lane. Crack sealing finished on June 17, 2020, and chip sealing began the same day on Brookfield Street, Barbara Hill Road, and Alexander Place.

The Long Term Recovery Committee will be meeting on June 25, 2020.

Town staff has started the application process for FEMA reimbursements.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco stated that he feels the dip in the road near the pad of the rail road tracks on Pleasant Valley Road will be lined up and fixed because the area is being repaved. The projects discussed tonight do not include sidewalks repairs, but Mr. Maniscalco stated he would get a list of sidewalks projects and send them to the Council.

5. Public Input

Tim Shepard (two comments) (**Exhibit A**)
Kent Carlson, 970 Avery Street (two comments) (**Exhibit B**)
Louis Keen, 19 Vintage Lane (**Exhibit C**)
Peter Bortolan (**Exhibit D**)
Sid Rabin (**Exhibit E**)
Corie Tracey (**Exhibit F**)
Kathleen Miller, 105 Greenfield Drive (**Exhibit G**)
Mindy Lewis, 681 Chapel Road (**Exhibit H**)
Genevieve Coursey, 65 Lewis Drive (**Exhibit I**)
Ralph Starkweather (**Exhibit J**)
James Hennessey, 105 Greenfield Drive (**Exhibit K**)
John Kania (**Exhibit L**)
Doaa Ammar (**Exhibit M**)
Melissa Chilberg (**Exhibit N**)
Amy Bellone (**Exhibit O**)

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5. Public Input (Continued)

Justin Mattern, 646 Pleasant Valley Road (**Exhibit P**)
Rachel Bellone (**Exhibit Q**)
Rachel Zup (**Exhibit R**)
Bri Dill (**Exhibit S**)
Charlie and Maryellen Brennan (**Exhibit T**)
Ketul Thaker (**Exhibit U**)
Finn Marchesseault (**Exhibit V**)
Arthur Sladyk (**Exhibit W**)
Billy Carroll, 188 Scott Drive (**Exhibit X**)
Emil Bruce Botti, 428 Niederwerfer Road (**Exhibit Y**)
Kent Carlson, 970 Avery Street (**Exhibit Z**)
Melissa Menchero (**Exhibit AA**)
William Dopirak (**Exhibit BB**)
Prem Narayandas (**Exhibit CC**)
Elizabeth Carey (**Exhibit DD**)
John Kania (**Exhibit EE**)
Janice Wojick, Kebalo Lane (**Exhibit FF**)
Kathy Loiselle (**Exhibit GG**)
Gene Botteron (**Exhibit HH**)
Kenneth Raymo (**Exhibit II**)
Teresa and Don Ryder (**Exhibit JJ**)
Mark Stanulis, 48 Judy Lane (**Exhibit KK**)

Mr. Billy Carroll called in and requested that no flag, no matter what kind, be flown with the U.S. Flag. If a flag is approved to be flown, please take the American Flag down. Mr. Carroll suggested that for future use, a separate flag pole be put up to fly other flags.

Mr. Paul Mozzicato called in and voiced his concerns regarding the separation of church and state and the implications that come from that. If other flags are flown beneath the U.S. Flag on Town property, the Town is signifying support for that particular organization. In the future, if an organization is denied to fly a certain flag, the Town will be looking at a lawsuit or negative publicity. Flying the POW Flag or the State Flag is nationally recognized.

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5. Public Input (Continued)

State Representative Jeff Currey called in and stated that on June 1, 2020, he stood on the roof of the State Capitol and raised the Pride Flag, which not only signifies the beginning of Pride Month, but demonstrated that the State of Connecticut welcomes and supports all of its residents regardless of their gender identity, expression, or sexual orientation. The Pride Flag symbolizes inclusivity, equity, and acceptance. Other communities throughout the State of Connecticut have recognized the importance of Pride Month. Fairfield, East Hartford, New Britain, and Bridgeport are just a few of the cities and towns that have flown the flag in celebration and solidarity with the LGBTQ community. If the Town of South Windsor supports life, healing, harmony, tolerance, and spirit, this decision will be the easiest decision you have made all day.

6. Communications

None

7. Special Business

A. Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding for the Purchase of a 2020 Chevy Silverado 2500

WHEREAS, the truck that the Engineering Department currently uses, truck 7032, is over thirteen years old, has over 99,300 miles, has some significant mechanical problems, and needs to be replaced with a new truck; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of this truck was budgeted for in Fiscal Year 2020 and a replacement fleet truck was ordered on August 16, 2019, from the lowest bid on the State of Connecticut's bid, contract #19PSX016, for \$33,516.24; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of this truck has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, causing the Town not to have a proposed delivery date for this truck and the dealer is unable to secure a similar truck; and

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7. A. (Continued)

WHEREAS, the Town has obtained a quote, from a different local dealer, for the purchase of a truck of the same make and model for \$34,127.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby waives competitive bidding for the purchase of a 2020 Chevy Silverado 2500 in the amount of \$34,127.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to sign an agreement and any necessary documents on behalf of the Town of South Windsor to secure the purchase of this truck for the Engineering Department.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
Seconded by Councilor Maneeley

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco explained that the truck was budgeted for in the current budget year, but the Town has struggled on trying to get this truck through the procurement process on the State Contracts because of COVID-19. Town staff did find the same truck at a local dealership, but unfortunately, the dealership cannot match the State Contract, so competitive bidding would need to be waived in order for the Town to purchase this vehicle. The benefit to the Town to purchase this vehicle outright is not having additional debt payments in the future.

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

B. Resolution Approving a Refund of Taxes to Four (4) South Windsor Taxpayers

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a refund of property taxes to four (4) South Windsor Taxpayers, the total of said refunds being \$1,058.29 and as more fully described on attached **Exhibit LL**.

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7. B. (Continued)

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

C. Resolution Approving a Request to Fly the Pride Flag

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council has received an application from the South Windsor High School Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) who have requested that the Pride Flag be flown during the month of June

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves this request and asks that Town Manager Michael Maniscalco put the Pride Flag up beginning Friday, June 19, 2020, on the flagpole at the Emergency Operations Center.

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Councilor Hockenberry explained that she respects the American Flag, veterans, those serving, and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life. She informed the Council that she has many family members who have served in the military and also have family members who are currently serving in the military. Councilor Hockenberry stated that she has respect and honors all of them but also respects her daughter, who is a member of the LGBTQ community and is also an American. Councilor Hockenberry stated that it is her wish to have everyone treated equally and to be represented.

Councilor Maneeley stated that she too respects the American Flag and all of the citizens in South Windsor, but feels that no other flag should be flown on the same flag pole as the American Flag. Many veterans have spoken who have served this country, and it would be a disservice to them to allow another flag to be flown on the same flagpole as the American Flag. The American Flag is entitled to its own flagpole. Councilor Maneeley felt that the Town could display any organizational flags it would like to, but they should not be flown on the same flagpole as the American Flag.

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7. C. (Continued)

Councilor Lydecker felt that the American Flag does not just symbolize our veterans; it symbolizes our country and everyone. Honoring the LGBTQ population is not disrespecting our veterans or the American Flag. This request came from high school students who are our next generation and who will rise up and fight for our country, freedoms, and rights. Councilor Lydecker stated she would like to empower and support them. Councilor Lydecker then pointed out that the State Capitol has already set the precedence by flying the Pride Flag for the month of June.

Councilor Snyder stated that she does not have a problem flying any flag that is acceptable to the Council, but after hearing from so many veterans, she feels the Town should remove the American Flag during the period that another flag is being flown because she feels no flag should be flown with the American Flag. Councilor Snyder then requested that the Council ask the Town Manager to move forward with identifying a location that is central in Town where another flagpole could be put up to display the flags that are approved through the application process.

Mayor Paterna reminded the Council that the U.S. Flag Code permits a flag to be flown under the American Flag.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that Councilor Lydecker made a very good point that the American Flag is for all citizens, and Councilor Hockenberry made a very good point that the American Flag is for all citizens, not just veterans. Deputy Mayor Pendleton explained that she does not have a problem with flying the Pride Flag but would like to have a specific flagpole for any organization that would like to fly their flag. At this point, Deputy Mayor Pendleton said she would be voting yes for this resolution but would like to work with the Town Manager to plan where to locate a flagpole for future requests.

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7. C. (Continued)

Mr. Maniscalco explained that he has heard from a couple of Council members regarding this item and did a little research. To put up another flagpole would be approximately \$1,000, which he feels could happen and suggested putting the flag pole up at the Wapping Community House because it is a centralized location where there is a lot of traffic, and it would be visible. A proposal could be put together for the next meeting if the Council wishes.

Councilor Lydecker stated that she does not agree with removing the American Flag from the flagpole while the Pride Flag is up. This would further divide everyone.

Councilor Hockenberry stated that it is 2020 and felt that this is the Council's chance to show that the Town of South Windsor is moving forward. The Council should vote on this resolution and then discuss putting another flagpole up in Town where organizations, after being approved, can raise their flags.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it passed on a roll call of 6 to 2 with Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, and Councilor Lydecker voting in favor of approval; and Councilor Maneeley and Councilor Snyder voting in opposition of approval.

D. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools or her Designee to Sign and Execute an Agreement with Lodestar

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco and Superintendent Kate Carter, or her designee, to sign and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, and documents with Lodestar Energy for the creation of a Virtual Net Metering project to be constructed in Enfield.

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Was made by Councilor Lopez
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Wagner explained that there is a project underway to put solar panels on the roofs of several schools and the hope next year is that solar panels will be able to be put on more schools. This project will benefit the schools, but it is a supplement to the actual panels being put on the roof top. The roof top does not have enough room to fully generate all of the electricity that a school needs on an annual basis, so what will happen with this project is there will be a dollar credit that will be used to pay the remaining parts of the electric bill coming off of this project.

Mr. Wagner explained further that both of these programs, the roof top solar, and this Virtual Net Metering project, generate and use the credits on an annual basis. The credits will most likely be used up during the winter months when the electric demand is the highest. Mr. Wagner then explained that it is technically possible to have solar panels on the ground, however, there is not a lot of lands left around the schools.

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

Councilor Snyder made a motion to suspend the rules to go to public input. Councilor Hockenberry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

5. Public Input

Mrs. Debbie Russo stated that she is in support of the plans for Costco to be built. I am not sure why the noise is such a concern when the district is zoned as commercial. If there are any residential areas, which she could not think of any, and she stated that she is sure when people purchased their property, they were made aware it was near a very busy commercial business.

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8. Adjournment

At 8:28 p.m. Councilor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilor Hockenberry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: [Town of South Windsor CT] BLM (Sent by Tim Shepard, tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net)

Hello Town Council,

Tim Shepard (tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net) 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:

When I go to Town Hall to conduct business, I do not appreciate being confronted with someones political ideology. You have made a very confusing situation for the next generation when you affirmatively allow people the freedom to express themselves by using the property of others.

This situation was so upsetting to me that if my purpose in coming to Town Hall was to do something positive for the Town, I might be distracted from my intentions. Perhaps if the owner of a company were coming to have discussions about moving his company to South Windsor, he may think our Town may be headed in the wrong direction,,maybe.

The fact that the painting has been there and may stay longer so nobody gets upset says you are not ready for discussions, you've given up already.

I like you all but I can't believe there aren't voters watching.

Many thanks for all you do,,,except this,

Tim Shepard

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: [Town of South Windsor CT] Diversity (Sent by Tim shepard, Tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net)

Hello Town Council,

Tim shepard (Tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

For my second comment of the dayHow about a section of Nevers Rd park called,Diversity Plaza An attractive plaza , surrounded by flag poles flying National flags of our citizens, town organizations, and spaces for rotating short term recognitions ?

The colors would be spectacular, the volume impressive,and visually the fact that we are interdependent Indisputable. I'll donate the first \$5,000.

Tim.

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of kent carlson via Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:37 AM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 7:36am Submitted by anonymous user: 73.159.193.176 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: kent carlson

E-mail: kcarlson121@aol.com

Phone Number: 8608032385

==Address==

Street: 970 Avery St

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074-2365

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Comments: Please delay approving flying flags of ANY group before a better solution can be found. I feel we are an inclusive town and do not want to start dividing/supporting people with flags better displayed at individual homes or businesses than the whole towns. This is political correctness gone out of control. As a Veteran who served more than 30 years defending America, I do not want to support tearing it apart.

Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/36813>

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:44 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: [Town of South Windsor CT] Flying a flag at town hall annex (Sent by kent carlson, kcarlson121@aol.com)

Hello Town Council,

kent carlson (kcarlson121@aol.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:

Please stop the flying of the flag of ANY group in front of ANY town building. This month, Gay pride. Next month, Hispanic pride? Black pride? Neo-Nazi pride?

Why does the town want to highlight something that is an individual decision to support? Please delay until more discussion can be held.

As a Veteran who spent over 30 years defending America, I do not want the support dividing it.

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Louis Keen via Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 11:00am Submitted by anonymous user: 68.14.46.244 Submitted values are:

Subject: For the Town Council

Message:

Please reconsider any efforts to allow for a Flag to be flown at the Town Hall or any other Town location that is not Federal, State or our municipal government flag.

I do not agree with all the different organizations that might request the flying of their flags on any town property. I do not feel it is appropriate to do so for organizations I might not agree with and with that can not ask for flags of organizations I agree with to be flown.

If someone wishes to fly a flag for organizations they approve of, let them fly it at there homes.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Louis Keen

Your E-mail Address: LEKeen@yahoo.com

Organization:

Phone Number:

==Address==

Street: 19 Vintage Lane

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/2/submission/36853>

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: [Town of South Windsor CT] Flag Pole (Sent by Peter R Bortolan, bortolan@cox.net)

Hello Town Council,

Peter R Bortolan (bortolan@cox.net) 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:

What the heck are you folks doing? Allowing another flag to be flown on the same pole and below the USA flag is an affront to our flag. This decision should have been discussed with the Patriotic Commission, the American Legion, and the VFW first. Please cease and desist until this affront is properly discussed. Solution maybe for the folks who want to fly their flag to put up a separate pole near the pole where our flag is flow. Note I said our flag. I hope that this is not some sort of election year game.

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: [Town of South Windsor CT] Additional flag under National Flag. (Sent by Sid Rabin, Sids-wine@Comcast.Net)

Hello Town Council,

Sid Rabin (Sids-wine@Comcast.Net) 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:

Gentlemen and Ladies of the South Windsor Town Council.

As an officer and member of Post 133 American Legion, I must with strongest opinion remind the council that NO FLAG, NO MATTER HOW GOOD ITS' "INTENTION" should be permitted to fly under the American Flag.

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: [Town of South Windsor CT] Support of Flying Pride Flag (Sent by Corie Tracey, coetwh@gmail.com)

Hello Town Council,

Corie Tracey (coetwh@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:

I am writing in support of the flag resolution and encourage the town to fly the Pride flag throughout the month of June. It is important that South Windsor shows that we are a town that values inclusion.

My 7 and 5 year-old daughters know what the Pride flag stands for and they are genuinely excited when they see it flying around Connecticut. I would love to be able to show them that our town believes in inclusion and diversity. The Town of South Windsor should be proud to fly the Pride flag.

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Kathleen Miller via Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 4:34pm Submitted by anonymous user: 70.172.128.20 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Kathleen Miller

E-mail: kathleen.r.miller@gmail.com

Phone Number: 8608741679

==Address==

Street: 105 Greenfield Drive

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

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Comments: I am writing in support of flying the pride flag at town hall. This is a simple way to demonstrate that our town is inclusive and welcoming for all, regardless of sexual orientation. It is particularly relevant for South Windsor being as though a portion of our town is represented by an openly gay state rep. It is important that South Windsor stand for what's right and frankly I'm disappointed that in 2020 anyone would be opposed to this resolution.

Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/36883>

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Mindy Lewis via Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 4:45pm Submitted by anonymous user: 70.172.147.18 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Mindy Lewis

E-mail: mindyrama@hotmail.com

Phone Number: 860-967-9300

==Address==

Street: 681 Chapel Rd

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

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Comments:

June is Pride Month. It commemorates the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June, 1969. As a result, many pride events are held in June to celebrate the impact LGBT people have had in the world, which includes flying the Pride flag. It's about celebrating the battle to attain basic human rights.

Just this week, the Supreme Court made a ruling that protects gay, lesbian and transgender employees from being disciplined, fired or turned down for a job based on their sexual orientation. Only just this past week.

Since the Stonewall Riots in 1969, suffering through the AIDs epidemic in the 80s, to the legalization of gay marriage in 2008, and all the way up to June 15th 2020, the LGBT community has been fighting for equality and civil rights. Not only does the Pride flag honor those hard fought victories, but flying it over our town hall sends a message that South Windsor is welcoming and inclusive to all, including the historically marginalized Lgbt community.

Frankly, I'm ashamed that South Windsor didn't lead the charge on showing our Pride. Inclusivity and diversity should be something we proudly, loudly, and openly wave. Our state capitol flies it. So should we.

Mindy Lewis
681 Chapel Rd
Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/36893>

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Genevieve Coursey via Town of South Windsor CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:16 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 5:16pm Submitted by anonymous user: 68.14.129.173 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Genevieve Coursey

E-mail: gmcoursey@gmail.com

Phone Number: 8605782143

==Address==

Street: 65 Lewis Drive

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

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Comments:

Dear Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, and members of the Town Council, I am writing in strong support of the resolution to proudly fly the Pride Flag on the flag pole at South Windsor Town Hall. The Pride Flag is a symbol of the LGBTQIA+ community, and originated in the late 70's when it was sewn by an openly gay activist, Gilbert Baker, at the request of the great Harvey Milk. One of the original intentions of the rainbow flag was to combat the anti-gay symbol of a pink triangle used by Nazis to identify gay men in the concentration camps. The rainbow Pride flag has become a joyful symbol of solidarity with the LGBTQ movement, of the struggles that have been overcome during the fight for civil rights, and of the joy of being out, proud, and unique. And this is why the flag should be flown at the town hall - to warmly and joyfully welcome those of all sexual orientations and recognize their rich contributions to our community, and to signify that we are a community of acceptance. I am disappointed that this flag has somehow become an controversial subject in our town, especially given one of our very own State Representatives is a proud gay man. For our town council to spend so much time arguing about this flag signifies to young people and those who struggle to come out as their true selves that their town may not fully support or welcome them as they are, and that is shameful. To declare it a concern for lawsuits is also confusing, when our town attorney has put in the necessary work to create a strong flag policy. We should also note that several other towns including West Hartford and Fairfield both fly the Pride Flag under the American flag with seemingly no issues. It is 2020, gay rights are human rights, gay history is American history. Lets proudly declare our support for our LGBTQ neighbors by flying the Pride Flag at town hall this month.

Thank you,
 Genevieve Coursey
 Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/36903>

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:37 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: [Town of South Windsor CT] American Flag (Sent by Ralph Starkweather, Xcs0062@hotmail.com)

Hello Town Council,

Ralph Starkweather (Xcs0062@hotmail.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:

I am writing you to table the proposal to fly other flags under the American flag on town property. As a veteran I feel that more discussion is needed. If people want to fly flags they should be flown on property other than the town property. I oppose having any flag but MIA/POW flags flown with the flag of the United States.

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of James Hennessey via Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 6:01pm Submitted by anonymous user: 70.172.128.20 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: James Hennessey

E-mail: jameshennessey@gmail.com

Phone Number: 8608996228

==Address==

Street: 105 Greenfield Drive

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

Minutes or Agendas? Agendas

Comments: As a South Windsor native, I appreciate that South Windsor has always been an inclusive community. We celebrate our differences. Flying the pride flag at town hall is a strong symbol of community togetherness. I strongly urge the town council to approve this resolution.

Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/36913>

Reid, Deborah

From: Maniscalco, Michael
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: Fwd: Flag policy

Michael Maniscalco, MPA

Town Manager
Town of South Windsor
1540 Sullivan Avenue
South Windsor, CT 06074
Tel: (860) 644-2511
Fax: (860) 644-3781
michael.maniscalco@southwindsor.org

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Kania <john.kania@att.net>
Date: June 18, 2020 at 6:07:02 PM EDT
To: "Maniscalco, Michael" <Michael.Maniscalco@southwindsor.org>
Cc: Andy Paterna <fitnessprof@gmail.com>
Subject: Flag policy

I am not in favor of the pride flag, or any other group or organizational flag being hung or flown at the town hall or the emergency operations center. The only flags that should be hung or flown at South Windsor government buildings, which the EOC is, should be the United States flag, the Connecticut State flag, our town flag and the MIA flag. Any other flags create political issues which may be negative. Please rethink this policy.

John

Costco

Doaa Ammar [doaa_ammam@yahoo.com]

Exhibit M

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:11 PM

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

Hello -

I am supportive of Costco coming to South Windsor.

This would be great for the town. We need a large grocery store to entice businesses and increase residential home sales. It would bring income and jobs.

Please support this project.

Thanks,

Doaa

Sent from my iPhone.

Costco - In support of
Melissa Chilberg [dami203@yahoo.com]

Exhibit N

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:32 PM

To: PlanningZoningComments

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

I support the COSTCO project.

Thank you.

Melissa Chilberg
SW Residentp

Pride Flag

Amy Bellone [amy.bellone@ptsmc.com]

Exhibit O

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:49 PM

To: TownCouncilComments,

Attention Ladies and Gentlemen:

My family move to South Windsor right before I entered middle school so I was able to attend Timothy Edwards and South Windsor High School, graduating with the class of 2011. I graduated with 400 other students that year. I was lucky enough to come back and coach girls basketball for a few years at the high school before moving on to lead my own program. I saw the other day that the graduating class of 2020 only had 333 students. At first I thought, "Well that was close to 400 right?" But then pictured a gym full of 67 students and realized what a great difference that is. I can tell you personally, I moved away from South Windsor, due to the lack of inclusivity for LGBTQ+ people. I was so pleasantly surprised to see a pride flag raised last year and thought maybe tides were changing, but with that flag being raised up for debate this year I can see that it is untrue. I appreciate you calling this meeting to consider why this is important, but it is now more than half way through pride month, and the town of South Windsor chose to remain silent in its ally-ship. It's 2020 and we are still fighting to be acknowledged and treated with the respect we deserve. I urge you to consider the message you are sending to the young people of this town, about to embark on a journey of discovering themselves in college. Do you want them to say "No matter where I go, I'll always come back to South Windsor?" Or do you want them to say, "I need to find ANY town other than South Windsor that makes me feel safe, included and recognized?" Will today's youth want to raise families in this town? Please keep South Windsor moving forward, not backwards.

Thank you,

Amy Bellone

Costco comments

Exhibit P

Justin Mattern [matternj@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:09 PM

To: PlanningZoningComments

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

I support a Costco at that location.

In general I'd like to see South Windsor preserve more green space and build less apartments and housing in general (new schools are already at capacity) but that area is already commercial and Costco is a solid employer.

Thumbs up from us.

Matterns

646 pleasant Valley Rd, South Windsor, CT 06074

LGBT flag in South Windsor

Exhibit Q

Rachel Bellone [rhockenb13@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:09 PM

To: TownCouncilComments,

Hello my name is Rachel Bellone and I was raised in South Windsor, CT.

I write in today to speak my opinion on the LGBT Pride flag being raised at the town hall. As a queer woman that grew up in South Windsor, I had limited, yet scarring, interactions that were hateful and made me re-evaluate if I wanted to build my life in the town I grew up in, that two generations of my family had raised their children in.

I was lucky to have a family that accepts me and my wife but this town has not always been as kind. After coming out as a junior in high school, I hid from my peers as much as possible, knowing that the school and town had limited resources on Queer education. I was asked to leave my senior reception because someone was uncomfortable with me slow dancing with my girlfriend.

I will not linger on those experiences as it has been in the past for some time now, but the consistent awareness that I would ultimately not be accepted in the future, made me leave a town, rich with history that I love, where my family roots are, where I wished I could raise my children in the future.

I have been doing some self-reflection because of the intersection that I live in, being a woman, being queer, and fighting with the Black Lives Matter movement. I think that it is time that we all stop and think "What side of history would we like to be on?"

Why shouldn't we raise a flag for a FRACTION of the one month that we are "allowed" to celebrate the LGBT rights that we have fought for?

We are far from having full equality. While we are in the middle of a movement that is highlighting how listening to the people being effected daily, why wouldn't you listen to LGBT community voices when we tell you that this is important?

As a young girl, I would have looked at that flag hung at town hall as a beacon of hope. I would have looked at the flag and thought "Maybe I do have a chance here."

Why rob the LGBT youth of your town, or the LGBT adults of your town for that matter, the hope that their town is accepting of who they are as a HUMAN BEING?

By not raising the flag this year for, again, only a FRACTION of LGBTQIA+ Pride month, the town of South Windsor is remaining silent and therefore in the eyes of the LGBT community maintaining it's discriminatory stance on a demographic that is overlooked and belittled daily.

This is a call to action for the Town of South Windsor to take a step towards progress. There is a pandemic going on, there are no distractions to let this fall under the radar. There are LGBT voices begging you for change.

All you have to do is pick a side, and if you don't pick a side, that means you picked a side.

So my final question is, which side of history would the Town of South Windsor like to be on?

Sincerely,
Rachel Bellone

Flag Comment

Exhibit R

Rachel Zup [rzup223@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 2:23 PM

To: TownCouncilComments,

The Town Council of South Windsor:

I grew up in South Windsor. I went to all South Windsor School systems and graduated from SWHS. I recently read an article in the JI regarding flying the LGBTQ flag at town hall. I understand that the council has not finalized the guidelines but it was voted on to follow the current state policy. I am an ally for the LGBT community and especially during these events in our society, I need to speak up.

I'm sure you're aware of the policy so I won't outline it again for you. I'll make my point short, but extremely clear.

Janice Snyder stated that we "don't want to offend anybody." We don't want any lawsuits by offending anyone.

We live in a world that is made up of all different types of people. If the town flies LGBTQ flag, it does not mean that you are not acknowledging people who are straight. Putting up the flag is to let a group of people know that they are included, heard, and welcomed. There are going to be organizations that some people do not support, I get that. But this is not about an organization. It's about values and morality.

I urge you to put the LGBTQ flag up for the duration of pride month.

Thank you,

Rachel Zup

Pride Flag**BRI DILL** [bri@bridill.com]

Exhibit S

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 2:45 PM**To:** TownCouncilComments,

I think its really important to raise the pride flag at town hall in observance of pride month. We need to show OUR LGBT community that we support them, and they are welcome- without judgement. South Windsor has thankfully grown into a diverse town- and that diversity needs to be acknowledged. Honestly, i am surprised its even up for debate since it was already done last year. Please, raise the flag - set a good example, embrace modern times and most importantly- SHOW PRIDE. Thank you.

Bri Dill

South Windsor Resident

COSTCO

Maryellen Brennan [chbrennen@cox.net]

Exhibit T

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:04 PM

To: PlanningZoningComments

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

Good afternoon,

Our family would very much like to see a COSTCO Warehouse in South Windsor.

Sincerely,

Charlie & Maryellen Brennan

Supporting Costco in South Windsor

Ketul Thaker [kthaker@cox.net]

Exhibit U

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:30 PM

To: PlanningZoningComments

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

Hello,

I have been a resident of South Windsor for over a decade. I would be **VERY** supportive of Costco coming to town. They are a responsible corporate citizen and employer and would be a tremendous value add to our town.

Thank you!

Best Regards,
Ketul Thaker

kthaker@cox.net

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

My name is Finn Marchesseault. I am a proud trans man that grew up in South Windsor and graduated from SWHS. I am writing this letter to express my opinions on the topic being discussed tonight about whether or not the town hall should fly the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag. It has been brought to my attention that this is not the first year that this has been up for discussion and in years past you all have voted against flying the flag. So I want to make it clear how disgusted I am at the lack of empathy shown by South Windsor not just for the LGBTQ+ community but for the Black Community as well.

I never felt like I had a space in South Windsor. In elementary school kids got bullied for wearing GAP shirts because everyone said it meant gay and proud. I was picked on for wearing graphic t-shirts that were 'meant' for boys. In 3rd grade when using the girls restroom, a student told her teacher that a boy was in the girls bathroom. The teacher came into my classroom and asked me while sitting at a table with my peers if I used the wrong bathroom by mistake. As a frightened child I just said "No I'm a girl." Later that year at my siblings 8th grade graduation, my sister was playing with the other girls and while they were running in and out of the bathroom I stood with my back up against the wall not moving. I knew that I did not belong there. As my sister was walking by I told her I needed to use the bathroom but didn't want to go in the girls room. She shrugged her shoulders, pointed at the boys bathroom, and said "Use that one." Such a simple solution so I took the opportunity. My grandmother had unfortunately seen this happen and told my parents. I was punished for going into the boys bathroom and was told to never do that again.

I could list you pages of examples from my experiences living in South Windsor about not feeling comfortable or accepted because of my classmates, teachers, tour guides on field trips, waiters at restaurants, peers in out of school programs, and even my own family.

Standing for communities that have been silenced and repressed should not be a political statement. Standing for human rights is not a political statement. On Friday June 12th, 2020 I had my rights stripped from me. I am no longer protected when entering a hospital or doctors office. Healthcare providers can legally deny me care if they simply do not agree with trans people. My health insurance can now legally deny me coverage for my medication and doctor visits. I have less rights than every single one of you reading this. Let me say that again. I have less rights than every single one of you reading this.

Flying the pride flag for the remainder of pride month would be an act of love and kindness. A simple gesture to members of the LGBTQ+ community to show us that we are not alone in this world and that being who we are and living an authentic and happy life is okay. Being proud of yourself in a world that is constantly telling you to be someone else is not a political statement. It took me 20 years to come to terms with my identity and publicly come out as a trans man. Seeing a rainbow flag flying in my town when I was a kid would have made that journey easier. So please show the tiniest bit of love to the people that elected you and raise the pride flag.

Flags

Exhibit W

Arthur Sladyk [aps1144@cox.net]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:35 PM

To: TownCouncilComments,

To: Mayor and ALL Town Council Members:

First, as a member of the South Windsor Patriotic Commission I'd like to know why the Patriotic Commission wasn't given a heads up regarding the issue of flags being flown under the American Flag on town property. I thought the council has a liaison to keep the Patriotic Commission informed of matters such as this.

Second, as Veteran I STRONGLY oppose any flag other than a POW/MIA flag to be flown under the American Flag. From day one of the history of this country, men and women have given their lives to honor our flag, which is for ALL PEOPLE. The cost has been and still is extremely high for the sacrifices that are made each and every day. It seems that many of our citizens forget what the price of FREEDOM was and is today, and the American Flag needs no others to remind us of this.

If you (town council members) want to fly an (organizations) flag do it somewhere other than on town property and most definitely not on the same pole as the American Flag. I know it was mentioned about what the US Flag Code says, but what you need is some respect for what the American Flag stands for, so please don't use the flag code as your scape goat. I strongly think this matter should be tabled until more input can be discussed.

Art Sladyk, Patriotic Commission Member, Commander of American Legion Post 133

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: Town Council Agenda Item 7.C

From: Billy Carroll [billy.carroll@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:31 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,; Snyder, Janice
Subject: Town Council Agenda Item 7.C

Good Evening,

I am writing to express my concern about using the flagpole in front of the town annex to display various flags under the United States Flag.

I am a combat war veteran and I don't think it is appropriate for any flag to be flown along with the flag that represents our nation.

The Patriotic Commission was not consulted on this matter and it appears that this proposition was pushed through without their consideration. The commission normally weighs in on these matters. At the last town council meeting, Mayor Paterna was asked if the commission was aware of the proposal. He made a comment that Deputy Mayor Pendleton is the liaison and approved this on behalf of the commission. I reached out to members of the commission and they were not aware that this proposal was submitted and voted in.

My recommendation is that a flagpole be erected for the specific purpose of displaying flags that have been approved by the council. This would satisfy those that wish to have a flag flown and would separate it from the US Flag. There has already been an offer to collect donations to make this happen.

This proposal should have been properly discussed in order to receive input from town citizens. The way this was approached has caused more angst than enthusiasm.

Thank you,

Billy

Billy Carroll

188 Scott Drive

(860) 798-6669

Sent from my iPhone

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: Flags

From: Bruce Botti [brucebotti@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:29 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: Flags

To: Mayor and ALL Town Council Members:

It is my understanding that there is a motion to fly flags under the American Flag on town property. As a proud Veteran and member of American Legion Post 133, I am opposed to any flag other than a POW/MIA flag being flown under the American Flag.

My Father was a proud WW-II Veteran that raised us to cherish the American Flag as a symbol of the sacrifices of all Veterans that gave their lives to honor our flag and assure freedom for all Americans. Too many people today forget about these sacrifices and take the flag and its symbolism for granted.

If you (town council members) want to fly an (organizations) flag, please do it somewhere other than on town property, and most definitely not on the same pole as the American Flag.

Please don't let the American Flag and what it stands for be diminished by association with any flags other than the POW/MIA flag.

Respectfully yours,
Emil Bruce Botti
428 Niederwerfer Rd

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: Flags

From: kcarlson121 [kcarlson121@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:40 PM
To: Arthur Sladyk; TownCouncilComments,
Subject: RE: Flags

Mayor and council members

Art Sladyk has expressed my thoughts very eloquently. Please rescind order to raise the flag on town property.

Kent Carlson
Patriotic Commission Chairman

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: YES to Cotsco

From: Melissa Menchero [k_melie@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:41 PM
To: PlanningZoningComments
Cc: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: YES to Cotsco

Hi there,

I am writing to show my support for a Costco in South Windsor.

Many thanks,
Melissa

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: Flag policy

From: Bill [sub_sailor@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:47 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: Flag policy

I would like to voice my disapproval of the recent town council's resolution to allow flags/banners to be flown on the same flagstaff as the American Flag!

The United States Code Title 4 Chapter 1 Para 8i would question whether an organizational flag is an advertisement for said organization (*ie: the farmers market, etc.*);

"The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown."

.William Dopirak, ETC (SS) USN Ret.
Post 133 Jr. Vice Commander

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: Support for COSTCO

From: Prem Narayandas [premnarayandas@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:49 PM
To: PlanningZoningComments
Cc: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: Support for COSTCO

Hi,
I am a resident of South Windsor. I live about a mile away from the proposed COSTCO site. I support COSTCO coming to South Windsor for all the benefits it brings to the town.
Thanks
Prem

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: Costco

From: Elizabeth Carey [elcarey8@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:58 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: Costco

Hello,

My name is Elizabeth Carey and I am resident of South Windsor, CT. I support the Costco project. It will be a great addition to our town.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Carey

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: Costco

From: John Kania [john.kania@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:18 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: Costco

I do not support this venture. Too many assumed benefits. There are more than enough similar facilities that will be competing with each other leading to certain ones going out of business leaving hulks of building(s) empty.

John

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: Costco in South Windsor

From: Janice Wojick [jwojick@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:23 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,; PlanningZoningComments
Subject: Costco in South Windsor

I am writing in support of Costco in South Windsor, the sooner, the better.

Kebalo Lane, South Windsor CT

Perry, Vanessa

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Perry, Vanessa
Subject: FW: LGBT Pride Flag - South Windsor, CT

From: Kathy Loiselle [kathy@simplykstudios.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:26 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: LGBT Pride Flag - South Windsor, CT

Hello,

I am a former teacher from South Windsor Public Schools. While working at the high school, I witnessed many children who had less than positive experiences in what should be a wonderful and supportive environment.

Children did not feel safe or welcome in the town of South Windsor, which is sad to say about a town that prides itself on providing a wonderful education for its student population.

I was shocked to hear that there is any question about the LGBT Pride flag being flown in town, and disappointed to hear that it may be taken down. What is happening to this town? I remember visiting town as a young child, getting vegetables at the Corn Crib and choosing our Christmas tree at Dzen's. Even today, I shop at Evergreen Walk and get dinner at Sun Sun. I visit the town library and bring my children to Nevers Park.

What type of people aren't supportive of OTHER HUMAN BEINGS?! I am sad to hear that South Windsor would even CONSIDER lowering the flag. Please remember that you are telling CHILDREN that they are not important if you do this.

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~Kathy Loiselle
Owner, Simply K Studios
Phone: (860) 944-5080
'Best of Hartford' 2014-2015
'Best of The Knot' 2014-2017
www.simplykstudios.com

Reid, Deborah

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: FW: LGBTQ Flag flying on Town Property

From: Gene Botteron [genebotteron@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:43 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: LGBTQ Flag flying on Town Property

Town Council Members,

I am opposed to flying any flag other than POW/MIA flag under the American Flag on town owned property.

It is not appropriate to fly the flag or banner of any private organization, club or service group on property owned and maintained by and for the public.

The Patriotic Commission should have been consulted with prior to discussing this matter.

Gene Botteron
Patriotic Commission Member

Reid, Deborah

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:55 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: [Town of South Windsor CT] American Flag (Sent by Kenneth J. Raymo, Kenraymo@aol.com)

Hello Town Council,

Kenneth J. Raymo (Kenraymo@aol.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:

To all in the town council,

I was a town resident for 46+ years. Moved to MA due to health issues. I am a retired Vet from the U.S. Air Force of 24 years and a member in good standing of Post 133 American Legion.

I have heard where you the town council have taken it upon yourselves to vote to hang flags other than our American or MIA flags below our American flag.

Where is your respect??? I believe it may say it is fine but look around the country, you just don't see this practice because it is wrong and disrespectful for what our Flag stands for.

This matter was not even respectfully presented to Post 133 for their input. I guess it wouldn't matter anyways. This is something that should be presented to the residents of S. Windsor. You may find they have more respect for our American Flag and what it stands for. Please reconsider.

With regards

Kenneth J. Raymo

Reid, Deborah

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:21 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: FW: South Windsor Costco

From: Teresa Ryder [ryd168@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:17 PM
To: PlanningZoningComments
Cc: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: South Windsor Costco

We support Costco coming to South Windsor.

Teresa and Don Ryder

Sent from my iPad

Reid, Deborah

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:25 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: FW: Flags

From: Mark Stanulis [mstanulis@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:22 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Cc: Arthur Sladyk
Subject: Re: Flags

As a 33 year resident of this town and as a UNITED STATES VETERAN I am truly saddened by the actions of the Council. The flags you are so quick to replace or display without any input from your town's Veterans or Patriotic Commission are the flags we ALL grew up to HONOR and RESPECT especially to those that paid the ultimate prices of war. MANY of your town residents and commissions went as far as signing up knowing the ultimate sacrifice we might make along with all the unglorified struggles that come with being a member of the United States Military. Those two flags mean more to me than you can ever understand. So called "Organization" Flags can NEVER take precedent over the POW/MIA flag! Do what you want to the inside of your building. Do not change the outsides! Do not dishonor this Town, State and Country without even a discussion through the normal chain of command/liason. Is that not the "job description" of a liaison? Please table this until there can be further discussion with the proper people. Your town's Veterans will surely rest uneasy until this matter is handled properly. I again ask that you please table this issue for the time being! Feel free to contact me if you need a verbal statement or have any question I might be able to answer for you. At the very least, please contact Commander Art Sladyk regarding his email I have attached below for you. He stated one hundred perfect factual information that a lot of us feel.

NEVER FORGET
POW/MIA,

Mark Stanulis
48 Judy Lane
South Windsor, CT
Senior Airman E-4 United States Air Force/CT Air National Guard 103rdFW 103AGS WPNS FLT.
SWHS graduate class of 95.

Exhibit LL

Bill	Name	Address	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info	Reason	Over Paid
2018-03-5000737	AMF MANAGEMENT CORP	855 SULLIVAN AVE	2015/716UCX/SALWR2VBF8A507510	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments	\$340.89
2018-03-5018739	NISSAN/INFINITI/LL	PO BOX 6648	2017/AM41203/5N1AT2MXH1G849104	Sec. 12-128 Refund of Excess Payments	\$607.43
2018-02-0041179	SOUTH WINDSOR ARENA INC	P O BOX 98	585 JOHN FITCH BLVD	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments	\$162.58
2018-04-0089942	WINDWARD GARY CO	35 BERLE RD	2018/018T6Z41BK1E83U1285348	Sec. 12-128 Refund of Excess Payments	\$473.71
Total					\$1,058.29

James R. Pittman, Secretary
 Approved By: Jennifer Hlinski-Shirley, COMPTROLLER
 Collector of Revenue

Debra L. Chasse
 Drafted By: Debra L. Chasse
 Deputy Collector of Revenue

Date: *May 28, 2020*