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**TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Paterna called the Special Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Audrey Delnicki
Councilor Erica Evans
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Janice Snyder

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

3. Mayor's Remarks

None

4. Communications and Reports from the Town Manager

Mr. Maniscalco reported on the following items, as shown in attached **Exhibit A**.

Mr. Maniscalco also reported that the Department of Public Works had replaced the headwall on Hilton Drive. This will help eliminate erosion that was occurring in that area and also allows for cleaner runoff to the Podunk River. In the next two months, the State of Connecticut will be keeping a close eye on the numbers that will be resulting from testing for COVID-19 with the opening of schools and colleges. They will also be watching for any impacts from the flu season. Locally, the Town of South Windsor has 215 people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 32 individuals who have passed away.

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4. Communications and Reports from the Town Manager (Continued)

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco stated that the Town will probably put the pavers around the flag poles now, and then in the future, a discussion could be held about putting individual names on the pavers. Town staff will put any items that are not approved for reimbursement by FEMA through the State to see if the State will reimburse the Town. The State has \$40,000,000.00 for Town's to put in for reimbursements, but no limitations per Town have been announced, nor have any guidelines of what is reimbursable. As soon as there are any updates regarding the Census, Mr. Maniscalco said he would let the Council know. Mr. Maniscalco then went on to explain that Town staff is appreciative of the directive that was given out regarding the denial of painting slogans, murals, and other things on Town driveways, facilities, and properties. Councilor Maneeley explained that directives are nice, but they need to be solidified in case the Town Manager decides to leave.

5. Public Input

Mr. Maniscalco read the following emails into the record:

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit B**
Tom Rippchen, 115 Norton Lane, **Exhibit C**
Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit D**
Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit E**

Mayor Paterna called for a point of order stating that he objects to the statements in Exhibit E. The email is not reporting accurately what the situation was, and it contains misleading information.

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit F**

Councilor Evans called for a point of order and questioned if the five-minute rule applies to these emails and if multiple emails from the same individual should be allowed to be read into the record? Mr. Maniscalco stated that individuals usually get a few times to make public comments, and he is not sure what the Council wants.

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5. Public Input (Continued)

Councilor Snyder called for a point of order and stated that she feels that the public has the right to their opinion, and many times, they have incorrect information. Public Input should be read into the record. Mayor Paterna pointed out that a person would not be allowed to come before the Council to make five comments during a Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Pendleton added that there is a statement that is attached to the agenda that states speakers will avoid personalities or impugning of improper motive to any person.

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit G**

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit H**

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit I**

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit J**

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit K**

Councilor Hockenberry called for a point of order stating that emails that attack any Council member or staff member should not be read into the record.

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit L**

Thomas Rippchen, 115 Norton Lane, **Exhibit M**

Councilor Hockenberry called for a point of order stating that emails that attack any Council member or staff member should not be read into the record. Mr. Maniscalco stated that he does not feel it is his job to censor the emails. In the past, he has stated that emails should not be read. Emails should be sent to Council members and put on the website with the minutes. Councilor Hockenberry explained that if the Council were in the Chambers, speakers would be shut down for the type of comments that are being read into the record.

Peter Marotto, 223 Brookfield Street, **Exhibit N**

6. Adoption of Previous Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2020.

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6. Adoption of Previous Minutes (Continued)

Was made by Councilor Maneeley
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Councilor Evans stated that on page 3 under Executive Session, her name was left off of individuals that went into Executive Session.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the corrected minutes; they were approved on a roll call vote of 8 to 0 with Councilor Lydecker abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meetings: Virtual Special Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020, and July 30, 2020; and Virtual Public Hearing Minutes of July 27, 2020.

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

7. Communications

Councilor Lydecker informed the Council that school went back into session on September 8, 2020. She explained that all involved have done an incredible job, and she voiced her appreciation to every person who spent the summer putting this program together.

Councilor Hockenberry stated that the Human Relations Commission would be holding a virtual yoga event on the International Day of Peace, Monday, September 21, 2020, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton updated the Council on the following events that are being held by Wood Memorial Library & Museum:

- The Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at Topstone Golf Club.
- Virtual Harvest Moon Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2020.
- Exhibits are on the Wood Memorial Library & Museum website for the 175th Anniversary. The final exhibit is being worked on regarding Transportation from the Podunk Path into Space. In conjunction with this exhibit, there will be a virtual program held called Main Street Marathon, where Old Main Street will be explored.

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8. Special New Business

**A. Discussion Item: Feedback Regarding August 11, 2020 Primary
(requested by Councilor Snyder) (Sue Larsen, Registrar; and Sue
Burnham, Registrar to be present)**

Mrs. Sue Larsen and Mrs. Sue Burnham reported that the Registrar's Office did everything possible to make sure everyone was safe during the Primary. On the Democratic side, there was a total of 1,950 absentee ballots and 560 in-person voting. On the Republican side, there was a total of 401 absentee ballots and 421 in-person voting. The Registrar's Office thanked the poll workers, the Public Works Department, and the custodians.

Mrs. Larsen added further that the cost of the Primary was \$28,000, which is approximately \$6,000 more than a normal election. The State of Connecticut provided the Town with \$3,600 to help offset some of the additional costs.

Answering questions from the Council, Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. Burnham explained the process used at each polling location and stated that every polling location had all the necessary equipment to keep them clean and safe. The Registrars stated they might want to consider sending out a notice to inform residents in the Pleasant Valley District that they will be voting at the South Windsor High School for the next election.

Answering further questions, Mrs. Burnham explained that the poll workers are required to wear their masks, and the Registrar's Office will work closely with the moderators to ensure that poll workers are wearing their masks during the November election.

Mrs. Larsen explained to the Council that the absentee ballots will return to the previous style and will have a place to put the mailing address.

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8. Special New Business (Continued)

B. Discussion Item: Sewer Fees (*requested by Councilor Delnicki*) (*Tony Manfre to be present*)

Mr. Manfre informed the Council and the public that the sewer fees had been maintained at the same level as last year. WPCA did approve lowering the consumption rate from 84,000 gallons to 79,000 gallons. WPCA has reviewed the rate structure over the last ten years, and if the Town were to move to a consumption system, a larger number of staff would be necessary, and the charge to users would increase.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Manfre explained that the WPCA has had discussions on expanding the Tax Credit Program but can hold further discussions in the future. Mr. Manfre informed the Council that 80% of his salary comes out of the WPCA budget and 20% comes out of the Refuse and Recycling budget. Also, 25% of Ether's salary comes out of the WPCA budget, and 75% comes out of the Refuse and Recycling budget.

C. Resolution Authorizing Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco to Execute and Deliver any and all Documents Deemed to be Necessary or Appropriate to the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on behalf of the Town of South Windsor

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of South Windsor may enter into, with and deliver to the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems necessary or appropriate for the "Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 3"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager of the Town of South Windsor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of South Windsor and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the "Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Grant

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8. C. (Continued)

Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 3" including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Was made by Councilor Delnicki
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco explained that the Town Council approves this resolution annually, which allows the Town Manager the opportunity to apply for grants for emergency management purposes. The language is provided to the Town.

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

D. Discussion Item: Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee (*requested by Councilor Evans*)

Councilor Evans reported that the Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee met on August 27, 2020. There was a lot of input for the creation of a Statement of Support. The Sub-Committee would like to bring in a facilitator to help with the creation of a Statement of Support. Councilor Snyder has been working with the Library to schedule community events that will be held once or twice per month. There is a resolution on the agenda tonight to request funding in order to hold programming, facilitation, and training. After the Sub-Committee meets its obligations under the resolution, it is important that the Sub-Committee continues under the Human Relations Commission or as a Commission through the creation of an Ordinance. The establishment of the new Sub-Committee or Commission will need guidance from the Town Council. Councilor Evans informed the Council that Councilor Snyder and Councilor Maneeley had drafted a Statement of Support that will be reviewed by the Sub-Committee.

Councilor Snyder felt that the four Council members should meet to go over the draft.

Mayor Paterna suggested that the Sub-Committee hold a work session at 4:30 p.m. to review the draft and then hold a meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.

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8. New Business (Continued)

E. Resolution Approving a Transfer of \$1,000 from the Contingency Account to the Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee Account

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a transfer of \$1,000 from the Contingency Account to the Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee Account to cover costs associated with programs that the Committee will be running.

Was made by Councilor Evans
Seconded by Councilor Hockenberry

Answering questions from the Councilor, Councilor Evans explained that the funds being requested would be used for training for the Sub-Committee, a facilitator for the Statement of Support, and to hold community events. Councilor Evans stated she would like to stay within the budget being requested.

Mr. Maniscalco explained to the Council that an account would be established if this resolution is approved.

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

F. Resolution Setting a Virtual Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on the Appropriation of \$410,000 of LoCIP Funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby sets **Monday, September 21, 2020, at 8:00 p.m.**, as the time to hold a Virtual Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the appropriation of \$410,000 of LoCIP Funds to cover costs associated with the replacement of the South Windsor Town Hall elevator and construction of an ADA ramp.

Was made by Councilor Lydecker
Seconded by Councilor Hockenberry

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Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco explained that the cost would be more than the \$410,000 from LoCIP Funds. There is \$150,000 appropriated in the Capital Budget as well. The cost has increased due to the need for a ramp in the front of Town Hall and the motor of the elevator being on the bottom of the elevator rather than on the top. The Town will have to look into having something done with the front doors so people can get into the front.

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

G. Resolution Approving a Public Message Policy

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, a message from a special interest group was painted on the driveway to Town Hall without the approval of the Town Council. No Town funds were used to create this message, and there is no public message policy in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor had no policy or procedure at the time associated with how requests for the use of Town property to display public messages would be approved; and

WHEREAS, there have been questions and concerns from South Windsor residents regarding the process and procedure utilized to allow this message to be displayed on Town property; and

WHEREAS, there were multiple resident communications disapproving of the Town Council allowing any use of Town property to display such a painting or any type of slogan or pictures expressing a public message; and

WHEREAS, the June 12, 2020 painting was vandalized on August 12, 2020, causing the need for removal of the painting by the Town at the cost of \$658.75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a Public Message Policy as presented in attached Exhibit O.

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8. G. (Continued)

Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Councilor Maneeley

Councilor Snyder explained that she brought this resolution and policy forward and is requesting that the Town Council declare that the property owned or maintained by the Town not be allowed for free expression. At the July 20, 2020, Town Council Meeting, the Town Attorney stated that the Council should adopt a policy. Messages and public statements should not be painted on any Town-owned property. Councilor Snyder stated that she is aware that the Town Manager sent out a directive to deny all requests for painting on Town property, but if the Town Manager leaves the Town, the directive is null and void. It is the Town Council's responsibility to set policy which should be codified in writing to make it official. This policy codifies the directive in writing for the Town Manager to carry out.

Councilor Maneeley stated that she supports this resolution.

Councilor Delnicki said that she supports this resolution and thanked Councilor Snyder for bringing it forward. If the Council agrees with the Town Manager's directive, then this resolution, and policy should be supported by the Council.

Answering questions from Mayor Paterna, Councilor Snyder explained that the Council could change the directive by the Town Manager, but it is the Town Council's job to set policy and that is what this resolution is doing.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it failed on a roll call vote of 3 to 6 with Councilor Delnicki, Councilor Maneeley, and Councilor Snyder voting in favor of approval; and Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, and Councilor Lydecker voting in opposition of approval.

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H. Discussion Item: Financing of Flag Poles (requested by Councilor Delnicki)

Council members discussed the cost of the project, and Councilor Delnicki and Councilor Snyder voiced their concerns with the cost. Councilor Delnicki suggested areas where cuts could be made (elimination of the pavers and shrubs). Councilor Hockenberry suggested making this project a community project by selling the pavers to residents.

Councilor Pendleton requested that the Council receive a rendering of the completed project and then explained that the pavers would protect the poles from the lawnmower.

I. Discussion Item: In-Person Town Council Meetings (requested by Councilor Delnicki)

Councilor Delnicki stated that the Council had discussed this same subject at the end of July, and she wanted to bring it back before the Council to see if anyone is interested in having in-person meetings starting in October.

Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Evans, Councilor Hockenberry, and Deputy Mayor Pendleton all spoke in opposition to having in-person meetings at this time.

J. Discussion Item: Relationship with Quito, Ecuador - Sister City Agreement (requested by Mayor Paterna)

Councilor Lopez explained that he would like to discuss South Windsor establishing a relationship with Quito, Ecuador, and entering into a Sister City Agreement with them. The Sister City Program was started by President Eisenhower after World War II to understand other countries as a way to prevent another war. Today these relationships have been a way to learn about other cultures through students and businesses and to advance economic development. In the United States, there are 522 cities with a total of 2,012 partnerships with Sister Cities in 143 countries. In Connecticut, there are 11 Towns with Sister City connections. The program is coordinated by a non-profit organization, therefore there is no cost to enter into an agreement with Quito, Ecuador.

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8. J. (Continued)

Answering questions from the Council, Councilor Lopez explained that recently at the peak of the pandemic, people from South Windsor and Quito, Ecuador did some troubleshooting about ways to minimize the problems that Quito is having. The main benefit of this relationship will be cultural integration, and many of these relationships have had benefits through economic development. There will be more programs through the Sister City Organization because they have developed relationships with different cities to find a way to bring people together. Councilor Lopez offered to contact a municipality in Concord, MA, to find out the benefits of their relationship with Quito, Ecuador.

**K. Discussion Item: Update on the South Windsor 175th Anniversary
(requested by Mayor Paterna)**

Councilor Snyder explained that there had been two or three members who have resigned from this Committee. The Committee has a lot of things planned for 2021 and will need more members to help.

Mayor Paterna explained further that names would be brought forward to the Council for approval.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton informed the Council that the Wood Memorial Library and Museum has been involved in the 175th Anniversary and presently has an exhibit on their website called Evolution of Agriculture. They are working on their final anniversary exhibit called the Podunk Path into Space. This exhibit will explore different modes of transportation, history, and the impact on the development of the South Windsor area.

9. Public Input

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit P**
Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit Q**
Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit R**
Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit S**

Deputy Mayor Pendleton called for a point of order during the reading of Exhibit S, explaining that she takes offense to the statement.

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9. Public Input (Continued)

Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit T**
Christopher Bernard, **Exhibit U**

10. Communications from Council

None

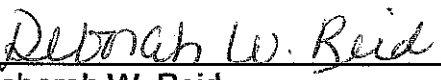
11. Executive Session

None

12. Adjournment

At 10:18 p.m., Councilor Maneeley made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report September 2020

Michael Maniscalco
Town Manager



Wapping Community Center Flag Pole Report

The flag poles are expected to arrive mid to late this week. The tree stumps will be ground as soon as the poles arrive so that all the work can be done at once. A budget for the project is as follows:

Wapping Flag Pole Project Budget Estimate	
Materials	Cost
Stone	\$ 350
Pavers	\$ 5,000
Flagpoles and Flags	\$ 2,680
Lights	\$ 285
Shrubs	\$ 1,000
Concrete	\$ 250
Electrical Contractor—Wiring Lights	\$ 7,200
Base Material	\$ 400
Total	\$ 17,165

Chief Custer's Retirement

I would like to start by recognizing Chief Custer for his 31 years of service to the Town of South Windsor. He will be missed by many and we all wish him a happy retirement.

At the time of this report I am conducting internal department research, as well as reviewing possible internal applicants to ensure that we identify the best candidate for the community and the Police Department.

Phone System Update

Cabling is about halfway complete. Phones and equipment are on order. Project completion is expected in 2 months.

FEMA Reimbursement Application

The Town applied for FEMA reimbursement associated with COVID-19 expenses. We are finding a similar experience to other communities in CT, in that FEMA has now changed guidelines and continues to waffle on what is and is not eligible for reimbursement. Staff are continuing to put in a significant amount of time working with FEMA staff to determine and defend eligible costs for dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Youth Sports

I know that the Council has received some emails regarding the playing of youth sports, particularly soccer. I have been researching this issue. Currently, two separate State agencies have released guidance regarding youth sports. The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) has also released its own guidance. Early on the Town Staff made the decision to follow guidance from the Department of Public Health since this is a pandemic. That guidance is more strict than what was released by the Department of Economic and Community Development, and both are more strict than the CIAC.

Senior Center Picnic and Root Beer Float Drive-Thru

I would like to take a moment to recognize the staff of the Community Center who have come together to offer both a Senior picnic and root beer float drive through. Both events were done with safety in mind and were full of creativity. They gave over 100 of our most vulnerable residents an opportunity to get out, socialize and have fun in a safe manner.

Directive Regarding Public Messaging on Town Facilities

As a reminder, I have issued a directive to all Town staff that there will be no messages, murals, or paintings on or at any Town facilities.

9/9/2020 your inaction is causing this

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your inaction is causing this

Christopher Bernard

Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 7:38 AM

To: Sen. Anwar, Saud [Saud.Anwar@cga.ct.gov] ; ksoper@journalinquirer.com; cpowe

Cc: Cain, Sean [Sean.Cain@cga.ct.gov]

-How many pf these gatherings with shootings do we have to go thru before you do police who are sympathetic to BLM need to step up and stop being cowards to poli less than a mile from my property, à.time to start calling the mediaàto get som It is amazing to me that the police of SW and other local municipalities are not these ôgatheringsö or what BLM calls ôcar showsö are not stopped before they sta are sympathetic to these gatherings and do not actively investigate them, and I have kids walking to the mall on my street (Foster Street) who walk in the midd slow down and actually stop as they criss cross the street, and each time there permits to gather at that lot? Why are there firearms and no police anywhere to Not sure I now can commit to Back the Blue when the Blue is not to be found to p bullets.

MANCHESTER, CT (WFSB) - State and local authorities are on scene of an active in Street in the town of Manchester.

State Police officials say that troopers assigned to Troop H responded to the co No injuries have been reported at this time.

Officials have not yet recovered any firearms from the area.

This is the second time in the last week State and Manchester Police have respon Buckland Street.

Last Sunday, two Massachusetts residents were shot inside the exact same commute Both victims later died from their injuries.

Christopher J Bernard LLC
(860) 424-6056

Exhibit C

9/9/2020Reparations

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Reparations

Thomas Rippchen

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 1:41 AM

To: TownCouncilComments,; Arthur AmLegion [aps1144@cox.net] ; Gary [gary.byron@tom.delnicki@housegop.ct.gov] ; Vgallo [vgallo@journalinquirer.com]

~We demand that the Town holds a vote on this Black Lives Matter Mural that is defacing our taxpayers property in front of OUR Town Hall and that it be removed.

Andy does not have the right to have made this decision on his own on what can deface OUR public property or not.

Being in business myself for over 30 years we were always developed NOT to discuss Politics, Sex or Religion or to make it known to all our views. Why this is is because we would LOSE business from the customers who patronized us with different opinions and doctrines.

What this BLM mural represents in front of OUR Town is a disgrace especially to the folks who want to do business in OUR Town. Since now BLM is stating that the looting of businesses is warranted and is okay to do for reparations for the past. So Andy advertises OUR Town to future potential businesses to build in OUR Town and BLM will come to loot and destroy them. Is there NO competence or common sense with Our so called dictator Mayor?

No other organization or business was ever given permission to deface Our Public Taxpayers Town Property.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rippchen

115 Norton Lane

Exhibit D

9/9/2020 Request to paint ALL LIVES MATTER mural in SW

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Request to paint ALL LIVES MATTER mural in SW
Christopher Bernard [c]

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 1:11 PM

To: TownCouncilComments,

Cc: Maniscalco, Michael; awood@journalinquirer.com; ksoper@journalinquirer.com; c

- This is a formal request to paint WHITE LIVES MATTER TOO or ALL LIVES MATTER TOO next to the BLM street painting, in light of the petition sent to SW reside called all opposed racists, something which no one especially the mayor, police to address, as all my emails have been ignored, I expect this request to be granted. BLM was also granted without town resident approval. Please respond to this immediately as I will engage in the painting of such if I from you, If I am arrested then I will start legal proceedings against the town individuals who allowed the BLM to be painted without town resident approval or am sure a lawyer for basic human rights and freedom of speech will take on the case and make it into a nicely wrapped package for social media.

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9/9/2020 Mayor not being honest

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Mayor not being honest

Christopher Bernard

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 8:55 AM

To: TownCouncilComments,

Cc: Maniscalco, Michael

"The Mayor is not being honest with residents, as told to Alex Wood Journal reporter, and this is from the Mayor to the reporter, he was approached by Madison Gonzalez and she threatened that if they could not paint the mural then they would stop traffic on Sullivan Ave, I think the town residents should know about this and I intend to make that happen, the Mayor does not want people know that he was weak and caved in to being threatened, worse after that instead BLM know that traffic stoppage was illegal and would affect the town and resident own Police Chief walked with BLM, again another political appointee caving in to demands of a group that uses violence and intimidation to get what they want.

If anyone else came to the Mayor and threatened to do something illegal we would be arrested or the police would have shown up on our door to investigate, in the police action on a threat of possible violence.

Christopher J Bernard LLC

(860) 424-6056

9/9/2020RE: Mayor not being honest

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RE: Mayor not being honest

Christopher Bernard [

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:02 AM

To: TownCouncilComments,

Cc: Maniscalco, Michael

Also, just as an FYI, a petition signed by 2700 of a population of 25,788 in 201 majority, and when asked regarding the petition about her everyone opposed is Madison Gonzalez replied to Alex Wood Journal reporter, (this is in his published she stated that if you were neutral it was okay, if you were opposed, for any reason I am for reasons of bullying, violence, injuring, killing, defacing, among a long activities) if you were opposed then you were indeed, a racist!

So if I was a veteran of the military and fought for my country and believed in stands for (not burning it as BLM does) and risked my life for what many others and someone told me I was a racist because I did not believe the same as them, a called me a racist, especially from a privileged 21 year old who lives in a affluent does not even know the true beginnings of slavery (which started in 3500 BC and worldwide not limited to America) then if I was a veteran I would be wondering would ever risk my life for this country when our own town does not stand up for what and makes sure groups like BLM protest in a legal and safe manner., not using the actions.

From: Christopher Bernard

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 8:55 AM

To: TownCouncilComments@southwindsor-ct.gov

Cc: Michael Maniscalco (Michael.Maniscalco@southwindsor.org) <Michael.Maniscalco

Subject: Mayor not being honest

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Christopher Bernard []

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:06 AM

To: TownCouncilComments,

Cc: Maniscalco, Michael

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Exhibit H

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Christopher Bernard

Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:45 AM

To: Custer, Scott

Cc: TownCouncilComments,; cpowell@journalinquirer.com; awood@journalinquirer.com

"This is why I am unsympathetic and why BLM is not peaceful nor reasonable. Do not for a minute think this cannot happen here, in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport. Just sit back and think about this and remember that BLM threatened the Mayor with traffic stoppage, what do they do next when they do not get what they want?"

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Christopher Bernard [c. 10:00 AM]

Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:48 AM

To: TownCouncilComments,; Maniscalco, Michael

<https://nypost.com/2020/08/14/seattle-blm-protesters-demand-white-people-give-up-their-homes/>

This is what happens when you get threatened and give in to the violence of BLM you should be setting parameters where they have to obey laws, not breaking law going to see the enforcement part of this is the day they come to your house Mr and tell you they want your house, do not for a minute think it cannot happen Bridgeport.

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Exhibit J

9/9/2020 Mayor threatened by leader of the BLM movement

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Mayor threatened by leader of the BLM movement

Christopher Bernard

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:02 PM

To: TownCouncilComments,; Town of South Windsor CT [cmsmailer@civicplus.com]

Why were the residence of South Windsor never notified nor was the police of Sou
notified that the leader of the BLM movement of South Windsor Madison Gonzalez t
Sullivan Avenue if the mayor did not permit them to paint the mural that was pai
town Council without the residence of South Windsor being asked to approve it I
immediately before engaging legal counsel against the town of South Windsor and
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Portland and

Christopher Bernard [

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:12 PM

To: TownCouncilComments,

Man gets pulled from his truck and almost beaten to death by who South Windsor
Two instances of BLM protestors in front of apartment. with white residents cha
Our esteemed mayor thinks that this is okay to do
Let's get rid of this mayor vote him out he is a disgrace
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Exhibit L

9/9/2020 17k flagpoles

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17k flagpoles

Christopher Bernard

Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:56 PM

To: TownCouncilComments,

I would like a flag on the flagpoles stating landscaper lives matter do I have p
fly the flag of landscapers everywhere or do I have to stop traffic on Sullivan

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Exhibit M

9/9/2020Field of Dreams

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Field of Dreams

Thomas Rippchen

Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 5:48 AM

To: TownCouncilComments,; State Rep. Tom Delnicki [tom.delnicki@housegop.ct.gov]
[vgallo@journalinquirer.com]

"Now that "OUR" taxpayers Town Hall property is back to normal (NOT PROMOTING an BUSINESS) just maybe new business will build here and they (customers or clients Questions we have:

1. Did our mayor pay for the resurfacing of OUR TAXPAYERS TOWN driveway?
2. Did any Taxpayers money reimburse our mayor for the paint he bought per the J
3. Why wasn't Andy arrested for defacing Town Property? He took it upon himself
4. Anyway we can recall him from being "OUR" mayor?

He has lost many votes due to his actions and will it take some kind of petition On another note when I talked with and emailed Andy on Willow Brook Golf Course spent on the real estate appraisal that he said the owners wanted to have done t were taken in the past few months with the owners in order for OUR TOWN to take We feel we lost a good opportunity here. Willow Brook is being taken over my Mot the more it will cost to reopen.

Respectfully,

Thomas J Rippchen

115 Norton Lane

9/9/2020Concerns and Suggestions for the Park at 75 Brookfield St
<https://goms.southwindsor.org/owa/?ae=Item&t=IPM.Note&id=RgAAAADIFoi8i8I0QImdEPk>
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Concerns and Suggestions for the Park at 75 Brookfield St
Peter Marotto [p
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 10:15 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Attachments: Littler- Park at 75 Brookf~1.pdf (2 MB)

Dear Town Councilors:

An excess of litter has been found in the part on Brookfield St (please see attachment) what they brought with them this is just not always the case.

Assuming this is a low-cost manageable option, I would like to suggest that trash park.

In addition to making trash receptacles available I would also like to propose a maintained. Adding such a path around the perimeter would add a little over a ha sure our excellent Parks and Recreation staff and Town Manager can determine the

Thank you for your time and consideration to these proposals.

Best Regards,
Peter Marotto
223 Brookfield St
South Windsor, CT

PUBLIC MESSAGE POLICY

I. PURPOSE

- A. The Town Council of South Windsor establishes the following policy regarding the use of public property to create or display public messages, images, or slogans such as painting, signs, banners and murals ("Public Message") at the Town Hall, or any Town-owned or Town-maintained facilities.
- B. This Policy shall not apply to or supersede the Town's policy on the display of flags, nor shall a Public Message hereunder include the posting of notices or banners by the Town for informational purposes only regarding Town business and upcoming events.

II. POLICY

- A. The Town Council hereby declares that property owned or maintained by the Town of South Windsor is not intended to serve as a forum for free expression.
- B. The Town Council shall not consider nor shall any member of the Town Council approve of any request for a Public Message to be displayed on Town property, whether made by a member of the South Windsor Town Council or the public.

Exhibit P

Reid, Deborah

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 8:50 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: FW: Mayor

From: Christopher Bernard
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 8:39 PM
To: TownCouncilComments;; Town of South Windsor CT
Subject: Mayor

Heard my name was mentioned tonight any discussion of the mayor not reporting a felony when BLM threatened the town with a traffic stoppage

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Exhibit Q

Reid, Deborah

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 8:51 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: FW: Funding

From: Christopher Bernard [
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 8:47 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: Funding

I don't think the taxpayers of South Windsor should spend a dime on an organization that supports burning looting defacing and killing of innocent people women children babies and police officers

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Why are we asking for funding to hire a consultant to help us support Black Lives Matter

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Reid, Deborah

From: TownCouncilComments,
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: FW: Bullshit

From: Christopher Bernard [
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 8:50 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,; Town of South Windsor CT
Subject: Bullshit

Your meeting is bullshit you need to look into what happens when your bus in kids from Hartford and what's happening at South Windsor high school you're asking for funding for an organization that goes around killing people what about poor people what about Asians why is everything just about BLM 15% of people are below the poverty level how come you don't give a crap about them

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Exhibit T

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To: Reid, Deborah
Subject: FW: No blacks on the town Council

From: Christopher Bernard
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 8:51 PM
To: TownCouncilComments,, Town of South Windsor CT
Subject: No blacks on the town Council

If you think you're being so equality why are there no blacks on the town Council
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From: Christopher Bernard [c...]
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To: TownCouncilComments,
Subject: Mayor

Hey Mr. Mayor I'm watching you tonight why don't you tell everybody why are you let someone commit a felony in your own town and why you let yourself get bullied

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