

**TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

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**March 29, 2021**

**TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Paterna called the Special Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna  
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton  
Councilor Erica Evans  
Councilor Philip Koboski  
Councilor Cesar Lopez  
Councilor Karen Lydecker  
Councilor Lisa Maneeley  
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry

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

Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to suspend the rules to move Item 6. A. (Executive Session) after Item 3 (Public Input). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**3. Public Input**

Dave MacDonald, 79 Laurel Street (**Exhibit A**)

**6. Executive Session**

At 7:07 p.m., Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale of real estate for the Town pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6)(D) (725 Sullivan Avenue). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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**ITEM:**

**6. Executive Session (Continued)**

The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, Councilor Koboski, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Snyder, Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Management; Vanessa Perry, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Human Resources; and Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager.

At 7:25 p.m., the Executive Session adjourned, and Special Meeting reconvened.

**4. Communications**

None

**5. Special Business**

**A. Discussion Item: A Request to Fly the Thin Blue Line Flag from April 30, 2021 through May 17, 2021, to Recognize National Police Week (requested by Councilor Snyder)**

Councilor Snyder explained that the Council received an application requesting that the Thin Blue Line Flag be flown. She informed the Council that she had received interest from community members to fly the flag, so she felt it was important to bring it to the Council.

Councilor Maneeley informed the Council that although the Chief of Police is appreciated for the support from the Council for the Police Department, he is apprehensive about flying the Thin Blue Line Flag and suggested flying the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag in its place, as shown in attached **Exhibit B**.

Town Manager Maniscalco read Chief Lindstrom's letter into the record.

Councilor Koboski commended the Chief of Police for his comments and felt that the suggestion to fly the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag was a good idea.

Councilor Evans stated that she values Chief Lindstrom's input and said she would support flying the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag.

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**ITEM:**

**5. A. (Continued)**

Councilor Lydecker agreed that a flag should be flown in honor of the Police Department but does not know how the gentleman who requested to have the Thin Blue Line Flag flown feels about changing it for the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton felt that the request before the Council tonight is to decide whether to fly the Thin Blue Line Flag. The Council should be acting on this tonight and suggested that the Council consider withdrawing the resolution.

Councilor Maneeley respectfully requested that the resolution be withdrawn in light of comments made by the Chief of Police.

Councilor Koboski suggested that the resolution be postponed until Councilor Snyder has had the opportunity to speak with the person who submitted the request. Councilor Evans and Councilor Lopez agreed with Councilor Koboski.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that she does not feel postponing this resolution will address the issue that the Town Council needs to vote on the resolution to fly the Thin Blue Line Flag. If the person who submitted the application would rather fly the National Flag, that would be acceptable and could be decided on at the April 5<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. The resolution to fly the Thin Blue Line Flag could then be withdrawn.

Councilor Maneeley stated that if the Chief of Police is recommending not to fly the Thin Blue Line Flag, then the Council should take his guidance. The Council should not tell an individual who submitted a request to fly a certain flag to resubmit another application to fly a different flag. Councilor Maneeley said she would rather see the resolution withdrawn than have it denied. Mayor Paterna agreed, stating that he feels it would be best to withdraw this resolution and take Chief Lindstrom's advice.

Councilor Snyder voiced concern about withdrawing a resolution where a resident had requested a flag be flown. The resolution should be voted on.

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**ITEM:**

**5. A. (Continued)**

Mayor Paterna stated that the group that is being honored is not comfortable with having the requested flag flown.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton requested that the letter from Chief Lindstrom be attached to the Flag Flying Application and the minutes of this meeting.

**B. Resolution Approving a Request to Fly the Thin Blue Line Flag**

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council has received an application requesting that the Thin Blue Line Flag be flown from April 30, 2021 through May 17, 2021, in recognition of National Police Week

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves this request and asks that Town Manager Michael Maniscalco have the flag put up on the flagpole at the Wapping Community House beginning Friday, April 30, 2021 through Monday, May 17, 2021.

Was made by Councilor Snyder  
Seconded by Council Maneeley

Mayor Paterna stated that he would not be supporting this resolution because the Chief of Police and department, which the flag would honor, are not in favor of flying this particular flag.

Councilor Lydecker felt that there are some benefits to flying the Thin Blue Line Flag but is struggling because she knows that a second flag application has been sent in for the same week for the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag. Councilor Lydecker questioned if there is a way to change the dates so both flags could be accommodated.

Councilor Snyder stated that the Council should focus on the resolution in front of us today.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton pointed out that the resolution states different dates than the application that was submitted states. The application should have been submitted with the correct dates.

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**ITEM:**

**5. B. (Continued)**

Councilor Maneeley explained that it was the Council who changed the date.

Council members discussed the change in the dates from the application to the resolution. Councilor Snyder explained that after the Council had discussed changing those dates, she received confirmation regarding the changes in dates from the person who requested the flag to be flown.

Councilor members then discussed if a reason is necessary to fly a flag. Clerk of the Council Debbie Reid read a statement in the policy which says, "a commemorative or organizational flag as defined in this policy shall mean a flag that identifies with a specific historical event, cause, nation or group of people that the Town Council chooses to honor or commemorate, consistent with the Town's mission and priorities."

Mayor Paterna stated that he intends to vote no simply based on the statement from the Chief of Police.

Councilor Maneeley made a motion to call the question.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it failed on a Roll Call vote of 4 to 4 with Councilor Koboski, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, and Councilor Snyder voting in favor of the resolution; and Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Evans, and Councilor Lopez voting in opposition of the resolution.

**C. Discussion Item: A Request to Fly the Public Works Flag from Monday, May 17, 2021 through Monday, May 24, 2021, to Recognize Public Works Week *(requested by Deputy Mayor Pendleton)***

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that she would be supporting this request from Clay Major, who is the Town's Facilities Manager. This request is for the Public Works Flag to be flown from Monday, May 17, 2021 through Monday, May 24, 2021, in recognition of Public Works Week.

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**ITEM:**

**5. Special Business (Continued)**

**D. Resolution Approving a Request to Fly the Public Works Flag**

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council has received an application requesting that the Public Works Flag be flown from May 17, 2021 through May 24, 2021, in recognition of Public Works Week

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves this request and asks that Town Manager Michael Maniscalco have the flag put up on the flagpole at the Wapping Community House beginning Monday, May 17, 2021 through Monday, May 24, 2021.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion was approved unanimously

**E. Resolution Referring the New Pleasant Valley Elementary School Project to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission Pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes**

WHEREAS, a referendum was approved by the South Windsor voters on March 10, 2020, appropriating and authorizing bonds in the amount of \$58,500,000 for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a new Pleasant Valley Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, any plan to expend funds to develop Town properties must first be submitted to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a new Pleasant Valley Elementary School be submitted to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Was made by Councilor Lydecker

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

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**ITEM:**

**5. E. (Continued)**

Councilor Lydecker stated that she is very excited to see this project continue to move forward.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Montana, Chairperson of the Public Building Commission, explained that the current school would remain until the new school is built.

Mr. Jim Barrett, an Architect with DRA, explained to the Council that the current plan calls for the red barn on the property to be demolished. The plan before the Council is all new construction. The old school will be demolished after the construction of the new building is complete.

Councilor Lydecker suggested that the red barn be saved and used to store outdoor play equipment. The PTO struggles with finding places to store items.

Councilor Koboski informed the Council that the architects did a great job designing this school.

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

**F. Resolution Approving a Refund of Taxes to Nine (9) South Windsor Taxpayers**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a refund of property taxes to nine (9) South Windsor Taxpayers, the total of said refunds being \$9,263.09, and as more fully described on attached **Exhibit C**.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Seconded by Councilor Maneeley

The motion was approved unanimously

**G. Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Natalie O'Brien from the South Windsor 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

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**ITEM:**

**5. G. (Continued)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Natalie O'Brien from the South Windsor 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council extends its thanks to Natalie O'Brien for the time she has dedicated to serving her community by her membership on the South Windsor 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Was made by Councilor Maneeley  
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Councilor Maneeley, Mayor Paterna, and Councilor Koboski thanked Natalie O'Brien for her time and commitment to the Committee.

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

**H. Discussion Item: General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (*requested by Deputy Mayor Pendleton*)**

Answering questions from the Council, Town Manager Maniscalco explained how the \$3,957,720 from the growth of the Grand List would be distributed, as follows:

- \$2,559,493 to the Board of Education
- \$444,328 to Town Operations
- \$1,557,979 to debt associated with the Board of Education (school construction debt)
- \$71,034 to be put into the Capital Budget
- (\$675,116) Town debt

Council members discussed the handling of the budgets. Mayor Paterna felt that the Council could decide at a later date when to decide on the Board of Education budget.

Mayor Paterna requested the number of seniors who applied for tax relief.



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**ITEM:**

**5. Special Business (Continued)**

- I. Resolution Referring the Sale of 725 Sullivan Avenue to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission Pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign and Execute an Agreement with JP RE Holding, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor purchased property located at 725 Sullivan Avenue on December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor has received an offer to purchase 725 Sullivan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor received an appraisal in the amount of \$265,000, which JP RE Holdings, LLC has agreed to pay contingent upon all municipal approvals; and

WHEREAS, the buyer has presented preliminary plans for the construction and operation of a medical office building which will generate additional tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, any plan to sell municipal-owned property must first be submitted to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that South Windsor Town Council hereby refers the sale of 725 Sullivan Avenue to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to sign and execute an agreement with JP RE Holdings, LLC.

Was made by Councilor Koboski

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Councilor Snyder made a motion to postpone this resolution to a future Town Council Meeting so that additional information can be provided to the Council from the Town Manager. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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**ITEM:**

**7. Adjournment**

At 8:34 p.m., Councilor Maneeley made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Deborah W. Reid  
Clerk of the Council

**[External]laurel street speeding (3/29/2021)**

Exhibit A

D & T MacD [dtmac01@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 2:06 PM

To: TownCouncilComments

**CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or on clicking links from unknown senders.**

Mayor and Councilors,

Though your actions indicate that our elected representatives have no concern about our safety, we are again notifying the Council that the speeding on Laurel Street is continuing.

It seems to be easy for our representatives to ignore an issue, when they themselves aren't affected by it on a daily basis as we are.

On October 22nd, 2018, we alerted the Council of the speeding issue on Laurel Street. Since then, the Council has supported, through their inactions, the Town agencies' use of excuses not related to speeding, to do nothing constructive to stop the speeding.

We complained about the speeding and we were told that there are not enough vehicles cutting through Laurel Street to do anything to stop the speeding. We were told that there are not enough vehicles turning onto Laurel Street to do anything to stop the speeding.

We were told that there are not enough dump trucks using Laurel Street to do anything to stop the speeding.

We were told there are not enough accidents on Laurel Street to do anything to stop the speeding. Not enough property damage or personal injuries or deaths.

Though your apparent acceptance of these excuses and your inactions to do anything about the speeding problem are extremely frustrating to us, we are again, telling you that the speeding is continuing.

Furthermore, how are the numbers of vehicles using a street, or the number of dump trucks using a street or the lack of accidents on a street, reasons to not stop the speeding?

Why is it, that none of our elected representatives have taken an interest in or a position of support for constructive, proven traffic calming measures to protect the residents of Laurel Street?

We continue to ask for speed humps or stop signs to be installed on our residential street. Stop ignoring us and this dangerous situation.

In 2019 we and the Council were notified by two Town officials, an Assistant Town Manager and an Agency Director, that if the Town Council told them to install speed humps, they would do it.

In 2019 we were told by two council members that Laurel Street would get speed humps if other streets didn't. Therefore, there is no reason for your inaction.

We are asking you to direct the Town agencies to install the speed humps or the stop signs that we need to stop the speeding.

Dave MacDonald

79 Laurel Street

**From:** Lindstrom, Kristian <[Kristian.Lindstrom@southwindsor-ct.gov](mailto:Kristian.Lindstrom@southwindsor-ct.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 12:41 PM

**To:** Maniscalco, Michael <[Michael.Maniscalco@southwindsor-ct.gov](mailto:Michael.Maniscalco@southwindsor-ct.gov)>

**Subject:** Draft Message to Council re: Thin Blue Line Flag

*Men and Women of the South Windsor Town Council,*

*It recently came to my attention that a proposal exists to fly the Thin Blue Line flag from April 30 through May 17, 2021 to recognize National Police Week. On behalf of the men and women of the police department, I want to express my appreciation of this gesture and the support we get from this community. That being said, we are also aware that not everyone embraces the Thin Blue Line as a symbol of benevolence. One of the tenets of our long standing Mission Statement is "Respect the Rights of Individuals", and with that in mind, this agency also recognizes that the Thin Blue Line symbol could be upsetting to some members of the community and flying that particular flag at four corners could have several unintended consequences. Our goal, day in and day out, is to maintain peace and harmony within the community.*

*In an effort to reduce or eliminate any unintended consequences of flying the Thin Blue Line flag, perhaps another option exists that may not be contentious. One such option would be to fly the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial flag ([https://national-law-enforcement-memorial-and-museum-1.salesvu.com/templates/detail.php?product=275&category\\_id=6](https://national-law-enforcement-memorial-and-museum-1.salesvu.com/templates/detail.php?product=275&category_id=6)). The timing of flying this flag would coincide nicely with this year's National Police Week which will take place from May 9-15 and serves to recognize and remember those police officers who have been killed in the line of duty including our own Sergeant Matthew Mainieri whose 2018 death was ruled a line of duty death which resulted in his name being added to the Police Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. in 2020.*

*National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Flags are available for purchase online and the proceeds help support and maintain the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C.*

*The men and women of the South Windsor Police Department appreciate the support from the community and, regardless of what flies at four corners, we will continue to work each day to "Respect the Rights of Individuals" as we try to make South Windsor Connecticut a better place.*

*Respectfully,  
Kristian R. Lindstrom  
Chief of Police*

**Chief Kristian R. Lindstrom  
South Windsor Police Department  
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South Windsor, CT 06074  
Dispatch: 860-644-2551  
Office: 860-648-6216  
Fax: 860-644-0515**

**Messages to and from employees of the Town of South Windsor are subject to public disclosure in accordance with state and federal law.**

# Exhibit C

Collector of Revenue

Refund Batch 22 FY 2021

April 5, 2021 Meeting

Name	Bill	Prop. Loc./Vehicle Info.	Reason	Over Paid
AMERICAN EAGLE FINANCIAL CR UN INC	2016-02-0041504	520 BUCKLAND RD.	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	(40.71)
AMERICAN EAGLE FINANCIAL CR UN INC	2017-02-0401881	520 BUCKLAND RD.	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	(392.36)
AMERICAN EAGLE FINANCIAL CR UN INC	2018-02-0041440	530 BUCKLAND RD.	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	(199.55)
AZINHEIRA ELISEU	2018-03-5001308	2006/J14FA69S26P727746	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	(28.30)
DOMMARAJU SUMANTH	2019-03-5006269	2018/5YJ3E1EA4JF048142	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	(1061.40)
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2019-03-5007250	2019/YV4A22PK9K1494838	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc.	(615.89)
GRANITE & KITCHEN STUDIO	2018-02-0041452	313 PLEASANT VALLEY RD.	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc.	(3027.98)
KRUSINSKI ANDREW & SAMANTHA	2019-01-0005337	61 CASE HILL CIR.	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	(3882.70)
SUFFISH JOEL	2019-03-5022516	1969/WM23H9G269481	Sec. 12-71c Pro rata credit for property tax on motor vehicle when sold, totally damaged, stolen etc.	(14.20)
Total of 9 Refunds				(9263.09)

*Carlene Andriulat*

Drafted by:

Carlene Andriulat  
Revenue Clerk

3/22/21

Date:

*Jennifer R. Hillinski-Shirley*  
Approved by:  
Jennifer R. Hillinski-Shirley  
Collector of Revenue, CCMC, CCMO

23 March 2021

Date: