

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

**To:** Members of the South Windsor Town Council

**From:** Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

**Subject:** Town Manager's Report for 1/21/2020 Town Council Meeting

**Date:** January 16, 2020

**Chamber of Commerce Rental:** I have recently been approached by the Chamber of Commerce with a request to rent space at the Wapping Community Center. There is an office space of about 500 square feet that could house one or two full-time Chamber employees. This would allow the Chamber to work on their financials so that they can better serve the local business community. So far we have discussed having the Chamber give the Town free membership to the Chamber in exchange for use of the space. Additionally, the Chamber will pay utilities for the space on a square foot basis. Once the Chamber Board approves the idea I will engage the Town Attorney to draft a rental agreement between the Town and the Chamber. We will also need to get approval from Planning and Zoning for this use in that zone.

**Home Depot Update:** I would like to inform the Council that site work has already begun for the Home Depot Distribution Center on Ellington Road across from the Coca Cola site. As a reminder, the abatement that was given to Home Depot is for 7 years at 50% of their taxes. The property in that location currently yields approximately \$20,000 in taxes per year. After the facility is built it will yield \$300,000 in taxes, and at the end of the abatement it will yield \$600,000 in taxes.

**Agenda Comment Form:** Staff have added an agenda item comment form to the website. This will allow the public to comment on agenda items before a meeting and for the staff to bring those comments to the respective board for the meeting. Currently the form is only available for the Town Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Park and Recreation Commission. Our ultimate goal will be to have a form available for any of the public bodies.

**2020 Roads:** Staff members are currently working on the construction list for 2020 and will be presenting it to the public toward the end of February. Over the next few weeks additional condition evaluations and drainage inspections will be done to ensure our work is taking place in the right locations and in the right way.

**Online Permitting:** We will have an online permitting report for the Council on the day of the meeting.